# **EOSC CZ Initiative**

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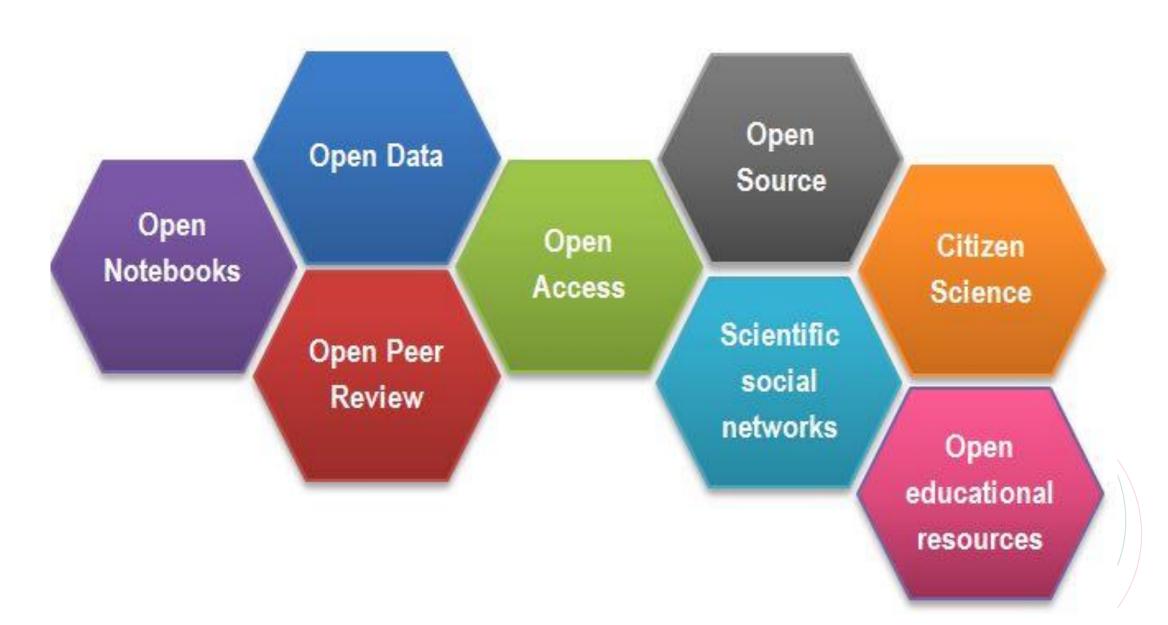




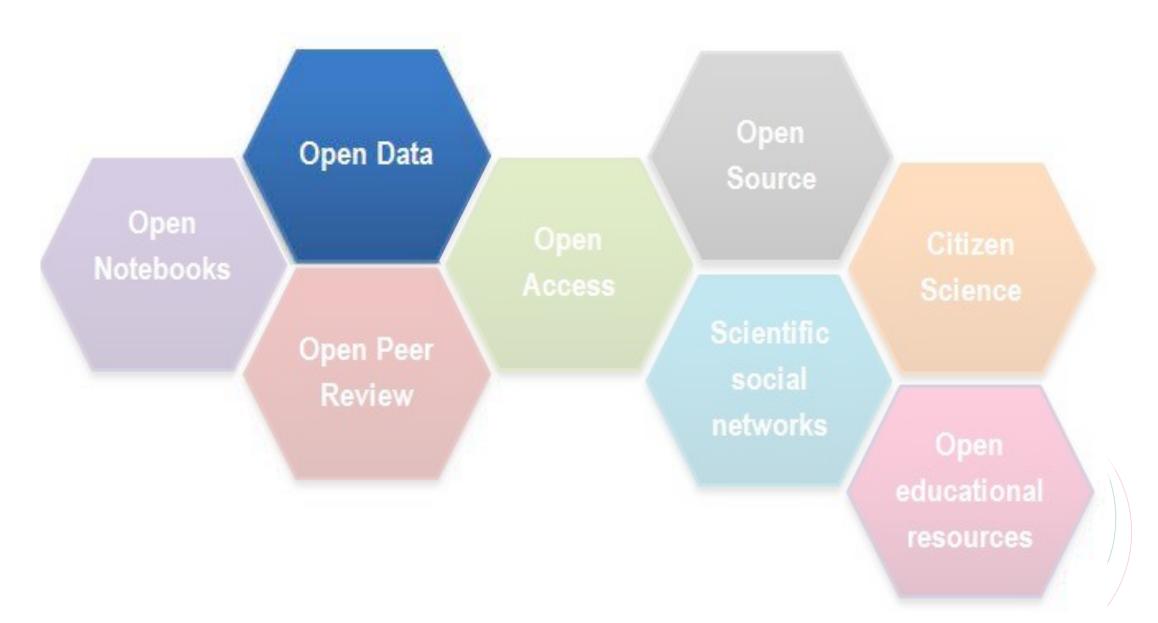
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## OPEN -> FAIR data

