



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

EOSC-hub

And

FREYA

projects

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to define a framework of collaboration between EOSC-hub and FREYA projects hereafter also referred to as “the Party” or the “Parties”) for delivering the activities outlined in the Agreement section. The Parties recognise, by this MoU, the opening of a wider and longer-term cooperation in activities, which will bring visible benefits to everyone involved.

EOSC-hub, a project receiving funding from the European Commission (Grant Agreement 777536), represented by STICHTING EGI (EGI Foundation), established in Science Park 140, Amsterdam 1098 XG, The Netherlands (the EOSC-hub Coordinator).

FREYA, a project receiving funding from the European Commission (Grant Agreement no. 777523), represented by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), an independent, non-departmental public body of the UK Government’s Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and one of Europe’s largest multidisciplinary research organisations (the FREYA Coordinator).

Taking Into Account That:

EOSC-hub is a project building tools for the EOSC initiative that aims at offering researchers and professionals in Science, Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences a virtual environment with open and seamless services for storage, management, analysis and re-use of research data, across borders and scientific disciplines by federating existing scientific data infrastructures, currently dispersed across disciplines and the EU Member States.

FREYA is a 3-year project funded by the European Commission under the Horizon 2020 programme. The project aims to extend the infrastructure for persistent identifiers (PIDs) as a core component of open research, in the EU and globally. FREYA will improve discovery, navigation, retrieval, and access to research resources. New provenance services will enable researchers to better evaluate data and make the scientific record more complete, reliable, and traceable. By engaging with the global community through the Research Data Alliance (RDA) and other research infrastructures, we work together to realise the vision of fully accessible data.

EOSC-hub and FREYA agreed to deliver the activities reported in the Agreement section.

RECITALS

Whereas

1. EOSC-hub and FREYA wish to further promote their respective objectives by providing for appropriate collaborations and interconnections among their members.

AGREEMENT

The projects FREYA and EOSC-hub are both contributing to the development of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). Both projects are now in their final year, and have already

worked together on topics of common interest. However it is still appropriate to cooperate through a Memorandum of Understanding in some areas that have emerged during the course of the work and should be brought to a conclusion, or where there are opportunities to leverage effort through joint activities.

The projects have already cooperated through a working meeting held in Amsterdam in July 2019 that dealt with EOSC services, the PID Services Registry, and relations between the B2HANDLE service and FREYA, among other topics. Subsequent discussions concerned the nature of the EOSC Federating Core and the place of PIDs within it.

It is therefore proposed that, in the remaining lifetime of the two projects, cooperation should proceed in four areas:

1. Develop a joint position on the place of PIDs in the EOSC Federating Core (and EOSC services more generally), based on the emerging EOSC Architecture WG proposal.
2. Collaboratively work on integration of the PID Services Registry with the EOSC Portal.
3. EOSC-hub will advertise training events organised by FREYA on PID and will store FREYA training material in its training registry.
4. Organise a joint FREYA/EOSC-hub event in November 2020 to advertise the results of the joint activities and the achievements of both projects.

Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

This MoU enters into force on the date of its signature by both parties and remains in effect unless terminated by either party with advance written notice to the other. It shall terminate on the 30th of November 2020. Notwithstanding its termination, the provisions of this MoU shall survive to the extent necessary to permit an orderly settlement of business between the parties and to bring on-going activities to a proper close;

Settlement of Disputes

The parties confirm that they shall exercise good faith efforts to resolve any dispute between the parties arising from or in connection with this MoU through mutual negotiation and agreement;

No Liability

For avoidance of doubt, no breach of an obligation contained in this MoU or performance or non-performance under this MoU shall give rise to any monetary liability by one party to another.

Communication

Any communications between the two Parties will initially need to include the following named persons.

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Agreed to By:

Dated 24 day of July, 2020.

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