

**Open Call:  
Support for Repositories and  
Data Service Providers**

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# Welcome!

*First, some housekeeping...*

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<https://zenodo.org/communities/fair-impact/>

# A bit about FAIR-IMPACT

**Call HORIZON-INFRA-  
2021- EOSC-01-05**

Enabling discovery and  
interoperability of federated  
research objects across scientific  
communities

**Expanding FAIR  
solutions in Europe**

**EU funded project**

**Coordination and  
Support Action**

**10 million euro**

**36 months, started  
June 2022**

**28 partners and  
affiliate entities**

**From 10 EU  
member states:**

**NL, FI, FR, DK,  
IT, DE, ES, NO,  
BE, RO and the  
UK**

## The Consortium



## FAIR-IMPACT overall objective

**WHAT:** to realise a FAIR EOSC by **supporting the implementation** of FAIR-enabling practices across scientific communities and research outputs at a European, national, and institutional level;

**HOW:**

- **identifying** current and emerging components for enabling FAIR (practices, policies, tools & technical specifications)
- **translating** viable solutions, guidelines and frameworks that have been developed for one domain or research output and **supporting** their application in others
- taking the next step in implementation by **defining** the support, governance, and coordination mechanisms required to ensure the continuous function of FAIR-enabling practices in the EOSC.



## A bit about you!

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# Our support activities

- Three support routes
  - Route 1: via dedicated guidance and one-to-one support
  - Route 2: via support to test specific tools, approaches and solutions
  - Via our series of public FAIR Implementation workshops
- In this call, you can apply to join the support programme designed to improve the FAIR-enabling capacity of national level initiatives, research performing organisations and **repositories and data service providers**



Support programmes are based on the steps in our FAIR Implementation Framework



# What FAIR-IMPACT will provide

- In this programme, no financial support is provided but participants will receive dedicated support including **expert guidance** and advice from FAIR-IMPACT mentors and external experts
- **Practical advice** and guidance on key FAIR-enabling topics. The support programmes for each stakeholder group will vary but thematic areas covered may include policies, persistent identifiers, data management planning, trustworthy repositories, provision of support and training, and handling other research outputs including software.
- **One-to-one support** to:
  - Undertake a **supported self-assessment** of current FAIR-enabling practices
  - Develop a **FAIR implementation action plan**
  - Devise an **engagement strategy**
- A key aim of the support programme is to foster **knowledge exchange between peers** and there will be dedicated workshops to facilitate this
- The opportunity to promote their work via a published **FAIR Implementation Story**.

