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Setup and management of the EOSC Secretariat supporting the EOSC Governance

EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD - EOSC Funding Opportunities with Co-Creation Budget



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1. European Open Science Cloud

The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) fosters open science and the digital transformation of science by providing a trusted and open virtual environment for the scientific community with seamless access to services addressing the whole research data life cycle. Focus is on user-orientation and inclusiveness across borders and disciplines, whilst the governance should be characterised by a minimal set of rules of participation.

According to definitions, co-creation is a process of a product-service development that is focusing on customer experience and interactive relationships. It is “an active, creative and social process, based on collaboration between producers and users, that is initiated by the firm to generate value for customers.” (London Research and Consulting, 2017).

The EOSC Secretariat responds to this clear plea for stakeholder engagement by introducing the Co-creation approach and a budget for its realisation.

2. Co-creation budget

EOSCSecretariat.eu retains a high degree of flexibility in its roll-out plan by adopting a co-creation approach and providing budget for all upcoming, foreseen and unforeseen, activities and actions related to the work of the EOSC Secretariat to support the EOSC Governance.

3. What kinds of activities may be requested for co-creation activities?

Activities and actions which are related to the work of the EOSC Secretariat to support the EOSC Governance (EOSC Executive Board, Governance Board, Stakeholder Forum), specifically within the context of the activities of the Working Groups of the Executive Board, which are:

- ✓ Engaging with Stakeholders/ Coordination (initiatives)
- ✓ Support services for the Working Groups (WGs)
- ✓ Analysis and studies to support EOSC in practice
- ✓ Support services - EOSC Board and Executive Board
- ✓ Communication, Dissemination, Stakeholder forum/events

3.1. The EOSC Governance 2019-2020

The Governance framework presented in the [EOSC Implementation Roadmap](#) provides a clear vision of how the EOSC will be developed and governed over the coming period, and consequently, gives the underpinning basis for the design of our project. EOSCsecretariat.eu will offer a coordination structure to the three layer model comprising of an EOSC Board, an Executive Board and a Stakeholders Forum, and furthermore, as well as to a series of Working Groups and to the entire INFRAEOSC programme.

The EOSC Governance 2019-2020

Advise on
the implementation

Steer
the implementation

Contribute to
the implementation

Stakeholder Forum

Users, Service Providers,
Public sector, Industry,
SMEs, etc.

Governance Board

MS/AC delegates and the
European Commission

Proposes
Monitors
Reports

Reviews
Endorses
Orients

Inter
act

EU-funded projects

Nationally-funded projects
and initiatives

Other projects and
initiatives

Extended Coalition
of Doers

Working Groups

WG

WG

WG

WG

Executive Board

European stakeholder organisations
and individual experts)

Supports

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Coordination and Support Action

3.2. Objectives of Working Packages

✓ Engaging with Stakeholders/ Coordination (initiatives)

The EOSC participatory nature requires a governance framework able to ensure a proper representation of the stakeholders that will act as providers and as consumers of EOSC services and resources. This WP will facilitate these stakeholders in playing an intelligence gathering and consultative role on the effective implementation of EOSC and it will prepare the ground for the more stakeholder-driven second phase of the EOSC implementation with MS and the EC keeping an oversight role. In particular, this WP will aim:

- To support the EOSC development process by engaging with relevant communities and ensuring that their needs, requirements, advice and commitment are reflected and passed on to the EOSC and Executive Boards and to the Working Groups;
- To organize and structure the Stakeholder Forum aiming for an all-inclusive approach. Special attention will be given the approach/engagement with researchers and research communities towards designing a global, researcher-centric EOSC;
- To support coordination and consultation with strategic, thematic, EU or global initiatives;
- To feed the information and the results of the liaison, analysis and engagement activities into other WPs of the project.

✓ **Support services for the Working Groups (WGs)**

- Draft the WG engagement and participation procedures (objectives, scope, criteria/rules of participation, internal rules of operation) to advise the EOSC Executive board for establishing the WG Charter;
- Facilitate the operation of the working groups through secretariat services, including an active Knowledge Base (KB) produced by content produced by the WGs;
- Coordinate and harmonise WGs by identifying gaps and overlaps, introducing processes and bringing different elements together where needed;
- Map WG outputs to EOSC implementation in accordance to the 6 action lines of the EC SWD EOSC Implementation Roadmap, to communicate to the EOSC Executive Board;
- Communicate intermediate and final outcomes via six monthly “Readers Digests” to the stakeholder groups for consultation, validation and commitment (WP3), and to the broader audience via the EOSC press office (WP7).
- Interface with the overall secretariat services (WP2) to ensure (i) effective communication to the EOSC boards, and (ii) that Working Group needs are fully met through the co-creation mechanisms (e.g., request for potential new studies, new subgroups, request for involvement of specific stakeholder groups, organization of events).