- Concept of open data simply can't serve as a guiding principle for all research data
  - Some are sensitive
  - Some have licencing restrictions
  - Some provide competitive advantage
  - Missing incentives

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- Pragmatically, so-called FAIRness of data may and should be pursued
  - Findable
  - Accessible
  - Interoperable
  - Reusable
- FAIR data == well managed data





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- Brief history of research data
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   Platform for FAIR
   research data
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# Brief history of research data





# Chemistry, structural biology and life

- PDB (protein data bank) was established in 1971
  - 60.000 depositors
  - 500.000 data entries: experimentally obtained structures
- A couple of weeks ago, the Nobel Prize for ( was awarded for computational protein design and protein structure prediction -- AlphaFol

Both PDB and AFDB now used by millions for lendless applications such as decomposing pland antibiotic resista



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David Baker

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John M. Jumper

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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024 was divided, one half awarded to David Baker "for computational protein design", the other half jointly to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper "for protein structure prediction"



# Astronomy, physics and the universe

- Since 2000, The Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) collects data of galaxies
  - More than 500 contributors from 13 countries
  - Millions of data entries: 2.5 million galaxies and 400.000 quasars
- Its data helped prove the accelerating expansion of the universe, leading to the Nobel Prize in Phy in 2011 for the discovery of dark energy.
- Currently, it is a resource for for over 10.000 sc and contributed to the discovery of over 500.000 r and 20.000 asteroids



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# Art, provenance, culture and history

- Getty Provenance Index (GPI) exists since 1980
  - Data from more than 50 institutions worldwide, including museums, galleries, and auction houses, as well as individual collectors and research scholars.
  - Over 1.5 million records: over 300,000 individual works of art 270,000 owners and 200,000 auction sales.
- Significant impact on restitution efforts, particularly f looted during World War II, just as the painting called " Girl"
  - by Jean-Baptiste Greuze called
- Big impact on Art History and Provenance Research, sover 1.000 scholarly publications, spanning fields lhistory,
  - economics of the art market, cultural heritage studi and legal research on restitution.





## The EOSC CZ initiative



# European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

- Technological, program and process foundation supporting better research data management
- Including
  - Capacity
  - Tools
  - Access management
  - Interfaces for analysis
  - ...
- Federated not a single product, service or single monolithic environment
- Interconnected across research domains and EU states

## **EOSC CZ** initiative

- EOSC CZ working groups
- Federated ecosystem of FAIR research data and services supporting Czech science
  - National Data Infrastructure (NDI)
  - In its heart, a National Repository Platform (NRP)
- Education and development of skills there is no use of a hammer without a capable hand
- Funded via P JAC via 5 projects / Open Science project calls, together ca 180 mil 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

Systemic Project EOSC CZ

Systemic Project CARDS

First Open Science Call: Single Project of National Repository Platform (NRP)

Second Open Science Call: Project(s) for Thematic Domain Clusters



# 12 working groups

#### 4 cross-cutting

- NDI Architecture
- Metadata
- Core Services
- Education and Human Resources

## 8 thematic working groups

- Bio/Health/Food
- Social Sciences
- Physics
- Humanities and the Arts
- Material Sciences and Technology
- Environmental Sciences
- Data Management for AI and ML
- Sensitive Data





