EOSC Semantic Interoperability TF

A task force in the advisory group for Metadata and data quality of the EOSC Association

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What is happening in EOSC?

A Web of FAIR Data and Services

The pilot action to deepen the new European Research Area (ERA) and the science, research and innovation data space

The research community's voice

Represented by the EOSC Association, defining a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and a Multi-Annual Roadmap

Advice on key areas of the implementation

Advisory Groups with Task Forces that focus specific topics and provide input to EOSC Association and its members

Current focus on semantic interoperability

Further develop and implement the semantic interoperability recommendations of the EOSC Interoperability Framework

- Implementation of EOSC
 - PID policy and implementation
 - Researcher engagement and adoption
 - Rules of Participation (RoP) compliance monitoring
- Metadata and data quality
 - FAIR metrics and data quality
 - Semantic interoperability
- Research careers and curricula
 - o Data stewardship curricula and career paths
 - Research careers, recognition and credit
 - Upskilling countries to engage in EOSC
- Technical challenges on EOSC
- AAI Architecture
- Infrastructures for quality research software
- Technical interoperability of data and services
- Sustaining EOSC
 - Financial Sustainability
 - o Long-term data preservation



Towards a web of FAIR data and services

Addressing interoperability challenges

EOSC Interoperability Framework report and beyond

Vocabularies and crosswalks

Encoding and exchanging research information as data understood by tools, workflows and infrastructures

Catalogues for vocabularies

Promoting FAIR—finable, accessible, interoperable and reusable—vocabularies within and across domains

Interoperability in practice

Working at the intersection of theoretical frameworks and practical applications in research





Recommendations

R1: definitions of concepts, metadata and data schemes

R2: creating semantic artefacts with open licenses

R3: associated documentation for semantic artifacts

R4: repositories of semantic artefacts

R5: minimum metadata model and cross walks discovery

R6: extensible options for disciplinary metadata

R7: apply a broad definition of data (datasets, workflows, lab protocols, software, methods, hardware design, etc.)

R8: clear protocols and building blocks for catalogues



Synergies across actors and initiatives

Thematic explorations (Objective 1)

Depart from the task force charter, EOSC projects and interoperability initiatives around the Task Force members

Strategic knowledge exchange (Objective 2)

Organise workshops and collaborative problem-solving activities, accumulating literature, examples of solutions and feedback.

Converging on recommendations (Objective 3)

Produce a set of recommendations on Semantic Interoperability to support the wider EOSC community

01.1: Recommend common metadata standards for a broad range of data 01.2: Catalogues for metadata standards 01.3: Evolve syntactic interoperability for metadata schemas and services 01.4: Implementation and actualization of crosswalks; alignment of semantic artefacts at multiple levels 01.5: Characterization of technical components for semantic interoperability 01.6: Long-term preservation of semantic artefacts



Representing the wider EOSC community

Task force members as liaisons

40+ members working to identify and address gaps

(Meta)data conventions (Theme 1)

A landscape of semantic interoperability and the application of metadata schemas

Semantic artefact catalogues (Theme 2)

A survey of characteristics and recommendations on semantic artefact catalogues

Use cases (Theme 3)

A collection of use cases based on interoperability case studies from the EOSC community



Departs from EOSC projects and interoperability initiatives around the Task Force members





Semantic interoperability landscape

Interoperability recommendations

Minimum (meta)data set and interoperability indicators

Inventory of tools for interoperability

Crosswalks, services, methods and formal languages

Long-term sustainability

Recommendations for governance and processes for preservation and maintenance of semantic artefacts

Coordination (Theme 1)

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Semantic artefact

noun /sɪˈmæn.tɪk ˈaː.tə.fækt/

"A machine-actionable and -readable formalisation of a conceptualisation, enabling sharing and reuse by humans and machines. These artefacts may have a broad range of formalisation, from loose sets of terms, taxonomies, thesauri to higher-order logics."



Survey of semantic artefact catalogues

What is a semantic artefact catalogue?

An inclusive definition can also cover web pages with information in human-readable form

Which dimensions indicate maturity?

