Open Call:
Support for Repositories and Data Service Providers

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Welcome!

First, some housekeeping…

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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;

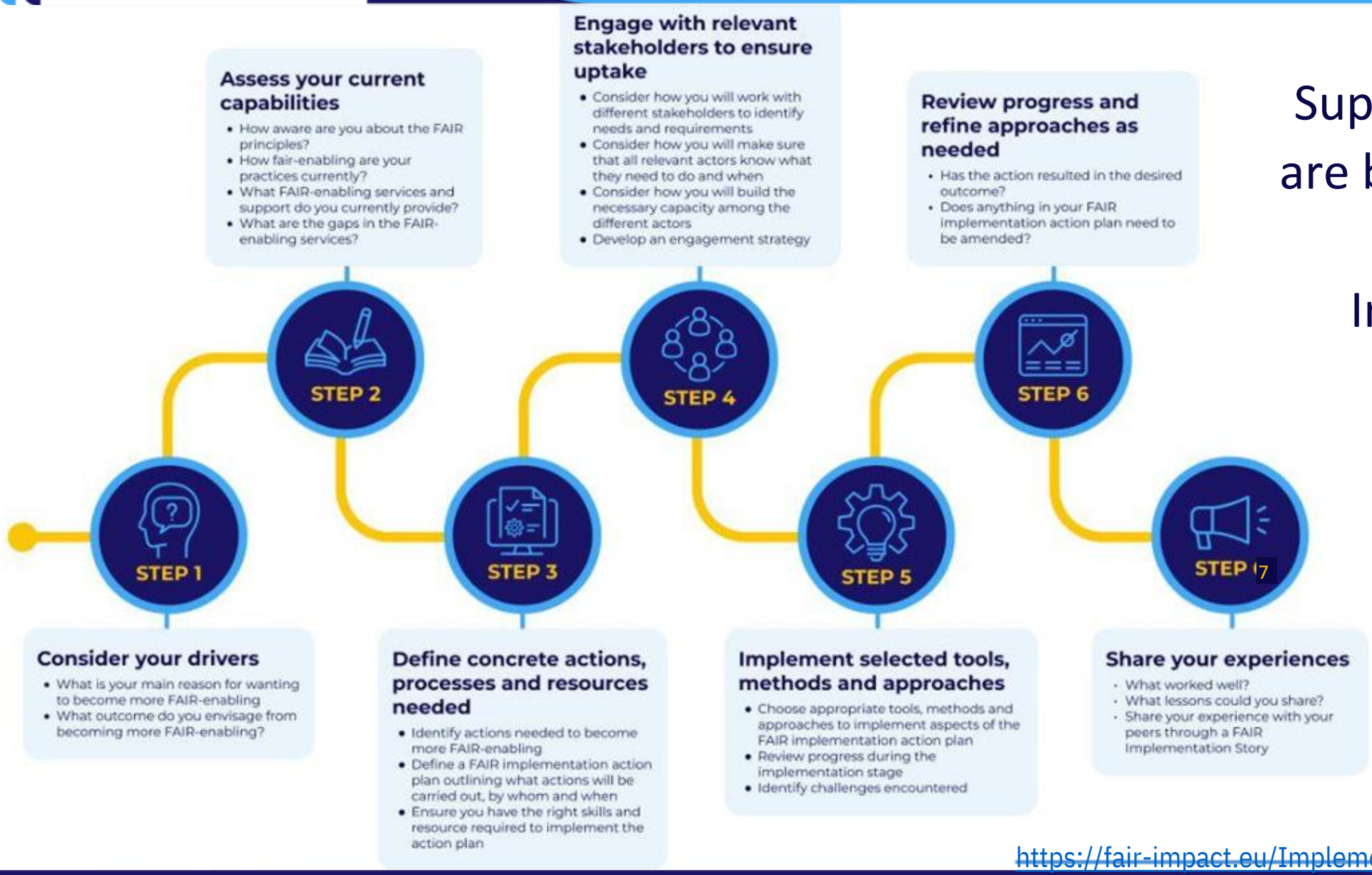
HOW:

- 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.

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

https://fair-impact.eu/ImplementationFramework-inputform

What FAIR-IMPACT will provide

Financial support is not provided but successful applicants will **benefit from in kind support** from FAIR-IMPACT mentors. There will be two open calls for participation in these support programmes over the life of the FAIR-IMPACT project. We provide:

- **Practical advice and guidance** on key FAIR-enabling topics. The support programmes for each stakeholder group will vary, but the 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 and 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.**

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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.