✓ **Analysis and studies to support EOSC in practice**

- Commission relevant analyses & studies to support EOSC in practice
- Support development of innovative business models for the delivery of EOSC core functions.
- Support the set-up of the rules of participation for service providers and users
- Support the legal and organizational framework for next phase of EOSC

✓ **Support services - EOSC Board and Executive Board**

- To provide support services to the EOSC Boards, notably the Executive Board and EOSC Board
- To bring to the consideration of the EOSC Boards analyses concerning the building blocks of the EOSC Governance framework, including feedback from the Stakeholder community

✓ **Communication, Dissemination, Stakeholder forum/events**

- Deliver and maintain the Communication, Marketing and Dissemination Plan for pan-European roll-out of the EOSC, describing all activities performed to support the EOSC mission and community.
- Perform branding strategy management for the EOSC.
- Delivery of the EOSC Secretariat web presence on EOSCsecretariat.eu.
- Design and production of all collaterals and other dissemination materials for the EOSC.
- Ensure coordinated, regular communication from the EOSC Secretariat, providing appropriate visibility to all stakeholders including daily social media presence, also through the establishment and operation of an EOSC Press Office.
- Maintenance of an international tech & policy observatory and liaisons with non-EU Countries.
- Organisation of the annual Stakeholders Forum event & EOSC-related events.

4. Who can apply for co-creation activities?

- ✓ Individuals or natural persons and legal entities residing in the Member States of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions and the associated countries (AC)
- ✓ Applicants who are not receiving support from other instruments (EU or national Research Infrastructure projects) for the proposed activities, and are not being funded from other sources for an identical activity

5. What are the application and evaluation criteria?

- ✓ **Eligibility according to H2020 criteria**
- ✓ **Activities and actions which are related to the work of the EOSC Secretariat to support the EOSC Governance**, in particular the activities of the Executive Board Working Groups, the Governance Board Sub Groups and the Stakeholder Forum
- ✓ **Added value** to existing EOSC activities
- ✓ Quantified **benefits for the EOSC/KPIs** and the corresponding outcome

6. Process of the request (appr. 30-45 days)



All financial applications will be considered on a case by case basis and on market expectations, so we recommend the applicants provide a transparent and objective analysis of the financial provisioning required. Those applications that clearly respond to how it can pragmatically contribute to EOSC indicating clear benefits/KPIs are encouraged.

All applications will be carefully monitored, motivated and justified for project internal, auditing purposes.