A draft selection of dimensions have been identified

Literature study in progress

Reviewing a sections of documents and catalogues

Coordination (Theme 2)

Yann Le Franc <ylefranc@esciencefactory.com> Oscar Corcho <oscar.corcho@upm.es> Silvio Peroni <silvio.peroni@unibo.it> Availability of metadata

Openness

Quality of semantic artefacts

Availability

Statistics on artefacts and usage

PIDs for semantic artefacts

Governance mechanisms

Community/stakeholders involved

Sustainability of the catalogue

Technology/Tools used

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Semantic interoperability journeys

Capturing case studies and use cases

Encourage the wider EOSC stakeholder community to contribute interesting and representative examples

Indexing for adopters and builders

Compare and consolidate across stakeholders, tasks, goals and component of the EOSC IF

Representing the EOSC community

Identify and fill gaps in the types of organisations, domains and goals captured by the task force

Coordination (Theme 3)

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A shared vision of the journey

Use cases demonstrate value

Prevalent in contexts ranging from product sales, to EOSC projects, and healthcare governance

Adopters recognise themselves

Used in requirements gathering and communication

Builders can see the full picture

Used in development and validation of services

Policy can ensure representation

Mapping the landscape of stakeholders and how they are served by different use cases





Capturing journeys at different levels

Case studies are real-world scenarios

Actual people and organisations adopting a solution in a specific context and outcomes of their efforts

Use cases can be business focused

How a stakeholder group can approach adopting a solution to achieve broader goals and outcomes

Use cases can be task focused

How a user interacts with different services and resources to complete a task

Conceptual models tie them together

Actors, components and resources involved and how they relate to more general categories





A perspective on what works well

Journeys come in many shapes

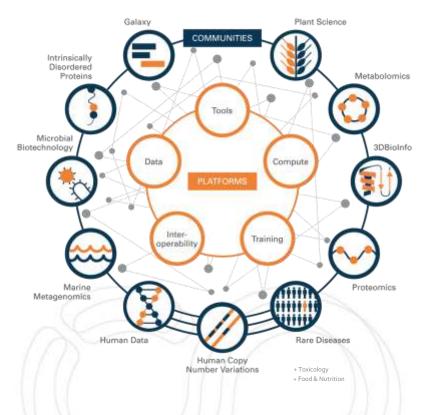
Use cases and case studies can demonstrate value and engage stakeholders in requirements gathering

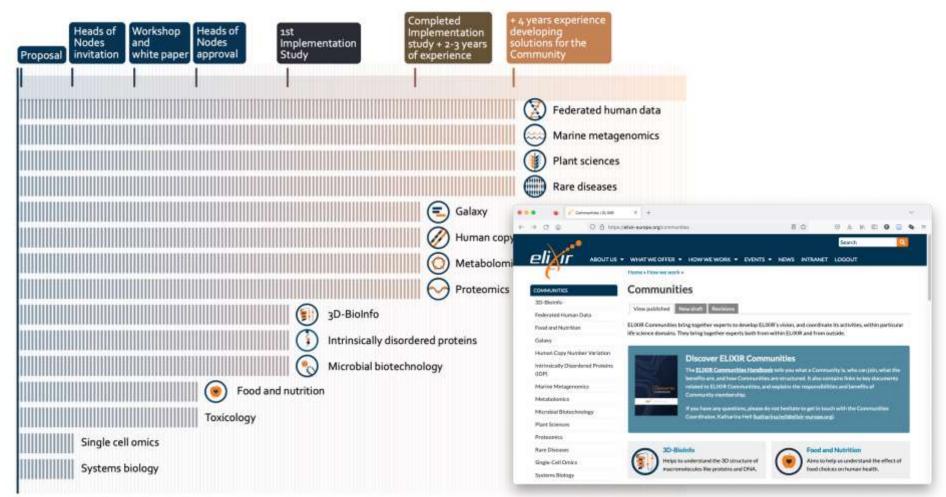
Use cases and communities

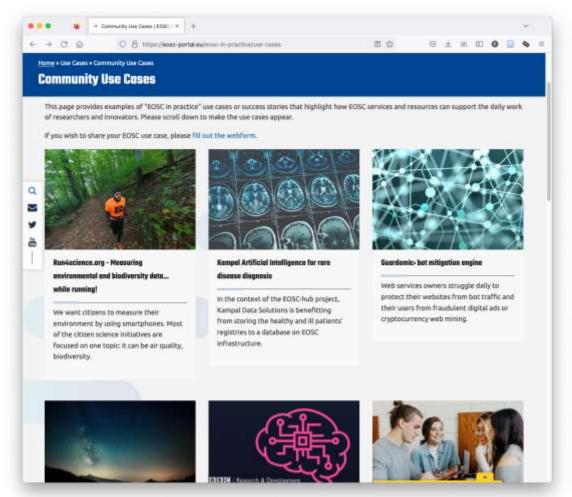
ELIXIR draws on communities to share success stories and define use cases for its services

Semantic interoperability use cases

Provide 1) input to the initiatives that are shaping EOSC and 2) examples and lessons learned to stakeholders











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