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Overview of the support offer workshops and timeline

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FAIR Implementation Team

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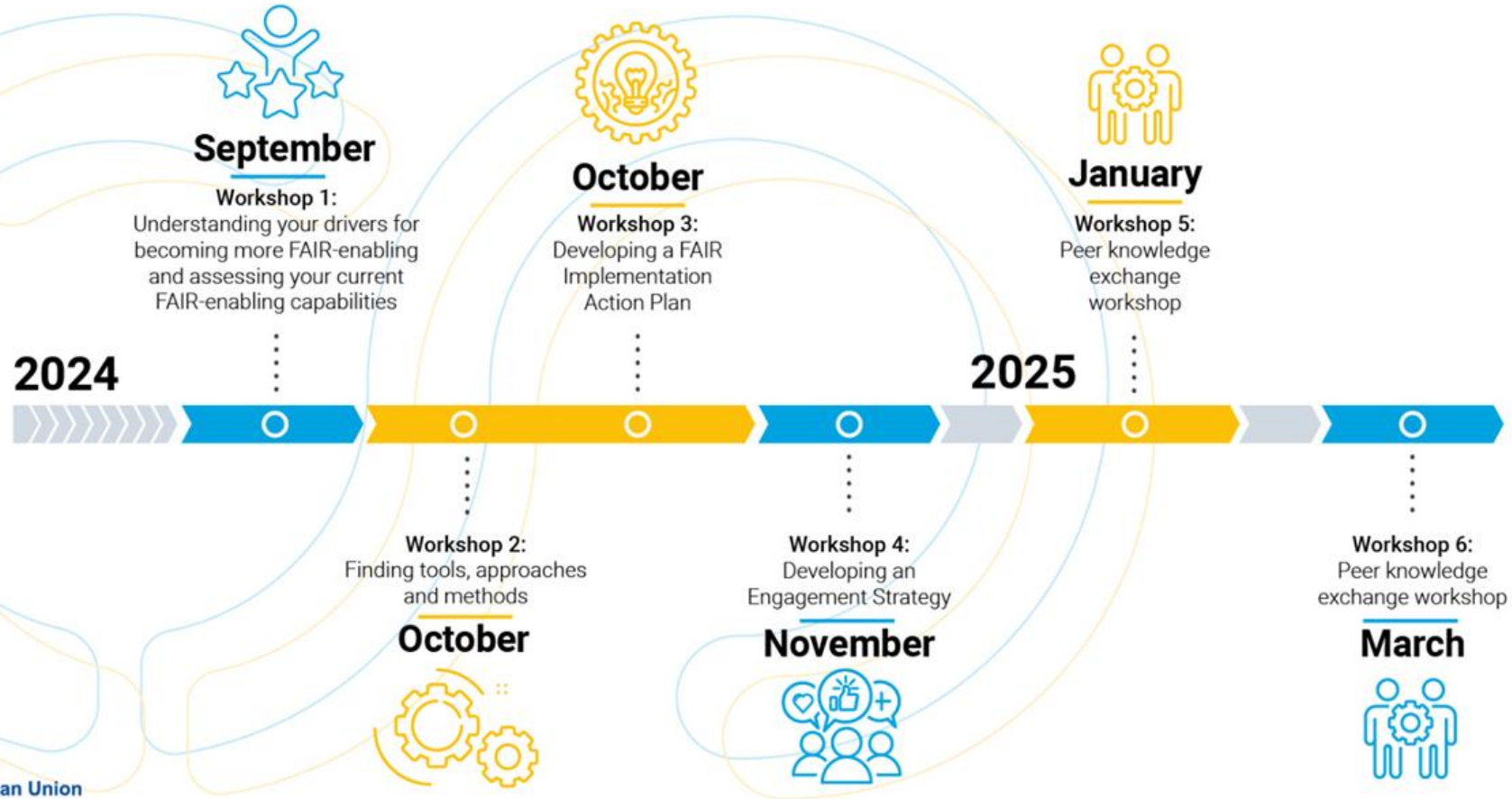

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And in between the workshops:

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** after my participation

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

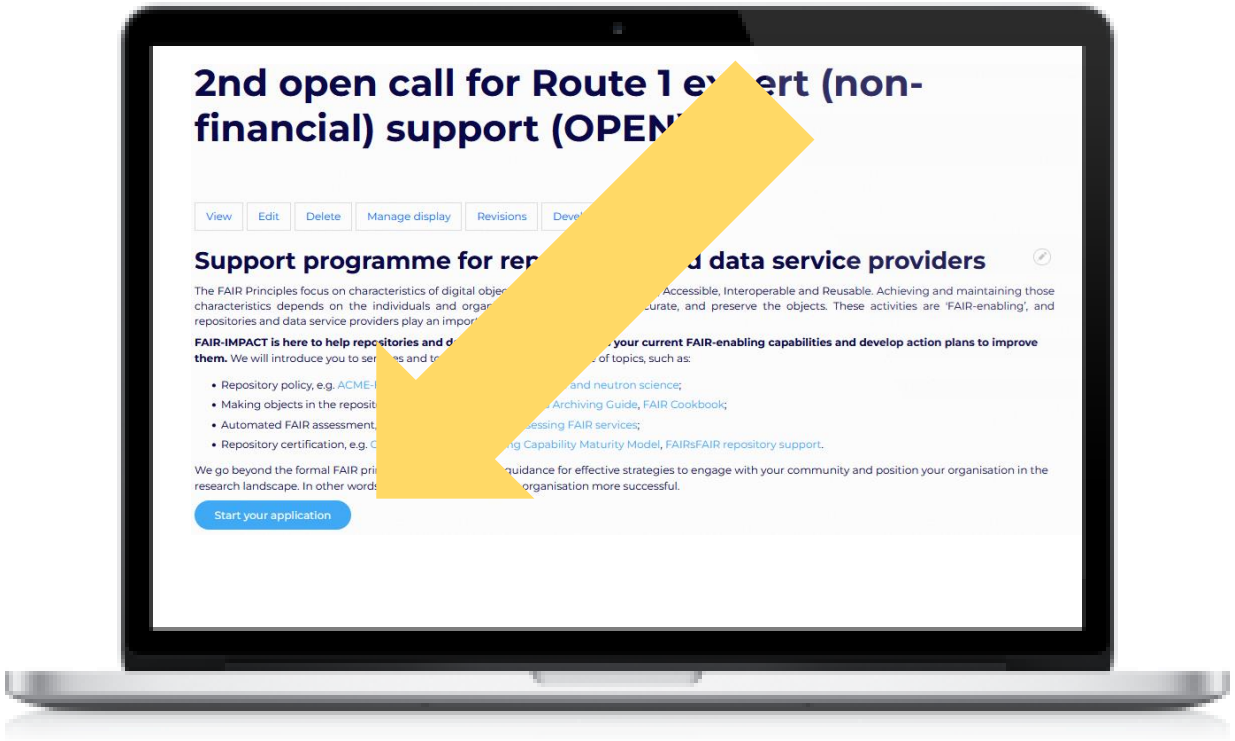
Who can apply?

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

How to Apply - Rita Meneses, Trust-IT

Step 1: Access the Open calls on the Grants Platform

You will be asked to login on the FAIR-IMPACT website first!