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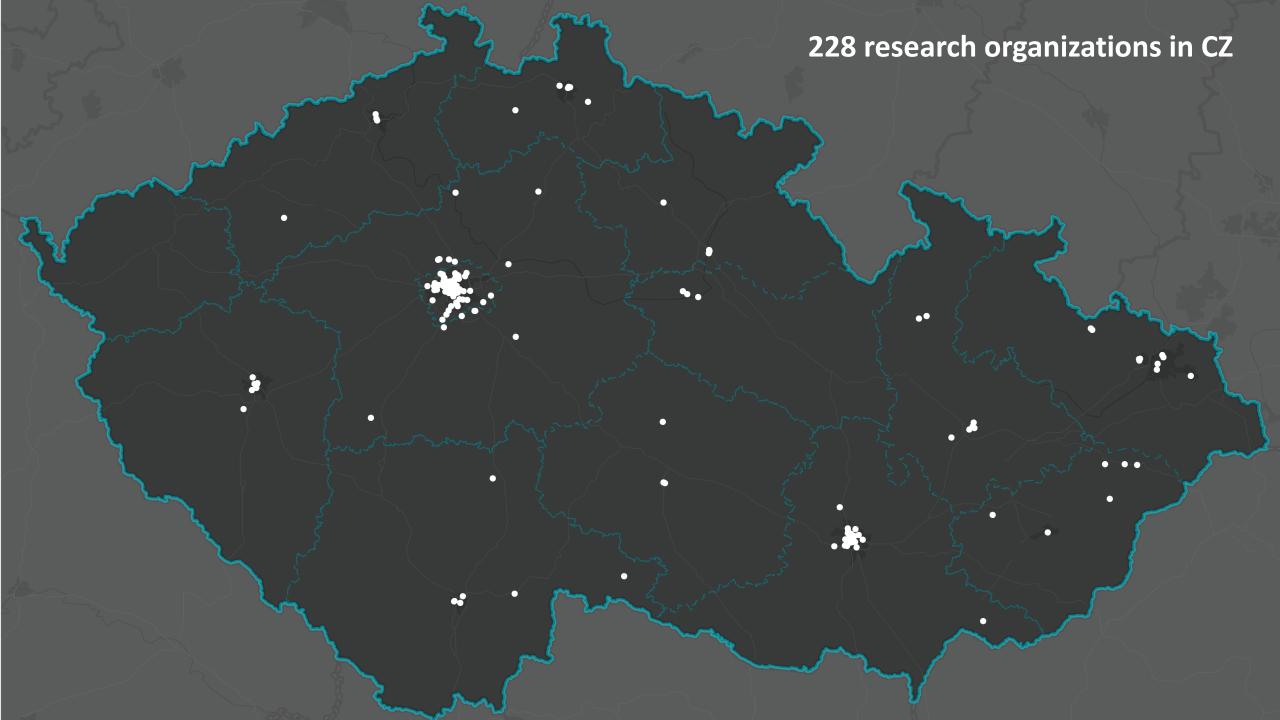