<https://fair-impact.eu/fair-impact-open-calls-support>

## More specifically: support for becoming more FAIR-enabling

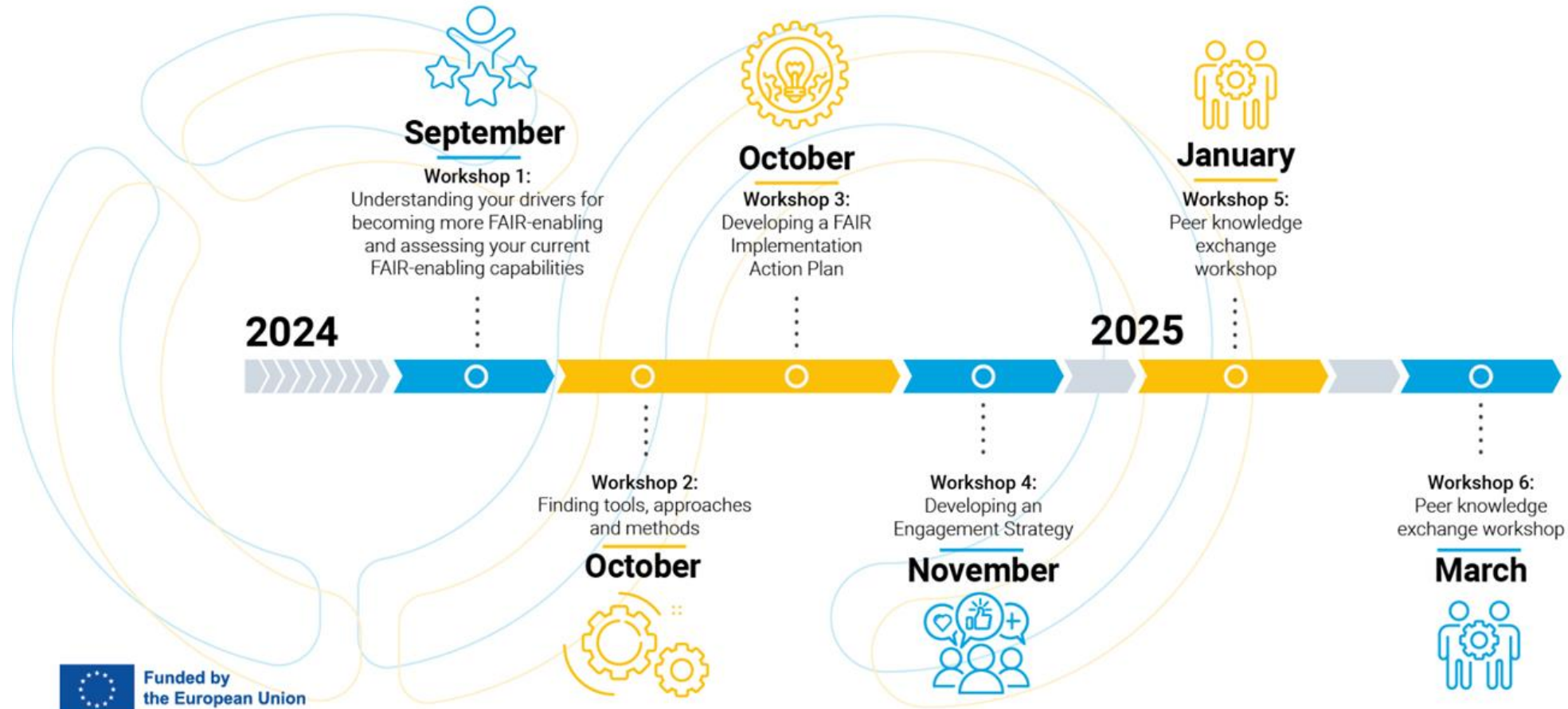
The FAIR Principles focus on characteristics of digital objects that make them Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable. Achieving and maintaining those characteristics depends on the organisations that create, store, curate, and preserve the objects, such as repositories and data service providers. These activities are 'FAIR-enabling'.

Participants will be introduced - partly as virtual sight-seeings - to FAIR-enabling approaches and tools that relate to various aspects of their organisation:

- Repository policy, e.g. [ACME-FAIR](#), [Data support policy for photon and neutron science](#)
- Making objects in the repository more FAIR, e.g. [CESSDA Data Archiving Guide](#), [FAIR Cookbook](#)
- Automated FAIR assessment, e.g. [F-UJI](#), [Framework for assessing FAIR services](#)
- Repository certification, e.g. [CoreTrustSeal+FAIRenabling Capability Maturity Model](#), [FAIRsFAIR repository support](#)
- EOSC readiness, e.g. [EOSC Service compliance](#), [DataCite Repository Finder](#)

From this set, participants choose and plan what they want to implement at home. Because of the different aspects, you may want to apply as a team of 2-3 persons. This call is suitable for those who are just getting started with supporting the FAIR Principles or are less advanced on their FAIR-enabling journey.

# Overview of the support offer workshops and timeline



# And in between the workshops:

**Sept - Oct 2024:** participants will work independently to carry out **self-assessments** and to develop draft action and engagement plans.\*

**Oct - Nov 2024:** participants will work independently to develop their **draft action and engagement plans.** \*

**Nov - Dec 2024:** participants will work independently to **implement action and engagement plans.** \*

**March 2025:** exit interviews, which will be the basis of a co-produced **FAIR Implementation Story** summarising the key actions and lessons learned.

Follow-up questionnaire and/or interview with participants after the support programme wraps up to see what progress has been made.

\* We will work with mentor teams to provide one-to-one periodic support via email or zoom.

