

## EOSC Rules of Participation Working Group

8<sup>th</sup> video conference meeting

Thursday December 12th

15:00-16:30 CET

Participants: Rosa M. Badia, Pasquale Pagano, Owen Appleton, Dale Robertson, Odile Hologne, Elma Dujso (Secretariat), Juan (Chair), Rene Belsø, Christoph Witzig, Francesca De Pascalis

### Preliminaries

- Stakeholder Symposium: [Slido voting results](#)
- Reminders of administrative items: Anyone who has not done so, please fill in the form [WG members registration form](#) with contact details and short bio, and a photo if you don't mind. It also has a check box for consent regarding privacy policy.

### Report from Joint Governing Board/Executive Board, 10-11 December

The *legal entity* and the partnership proposal were the main items for discussion. There are three options for a partnership proposal: co-funded, co-programmed and institutional. It is likely to be a co-programmed model. The governing board will have a look at this on Monday. The partnership proposal is going forward, but there is not yet a picture of who the partners will be.

The other item on the discussion was the *minimum viable EOSC*, in other words: what is the smallest thing we can do to deliver some value? There was a session on this question and two elements were distinguished: a minimum viable EOSC which is the basic framework that enables EOSC to work and a minimum valuable EOSC which is the MVE with some meaningful content in it. See the third section of the document on the operations of EOSC for more information.

The third session was on planning: the partnership proposal needs to go out in April/May. The first three months of 2020 will be very pressured.

### Review of comments received on scoping paper: [RulesOfParticipationV001](#)

- (This document will now become explanatory text for the new RoP document below)

Quite a lot of comments were received and now it needs to be adjusted.

There is a new version of the document so the original version with comments remain available.

### New RoP Document

- Wolfram and Juan have drafted a new document which aims to be a first draft of the actual RoP. Based on the discussion in previous documents, it aims to be as short as possible, leaving explanation of the issues to the previous document.
- The current draft is here: [RoPv01](#)

We want to keep this document brief. This will go out as a version 01 document for discussion. How it will be communicated is not yet known. Juan thinks we can put it on the WG website and invite comments, not as google doc. The aim is to have it in a form to publish publicly by the beginning of January. *The document was discussed in detail and changes made during the call.*

Throughout the document, responsibility is often devolved to others, making the RoP an overarching framework for other Rules.

Perhaps branding will be revised and there might be restrictions on use of the branding; logos are currently not registered or copyrighted.

**Comments** on first two general rules: is the use of the word “digital” appropriate to be applied to all resources in EOSC, if you give a face to face course or training, not sure whether that was covered by these rules. Maybe it is also more about openness; change the title ‘EOSC supports openness’ instead of ‘open to all’ → available to all users. But who or what is participating? We’re making rules about the technology, not the organizations, if they had restrictions, they’d be covered in partnerships proposal. It’s a good question about the scope of the whole of the work.

**Comments:** Is it organizations that participate of technology products? There could also be rules about organizations. What we try to say in these rules: you might have to authenticate, and might have to have authorization, but you don’t have to pay for each use. They have to comply with principles of openness, and with the two rules number 4. It has to be clear what it means to be free at the point of access.

**Comment on wording D1:** the term of consumers – safer to avoid the term. Certainly, in terms of procurement work in EOSC hub. In the context of procurement work, and would apply here as well, also implies consumer protection laws, so better to avoid this word and stick to data users or so. It might make life easier to do so.

**Comment on D2:** Acknowledgement; not only of sources of data, but about use of services or whatever as well. Software is not covered here.

**General point discussed;** we want the openness in order to stimulate innovation. We’d be pleased if SMEs come along, find ways to make use of the data coming from EOSC and make a business out of it to invent something new. But we don’t want the data to be monopolized and sold back to the academic community in a way that undermines the openness of the data put there in the first place.

**Comments on services:** PIDs can be used for many different things. There will be different schemes out there. There will be many different PID providers. We don’t want to restrict this down too much to DataCite now. Are all services provided free of charge?

**ACTION: Between now and the new year: any new comments to be added in the document, preferably within a week, so that document can be distributed to EB before the new year.**

#### Planning for 2020

- We need to collect feedback on this version of the document.
- Considerations of legal aspects is still on our list.
- Juan spoke with Sustainability and Architecture already but will be sent to the other WGs too for feedback.
- There will be a meeting every first Thursday of the month.
- If you have suggestions for expansions of the group, make it known.
- For the next meeting: Wolfram and Juan will plan it.
- Physical meeting in Spring will be planned.

**Next Meeting, 9 January 2020, 15:00 CET.**