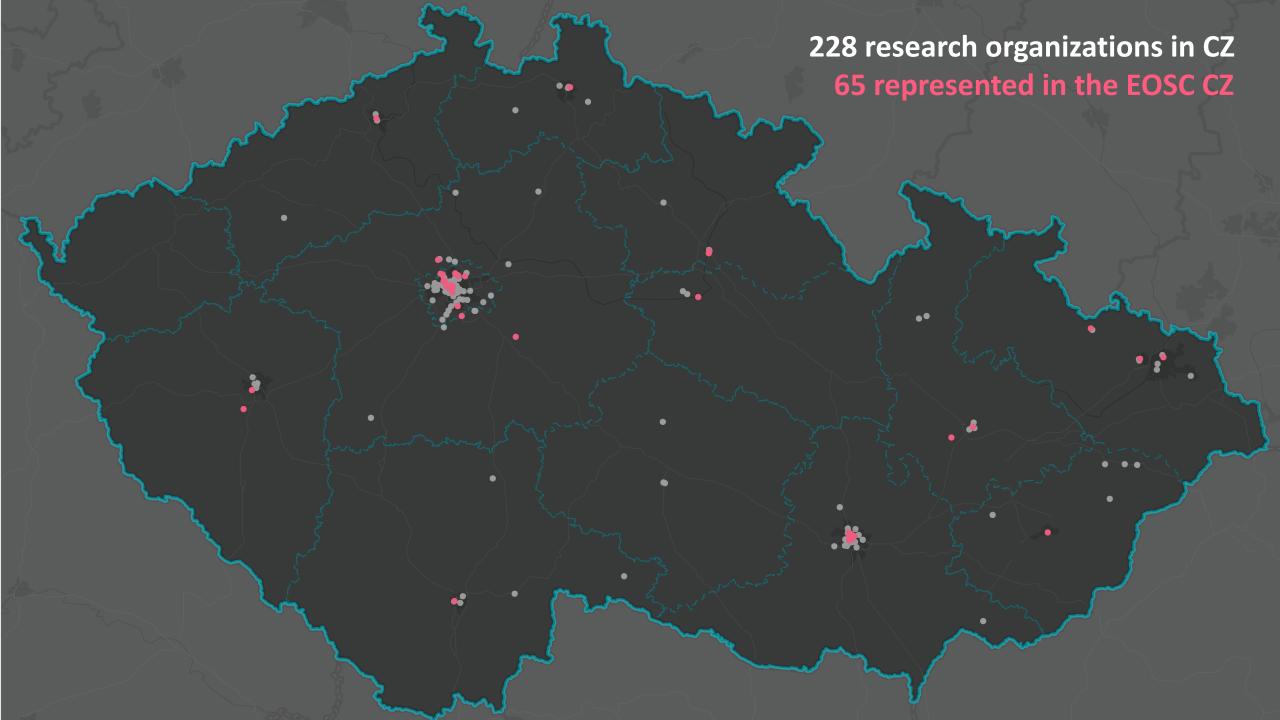
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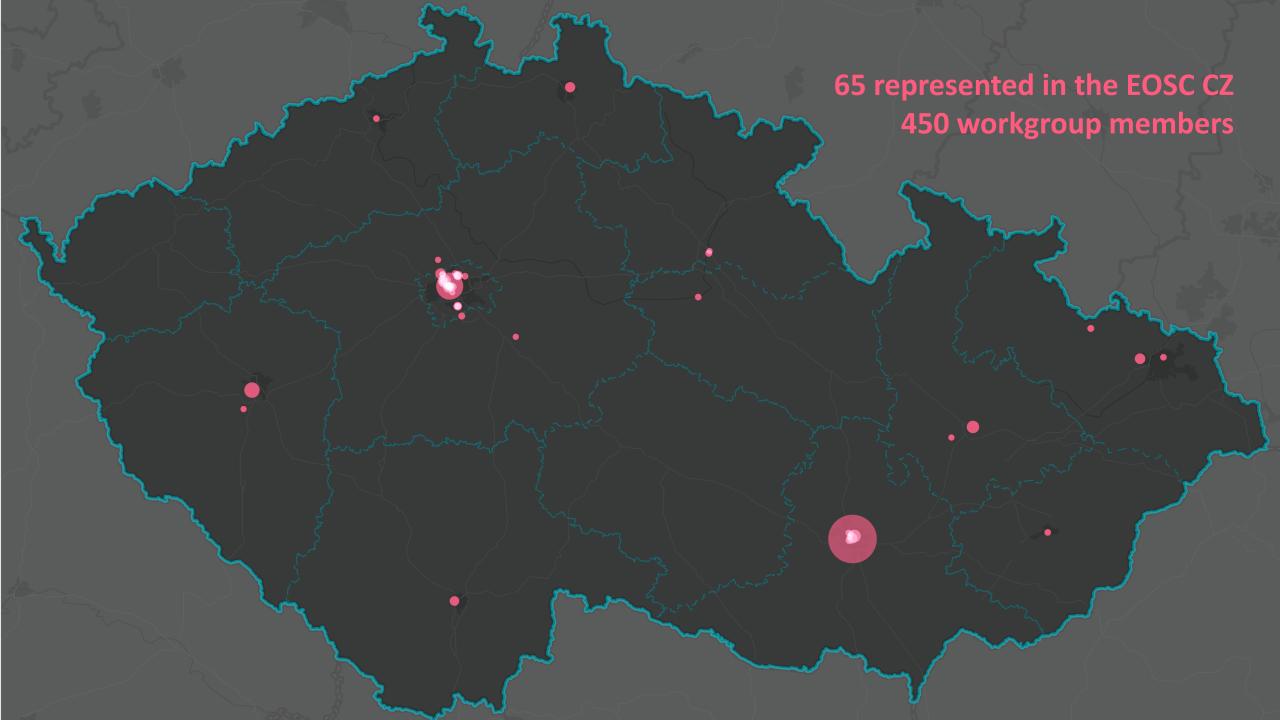
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# **National Czech** con eosc Programme **IPs EOSC-CZ** National Repository Platform (OS I) Domain Repositories, tools and services OS II

