

Contextualising Research Assessment for Social Sciences and Humanities

Insights and Challenges from the GraspOS Project Pilot

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GraspOS at a glance

Develop, pilot and put into operation an **open and trusted federated infrastructure to support and enable reforms towards “Open-Science-aware” Responsible Research Assessment (OS-aware RRA)**.

Offering **data, tools, services, and guidance** to support the reforms

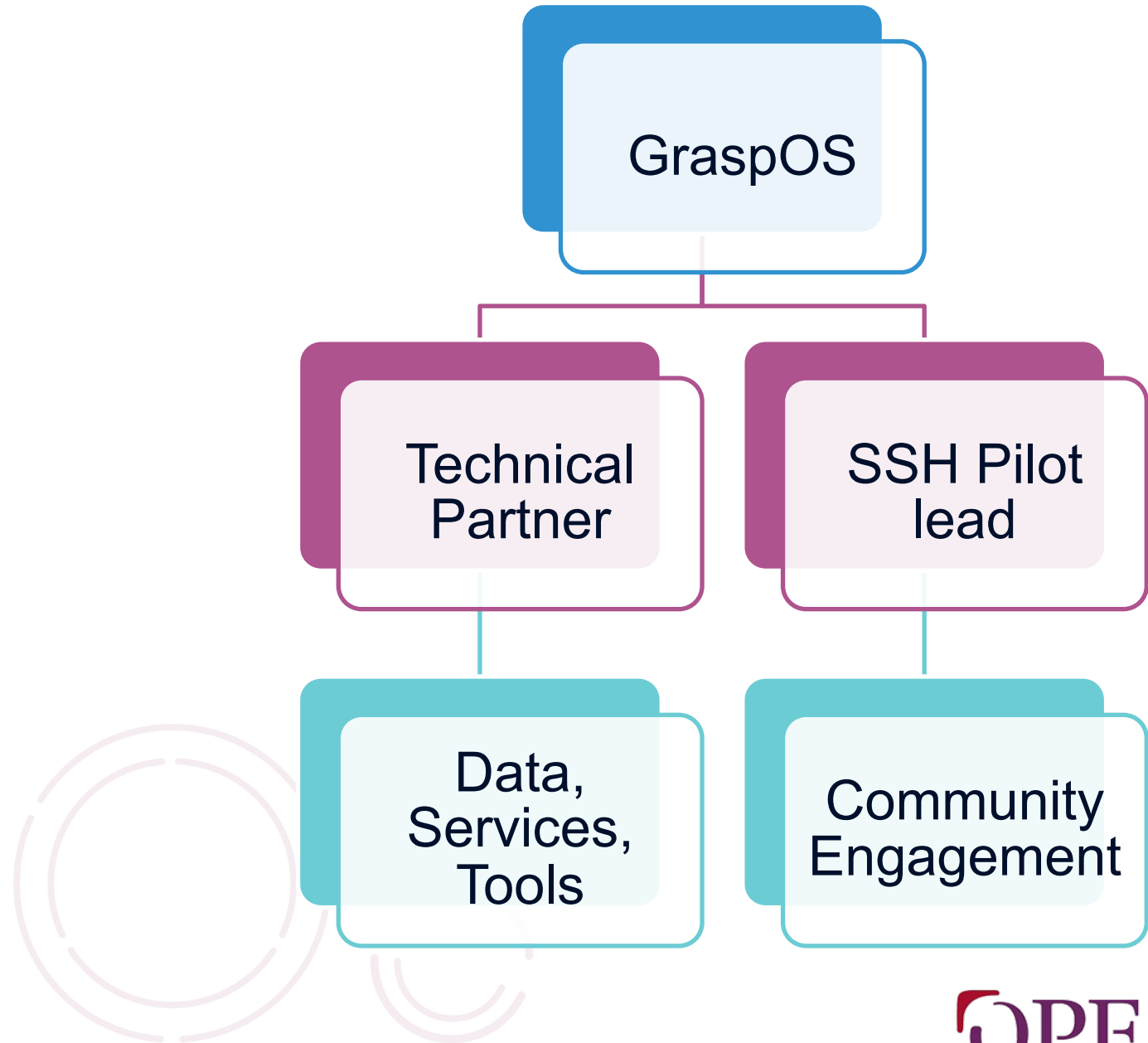
Based on an **Open Science Assessment Framework (OSAF)** that assists translation OS & RRA principles into practice

