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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 work and strategic objectives of EOSC implementation.

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

4. Who can apply for co-creation activities?

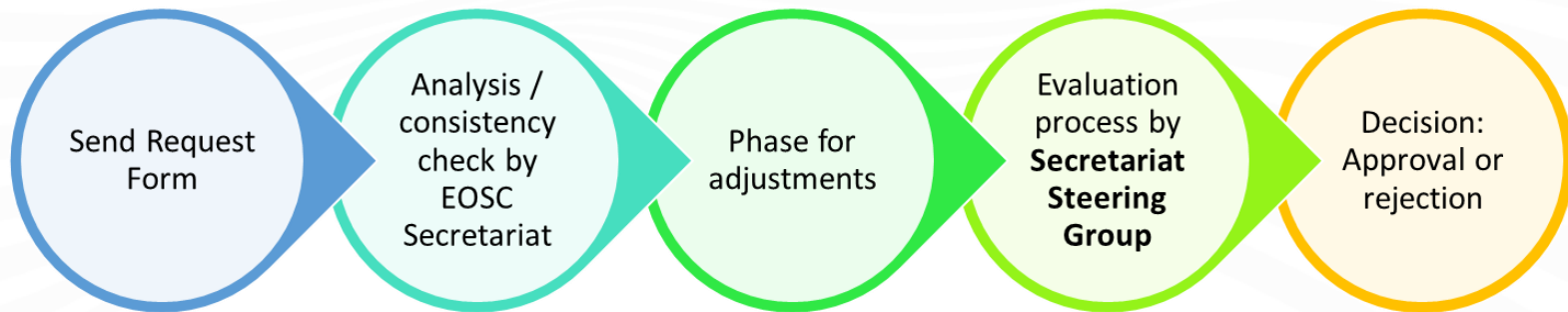
- ✓ Individuals or natural persons and legal entities residing in the Member States of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions and the associated countries (AC)
- ✓ Applicants who are not receiving support from other instruments (EU or national Research Infrastructure projects) for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

Applications will be evaluated every month and we will notify you after approximately 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.

6.1. Deadline to submit proposals

2020					
January	February	March	April	May	Jun
9 th	3 rd	2 nd	2 nd	4 th	1 st

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 31st March 2021, as the EOSC Secretariat.eu project itself will end in 2021.
- ✓ Connected to the action (i.e. necessary to achieve the action’s objectives)