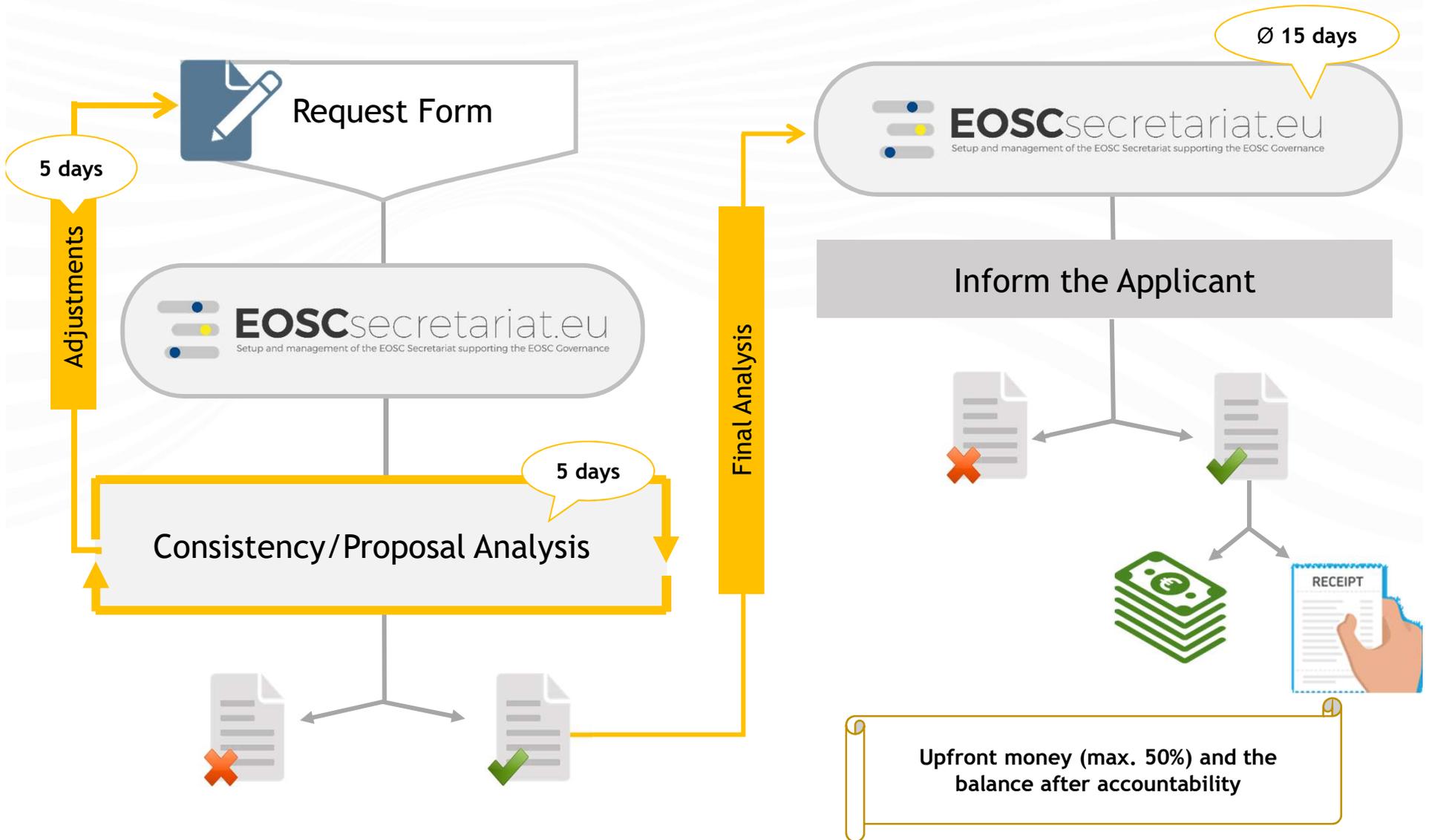
Note: In order to respect the rules on funding set by the European Commission, the EOSC Secretariat will fund initiatives related to EOSC for an amount of 45.000 EUR max. The EOSC Secretariat reserves the right of recurring to public tendering procurement, whose rules will strictly be complied to, for any initiative that exceed the aforementioned threshold.