# What is expected of participants

- Willingness to participate in the required **workshops and/or meetings** that will be outlined in the specific support programme. All workshops, events and meetings will be held virtually.
- Willingness to carry out the **assigned homework** in between the virtual workshops. One-to-one support will be provided to assist with and assess homework.
- Willingness to act on the **FAIR implementation action plan** that will be co-developed with mentors.
- Ability to **engage relevant actors** to enable the implementation of the action and engagement plans.
- Consent to participation in an **exit interview** and understand that this will form the basis of a FAIR Implementation Story.
- Consent to completing a short **follow-up questionnaire** 6-12 months after my participation to help

FAIR-IMPACT gauge the impact of the support actions. The estimated effort required from participants is **circa 50 hours**.

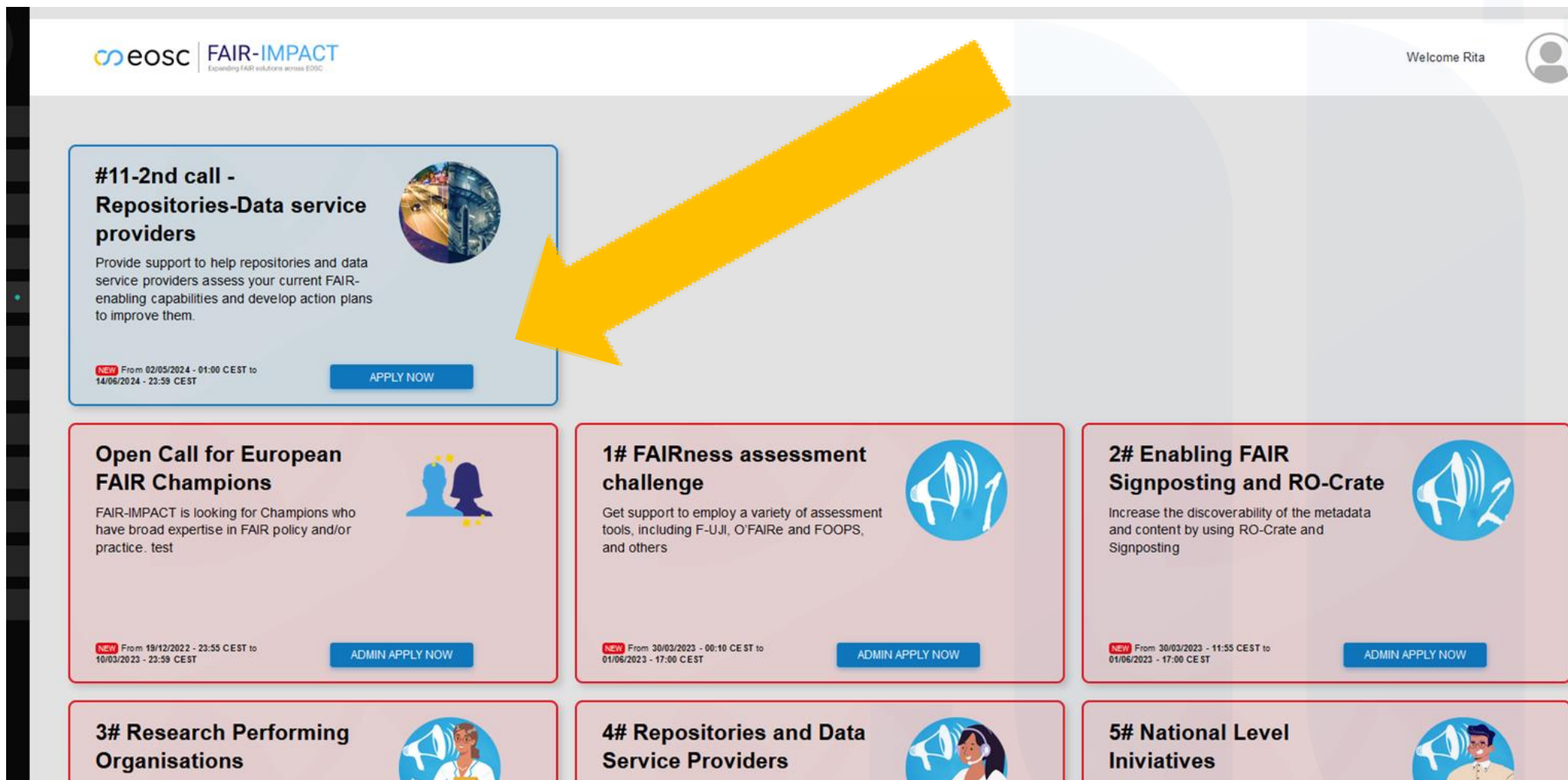
## Who can apply?