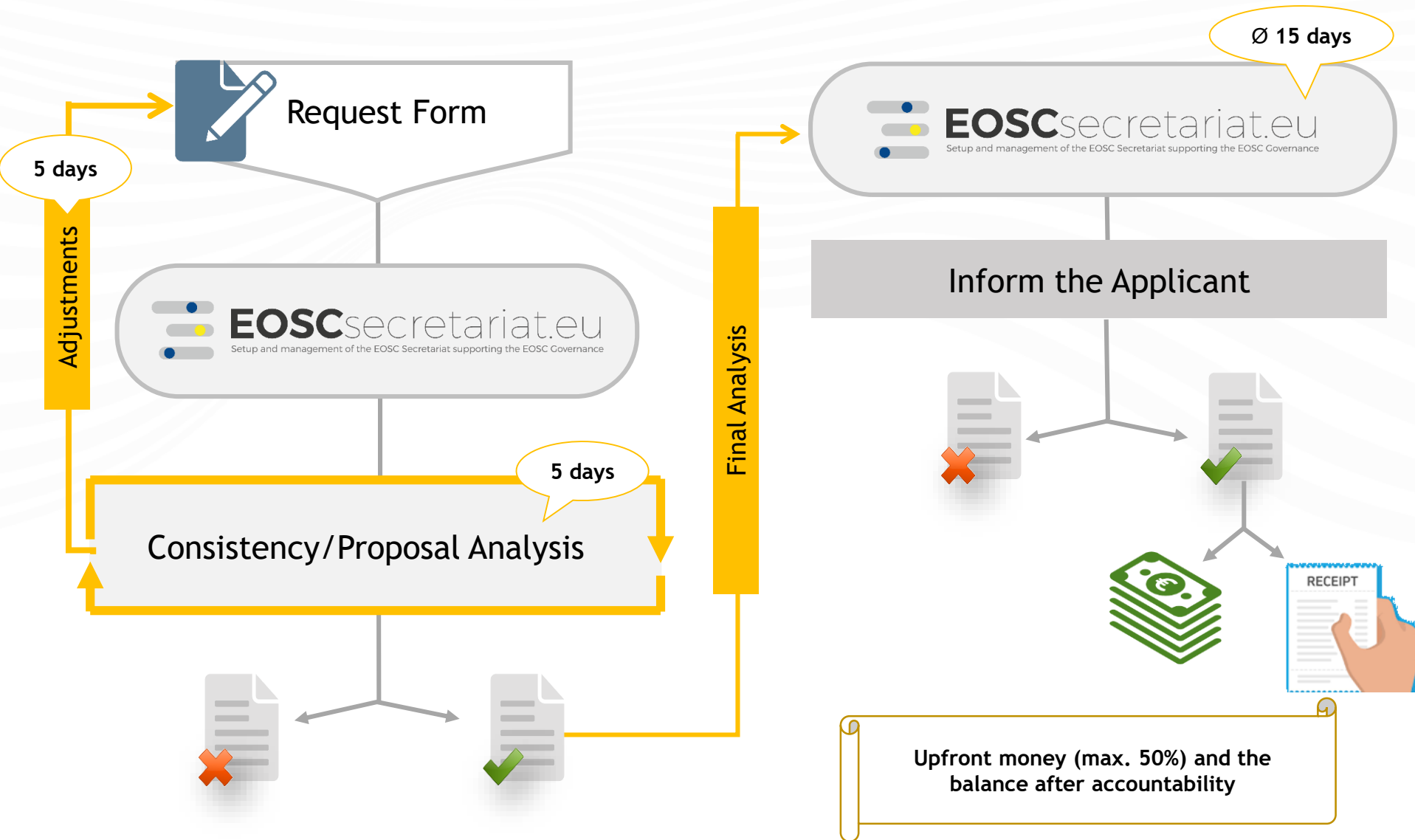
- ✓ Identifiable and verifiable (i.e. come directly from the beneficiary's accounts (be directly reconcilable with them) and supported by documentation). The beneficiaries must be able to show the actual costs, i.e. what was actually paid for the work
- ✓ Reasonable, justified and must comply with the 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.