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IPs EOSC-CZ (since 2023) - Fundamentals for EOSC implementation in CZ
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- Organizational (EOSC Secretariat) <a href="https://www.eosc.cz/en/secretariat">https://www.eosc.cz/en/secretariat</a>
- Technical (National Metadata Directory) -- <a href="https://nma.eosc.cz/">https://nma.eosc.cz/</a>
- Knowledge and skills (EOSC CZ Training Centre) -- <a href="https://www.eosc.cz/en/training-centre">https://www.eosc.cz/en/training-centre</a>
- Coordinated by Masaryk University, Brno

National repository Platform (OS I, since 2024) - "technical core"

- Architecture of repository platforms (dspace, cesnet invenio, asep arl) (50+ PB user capacity)
- First exemplary repositories
- Core services (PIDs, DSW, licenses, ...)
- Compliance and UX (cybersecurity, ServiceDesk, ...)
- Training technical side of things
- Coordinated by CESNET (Czech NREN)

OS II (since 2025) - "domain specifics"

- Under preparation, content not clear yet
- Based on expertise of the 8 thematic / discipline workgroups
- Bio/Health/Food, Matech, AI & ML, Social Sciences, Physics, Humanities & Arts, Enviro, Sensitive Data
  - see https://www.eosc.cz/en/working-groups
- Coordinated by Charles University

OS III (???, since 2026???)



## Czech National Data Infrastructure



# On repositories

- Definition information system for digital archivation, i.e. to provide storage, security, integrity, authenticity and access to digital documents in long-term.
- Practical take data storage with metadata, access control and responsibility for the data
- Number of types
  - Institutional e.g. for a specific university
  - Thematic / Domain e.g. Protein Data Bank
  - Generic (catch-all) e.g. Zenodo
  - National, ...
- Number of attractive properties
  - Typically free, secure, licence-respecting, available, indexed, possibly with additional services supporting FAIR principles
  - Trustworthiness
    - i.e. CoreTrustSeal, Nestor Seal, ISO
    - guarantees regarding licences, policies, etical standards, integrity, ...

# Infrastructure components

- Repository platform
  - Number of platforms -- CESNET Invenio, Clarin-DSpace, ASEP ARL, Islandora
  - Total of 50+ PB of user data storage capacity
  - Offered to research communities to create and operate specific repositories

## Services

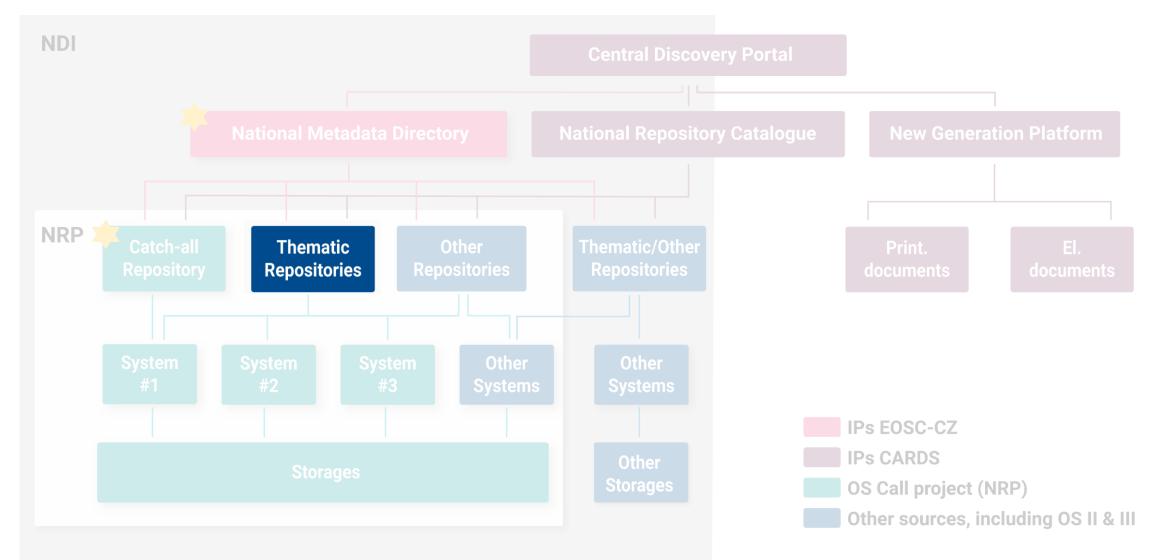
- Support for Data Management Planning
- Support for persistent identifiers
- AAI
- FAIRificator
- Interfaces to computing environments for analysis
- ...