This call is open to individuals and groups from **Repositories and Data Service Providers**





# The TRUST-GRANTS™ platform dashboard home



The screenshot shows the dashboard home for the TRUST-GRANTS™ platform. At the top left, the logos for 'eosc' and 'FAIR-IMPACT' are displayed, with the tagline 'Expanding FAIR solutions across EOSC'. On the top right, a user profile icon is shown with the text 'Welcome Rita'. The main content area features a grid of six call cards. A large yellow arrow points from the top right towards the first card. The first card, titled '#11-2nd call - Repositories-Data service providers', includes a circular image of a data center and an 'APPLY NOW' button. The other five cards are arranged in two rows of three. Each card contains a title, a brief description, a circular icon, and an 'ADMIN APPLY NOW' button. The cards are: 1# FAIRness assessment challenge, 2# Enabling FAIR Signposting and RO-Crate, 3# Research Performing Organisations, 4# Repositories and Data Service Providers, and 5# National Level Initiatives. Each card also displays a 'NEW' badge and the specific dates for the call.

**#11-2nd call - Repositories-Data service providers**  
Provide support to help repositories and data service providers assess your current FAIR-enabling capabilities and develop action plans to improve them.  
**NEW** From 02/05/2024 - 01:00 CEST to 14/06/2024 - 23:59 CEST **APPLY NOW**

**Open Call for European FAIR Champions**  
FAIR-IMPACT is looking for Champions who have broad expertise in FAIR policy and/or practice. test  
**NEW** From 19/12/2022 - 23:55 CEST to 10/03/2023 - 23:59 CEST **ADMIN APPLY NOW**

**1# FAIRness assessment challenge**  
Get support to employ a variety of assessment tools, including F-UJI, O'FAiRE and FOOPS, and others  
**NEW** From 30/03/2023 - 00:10 CEST to 01/06/2023 - 17:00 CEST **ADMIN APPLY NOW**

**2# Enabling FAIR Signposting and RO-Crate**  
Increase the discoverability of the metadata and content by using RO-Crate and Signposting  
**NEW** From 30/03/2023 - 11:55 CEST to 01/06/2023 - 17:00 CEST **ADMIN APPLY NOW**