7.1. Accommodation and travel policies for requests

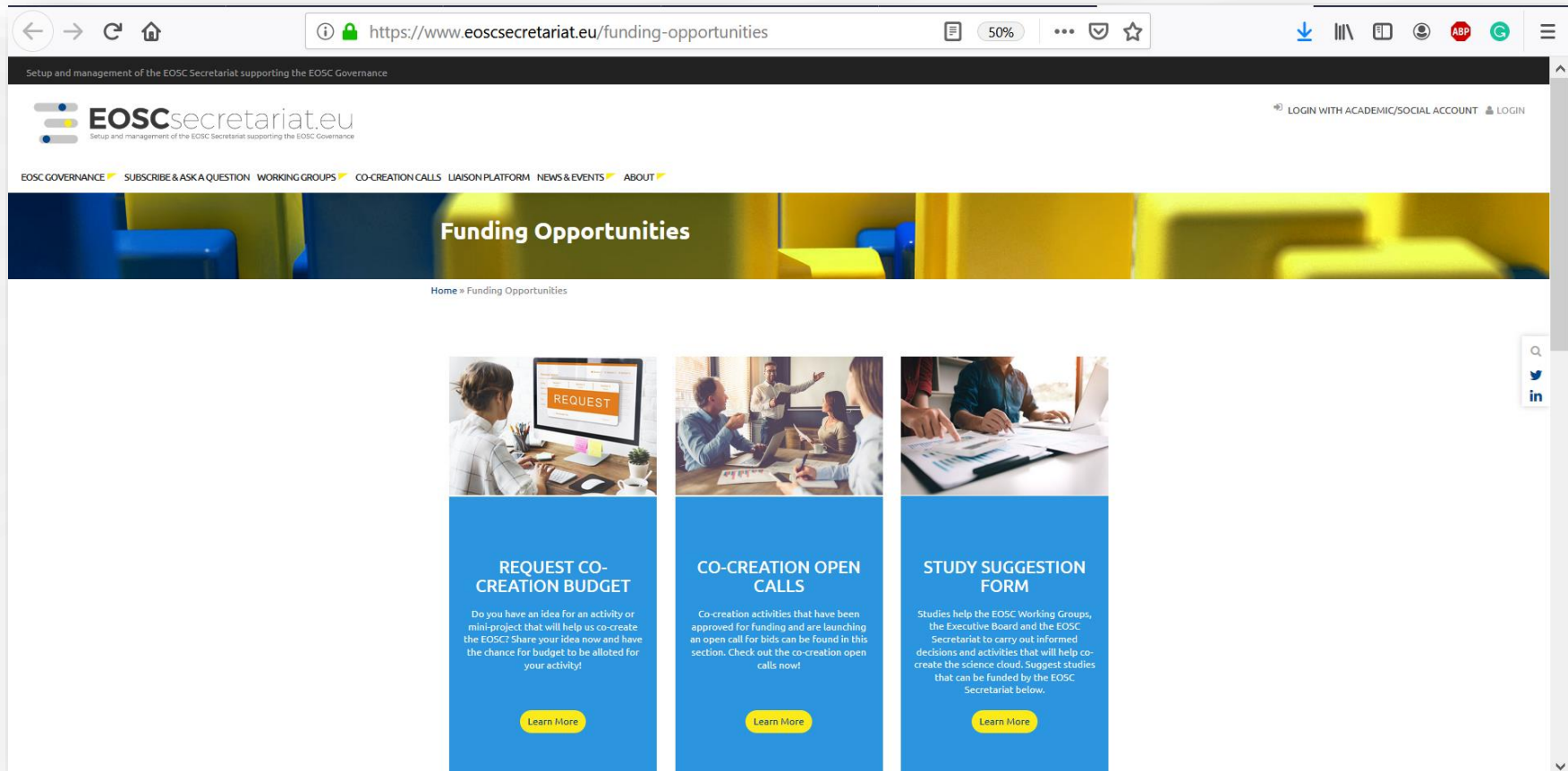
To submit proposals related to the realization of the study, a co-creation activity/project and/or participate in an open call, you must use this cost parameter related to travel and accommodation.

- ✓ 1-night stay per person up to €650;
- ✓ 2-nights stay per person up to €850;
- ✓ 3-nights stay per person up to €1050, etc.

REQUEST PROCESS



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



The screenshot shows the website <https://www.eoscsecretariat.eu/funding-opportunities>. The header includes the EOSC Secretariat logo and navigation links: EOSC GOVERNANCE, SUBSCRIBE & ASK A QUESTION, WORKING GROUPS, CO-CREATION CALLS, LIAISON PLATFORM, NEWS & EVENTS, and ABOUT. A prominent yellow banner reads "Funding Opportunities". Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows "Home » Funding Opportunities". The main content area features three blue cards with white text and images:

- REQUEST CO-CREATION BUDGET**: Accompanied by an image of a person at a computer. Text: "Do you have an idea for an activity or mini-project that will help us co-create the EOSC? Share your idea now and have the chance for budget to be allotted for your activity!" A yellow "Learn More" button is at the bottom.
- CO-CREATION OPEN CALLS**: Accompanied by an image of people in a meeting. Text: "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!" A yellow "Learn More" button is at the bottom.
- STUDY SUGGESTION FORM**: Accompanied by an image of hands working on a laptop. Text: "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." A yellow "Learn More" button is at the bottom.

On the right side of the page, there are social media icons for search, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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

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