



EOSC-HUB: INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR THE EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD



How GÉANT is contributing to this significant new project

The EC-funded EOSC-hub project started on 1 January 2018, bringing together an extensive group of national and international service providers to create the Hub: a central contact point for European researchers and innovators to discover, access, use and reuse a broad spectrum of resources for advanced data-driven research.

GÉANT is one of the key partners of the consortium as are several members of the NREN community including CSC, the host institution of Finland's FUNET; CESNET from the Czech Republic; GRNET from Greece; PSNC from Poland; SRCE from Croatia; and Uninett from Norway.

Together the partners will develop the vision of the Hub as the integration and management system of the future European Open Science Cloud. The EOSC-hub project mobilises providers from the EGI Federation, EUDAT CDI, INDIGO-DataCloud and other major European research infrastructures to deliver a common catalogue of research data, services and software for research.

For researchers, this will mean a broader access to services supporting their scientific discovery and collaboration across disciplinary and geographical boundaries.

GÉANT will contribute directly to the work package focussing on Business Models and Procurement, bringing on board expertise and best practices on procurement and purchasing frameworks. Specifically, GÉANT will lead the development of framework agreements and structures that simplify the purchasing process and reduce the administrative cost from the buyers while ensuring access to suitable offers.

In parallel, the GÉANT (GN4-2) Project will establish a collaboration agreement with EOSC-hub project building on existing Memorandums of Understanding. This cooperation is a positive next step towards the alignment of both projects in areas of common interest, such as AAI or Service and Operations Management.

Annabel Grant, Senior Stakeholder Engagement Manager at GÉANT, says:

"The EOSC-hub project will support European researchers through easier and broader access to the services of e-infrastructure providers; GÉANT looks forward to a close collaboration with the project and its partners."

The EOSC-hub project (full title: Integrating and managing services for the European Open Science Cloud) will run for 36 months, through to December 2020 with funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 777536.

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