7. Which costs are eligible?

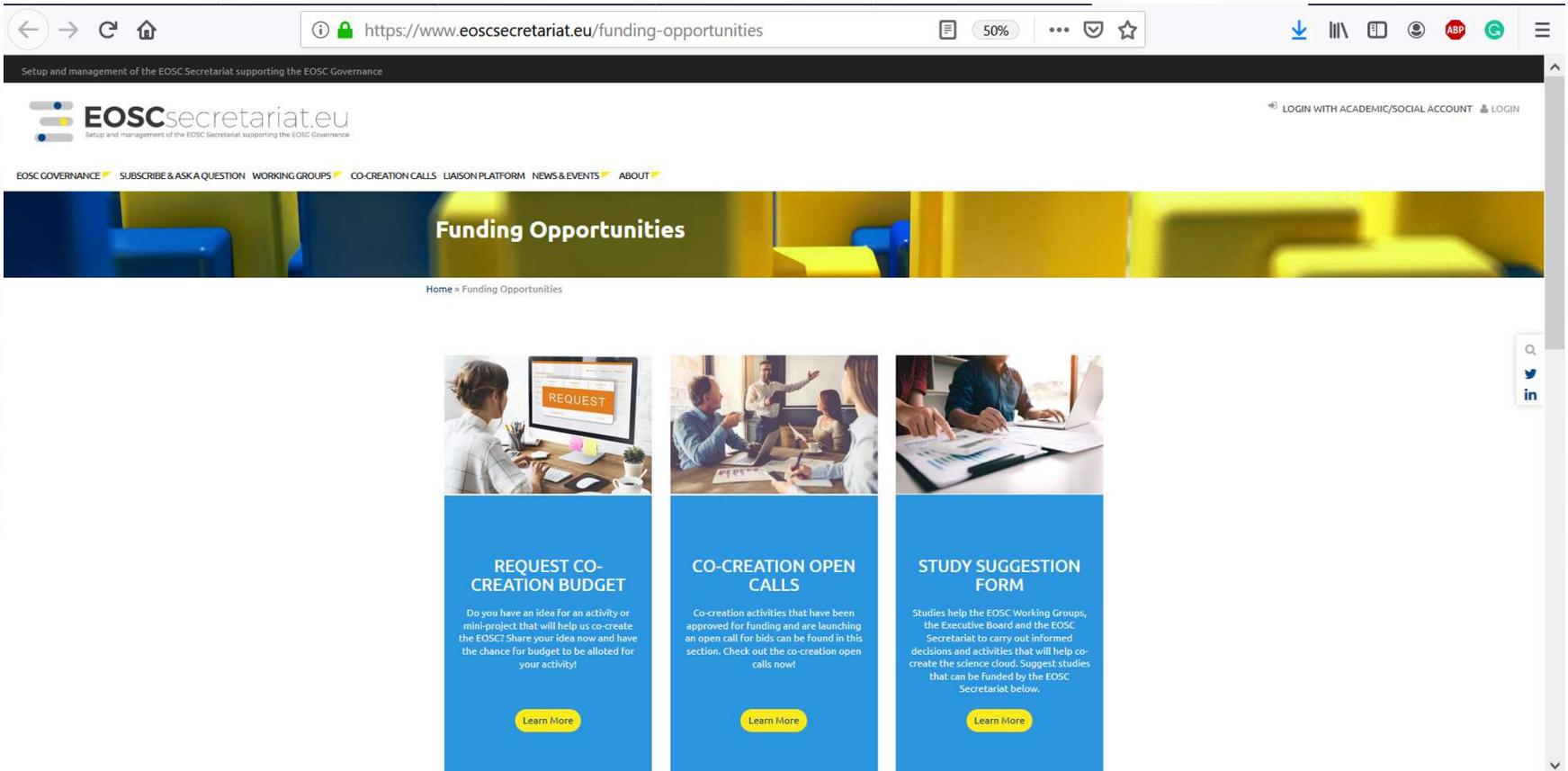
In order to be eligible, actual costs must be:

- ✓ Actually incurred by the beneficiary, i.e.: *Real and not estimated, budgeted or imputed and; Definitively and genuinely borne by the beneficiary (not by any other entity)*
- ✓ Entered as eligible costs in the request form. The eligible costs cannot include costs that did not appear in the estimated budget.
- ✓ Incurred for and/or during the action duration. The ‘action duration’ is the period running from the action starting date to the end date of the action and may not go beyond the duration of EOSC Secretariat.eu project being 30th June 2021.
- ✓ Connected to the action (i.e. necessary to achieve the action’s objectives)
- ✓ Identifiable and verifiable (i.e. come directly from the beneficiary’s accounts (be directly reconcilable with them) and supported by documentation). The beneficiaries must be able to show the actual costs, i.e. what was actually paid for the work
- ✓ Reasonable, justified and must comply with the principles of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency. ‘Economy’ means minimizing the costs of resources used for an activity (input), while maximizing quality; ‘efficiency’ is the relationship between outputs and the resources used to produce them.

REQUEST PROCESS



8. Where to apply <https://www.eoscsecretariat.eu/funding-opportunities>



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CO-CREATION OPEN CALLS

Co-creation activities that have been approved for funding and are launching an open call for bids can be found in this section. Check out the co-creation open calls now!

[Learn More](#)

STUDY SUGGESTION FORM

Studies help the EOSC Working Groups, the Executive Board and the EOSC Secretariat to carry out informed decisions and activities that will help co-create the science cloud. Suggest studies that can be funded by the EOSC Secretariat below.

[Learn More](#)

> For any questions, please contact cocreation@eoscsecretariat.eu

> The applicant needs to fill in all the yellow fields of the request form.