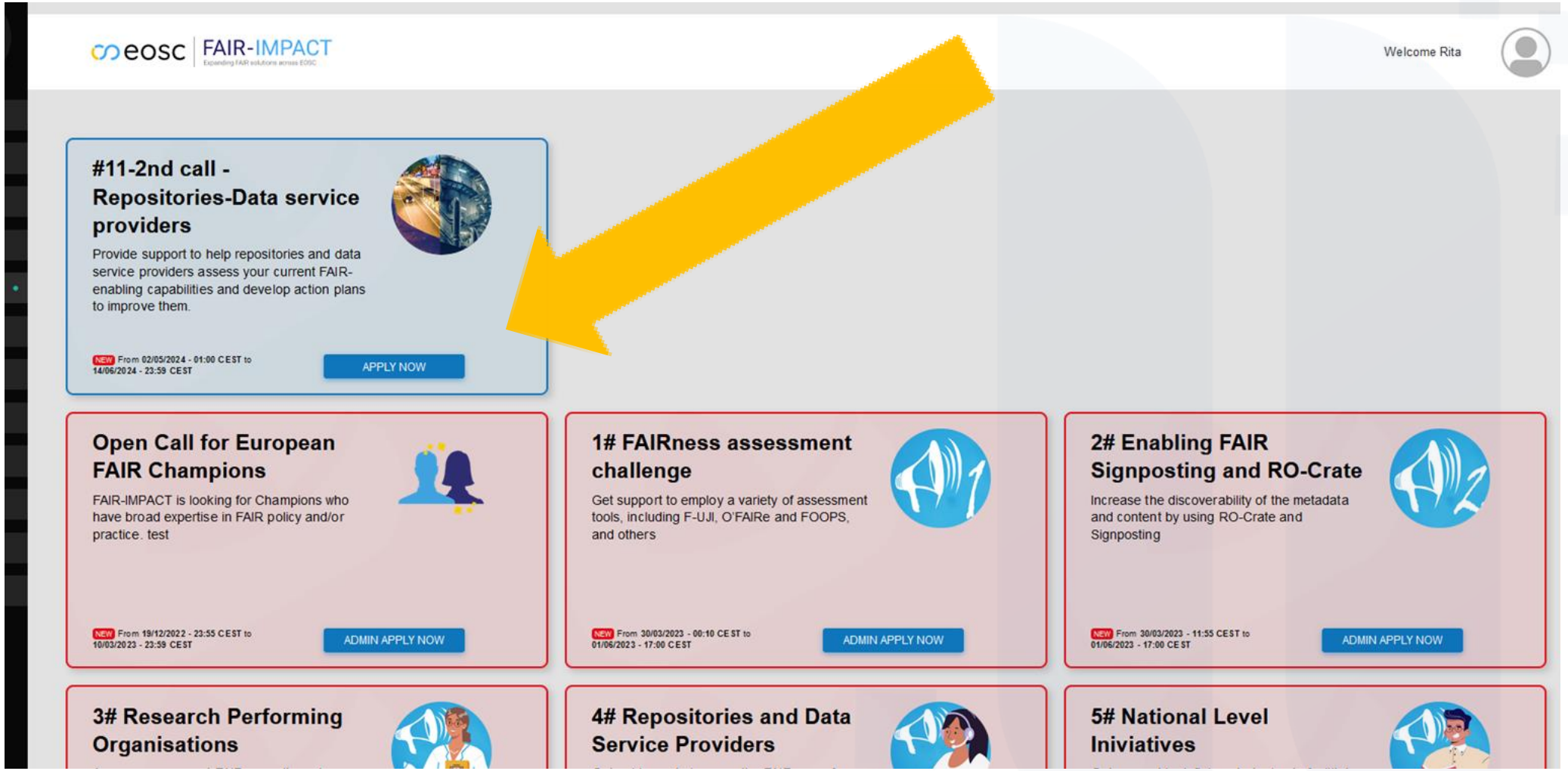


OFFICIAL OPEN CALL INFORMATIVE WEBPAGE https://fair-impact.eu/2nd-open-call-route-1-expert-non-financial-support-open

GRANTS PLATFORM TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

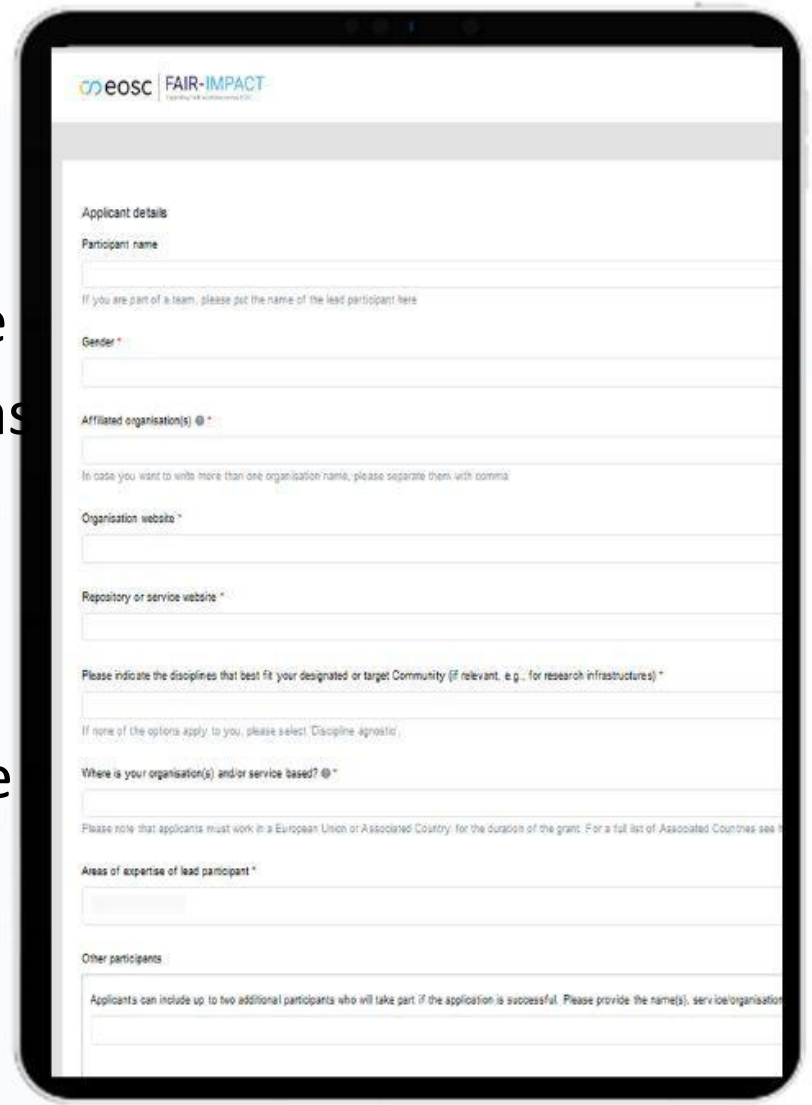
https://grants.fair-impact.eu/dashboard

The TRUST-GRANTS™platform dashboard home



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



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.

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

Q&A

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

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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.

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Additional questions can be sent to

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