At three levels

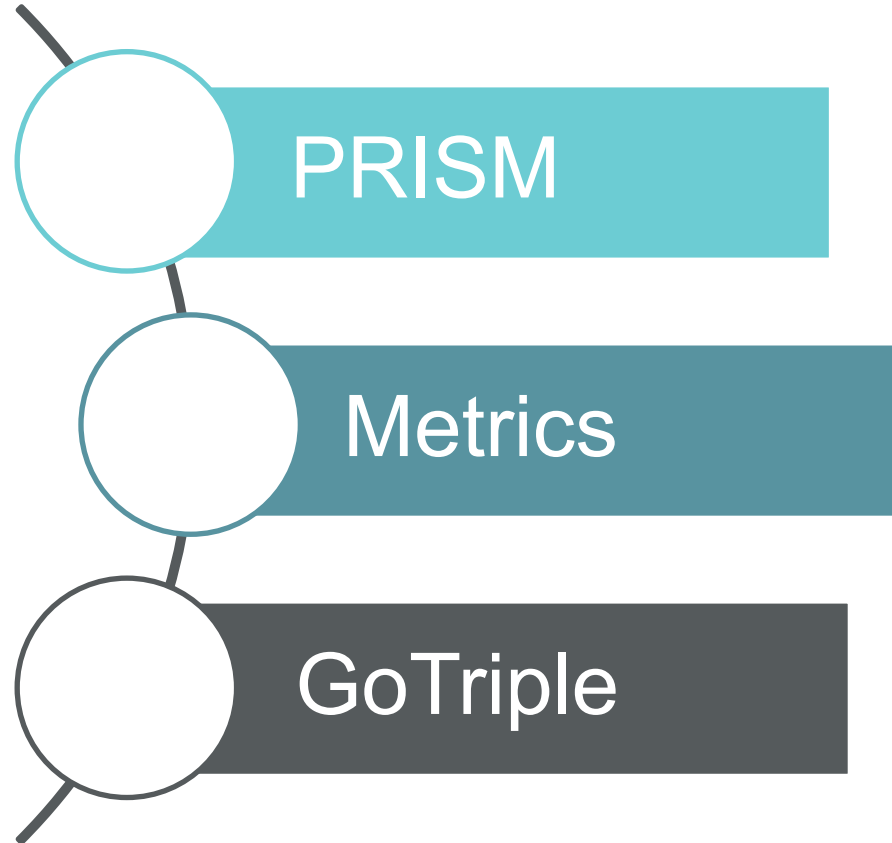
- individual/group researchers
- research performing and research funding organisation
- country

Budget: 2.985M
Start date: 1/1/2023
Duration: 36 months

OPERAS & GraspOS



OPERAS Technical Contribution



Thematic Pilot

- Nine pilots in total
- Three pilots in the Thematic Area
- OPERAS leads **Social Sciences and Humanities**

SSH Pilot Objectives:

- **Create Assessment protocols**
- **Develop Researcher Openness Profile**

SSH Challenges in Research Assessment

- Quantitative approach to research assessment
 - Bibliometrics or Scientometrics
 - Citation Count not fit for purpose
- Coverage issues
 - Diverse publication venues and types of outputs
- Multilingualism
- National/Regional focus of research

Assessment Protocols need to consider these challenges, offering, where possible, guidance.

Community Feedback

Community of Practice & Consultation Workshops

Community of Practice

What is the role of OS in fostering a more inclusive research assessment process that prioritises quality over quantity?

Key points raised:

- Open Infrastructure provides an inclusive alternative to closed sources
- “Perceptions” of scientific rigour of non-traditional research outputs/materials
- Expand CRediT to acknowledge diversity of roles in SSH

Consultation Workshops – in numbers

- ✓ 3 in total – March/April
- ✓ Focus on Values, Outputs/Practices/Processes, Indicators, Open Science and Digital Platforms
- ✓ 18 Participants
- ✓ 11 Countries

Pseudonymised/anonymised transcripts will be published

Consultation Workshops - Objectives

Determining core **values** and priorities for SSH in the context of research assessment

Balancing quantitative and **qualitative criteria** in research assessments.

Discuss the **diversity** of research outputs (e.g. books) and activities (e.g. peer review) relevant to SSH for research assessment purposes

Ensuring the responsible application of various **indicators**.

Exploring the role of **digital platforms**, tools, and services in supporting research assessment for SSH scholars.

Values

- Diversity of outputs → Diversity (Careers, Languages)
- Transparency → Openness
- Quality → Hard to define and measure
- Collaboration (New)
- Collegiality (New)
- Interdisciplinarity (New)



Outputs & practices *already* valued - feedback from Consultation Workshop 1



Outputs & practices that *should* be valued - feedback from C. Workshop 1



Digital Platforms

- Indicators → Less is more
- SSH Coverage
 - GoTriple
 - OpenCitations
 - OpenAIRE Graph
- Open Access Books
 - OPERAS Metrics
 - Peer Reviewed monographs in DOAB



Next steps

OSAF Pilot Specifications & SSH Priorities:

- Templates (Narrative CVs)
- Guides
 - Guidelines for evaluands and evaluators
 - Guidance on translating values, purpose & context into an assessment protocol
- Infrastructure (Open Research Information)



Moving forward

- Develop research assessment protocols taking into consideration community feedback
- Planned Webinars and Training for OPERAS services
- PRISM Webinar: 14th May (Public, Online)
- Metrics Training: Work-in-progress



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