**3# Research Performing Organisations**

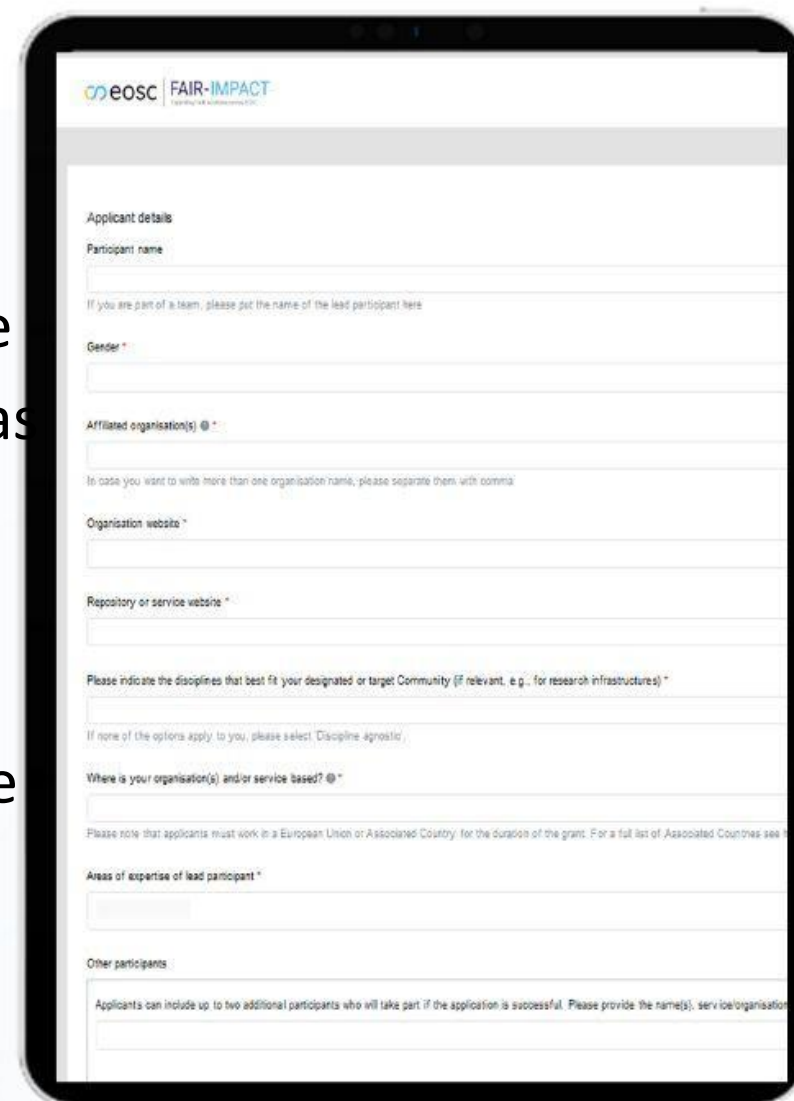
**4# Repositories and Data Service Providers**

**5# National Level Initiatives**



# The application form

- Will be completed entirely online on the TRUST-Grants platform
- Choose the support programme you want to apply from the homepage Fill out the form. You can save your application as a **DRAFT** and return to it
- Remember to complete your application and **SUBMIT** it by the deadline!
- The evaluation of your applications will be carried out in the TRUST-Grants platform by **3 different evaluators** who will assess the application individually and then reach a consensus view



The screenshot shows a tablet displaying the FAIR-IMPACT application form. The form is titled "Applicant details" and includes the following fields:

- Participant name
- If you are part of a team, please put the name of the lead participant here
- Gender \*
- Affiliated organisation(s) @ \*
- If you want to write more than one organisation name, please separate them with comma
- Organisation website \*
- Repository or service website \*
- Please indicate the disciplines that best fit your designated or target Community (if relevant, e.g., for research infrastructures) \*
- If none of the options apply to you, please select "Discipline agnostic"
- Where is your organisation(s) and/or service based? @ \*
- Please note that applicants must work in a European Union or Associated Country for the duration of the grant. For a full list of Associated Countries see
- Areas of expertise of lead participant \*
- Other participants
- Applicants can include up to two additional participants who will take part if the application is successful. Please provide the name(s), service/organisation

# What are we looking for in applications? (selection)

- link to the repository, registry or other data service (whatever applies); areas of
- expertise of max. 3 team members: policy/ target community/ back-end; the current
- FAIR level of service provision of the organisation (drop-down list); challenges that
- you are experiencing in making the service more FAIR-enabling (max. 200 words);
- the way you will ensure that the knowledge gained through participation in this support programme will be shared with relevant peers in your service.

Remember: a key aim for FAIR-IMPACT is to prioritise support for organisations, groups, and/or individuals based in countries or representing domains that are currently less advanced in terms of their FAIR-enabling capacity.

## Q&A

Interactive session to allow participants to ask any questions about the support programmes, how to apply or the evaluation process.

# Timeline



Trust-Grants platform opened for applications on May 2nd 2024.



Deadline for applying is ~~14 June 2024~~



Evaluation of applications by panel of reviewers during Early July 2024



Notifications to applicants of evaluation outcomes by mid July 2024

## You might like to know about:

- **‘New Repositories for New Biodiversity Research’** [public webinar](#) on June 13 on two new types of FAIR repositories for biodiversity research
- **‘Where do I start with FAIRification of Sensitive Data?’**, public webinar on June 25 data sensitivity in relation to reuse. Registration *coming soon*

Additional questions can be sent to

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