## Training and education

- EOSC Training centre
- CZ Data Steward community
- Methodological support for platforms, DMP and more



# National Data Infrastructure (NDI)







## e-INFRA CZ





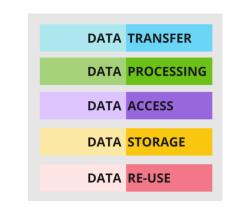
## e-INFRA CZ

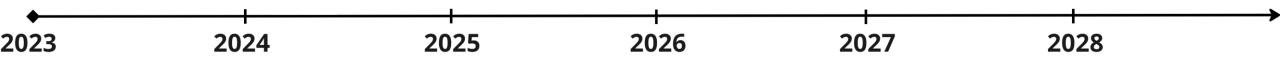
Single national e-INFRASTRUCTURE, consortium of three:

CESNET is an association of universities and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, which operates and develops the national e-infrastructure for science, research, and education, including a computer network, computational grids, data storage, collaboration environments, and offers a wide range of services.

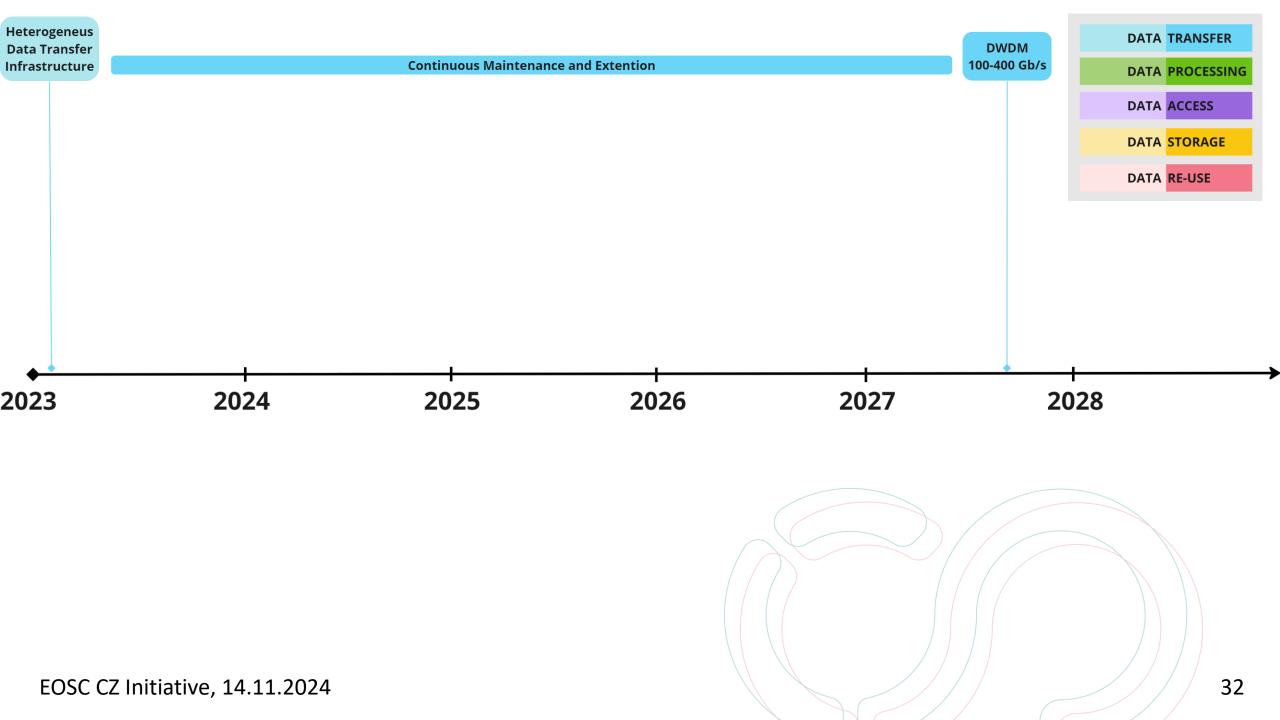
IT4Innovations National Supercomputing Center at VSB - Technical University of Ostrava is a leading research, development, and innovation center in the field of high-performance computing (HPC), data analysis (HPDA), artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing (QC), and their applications in other scientific, industrial, and societal fields, operating the most powerful supercomputing systems in the Czech Republic.

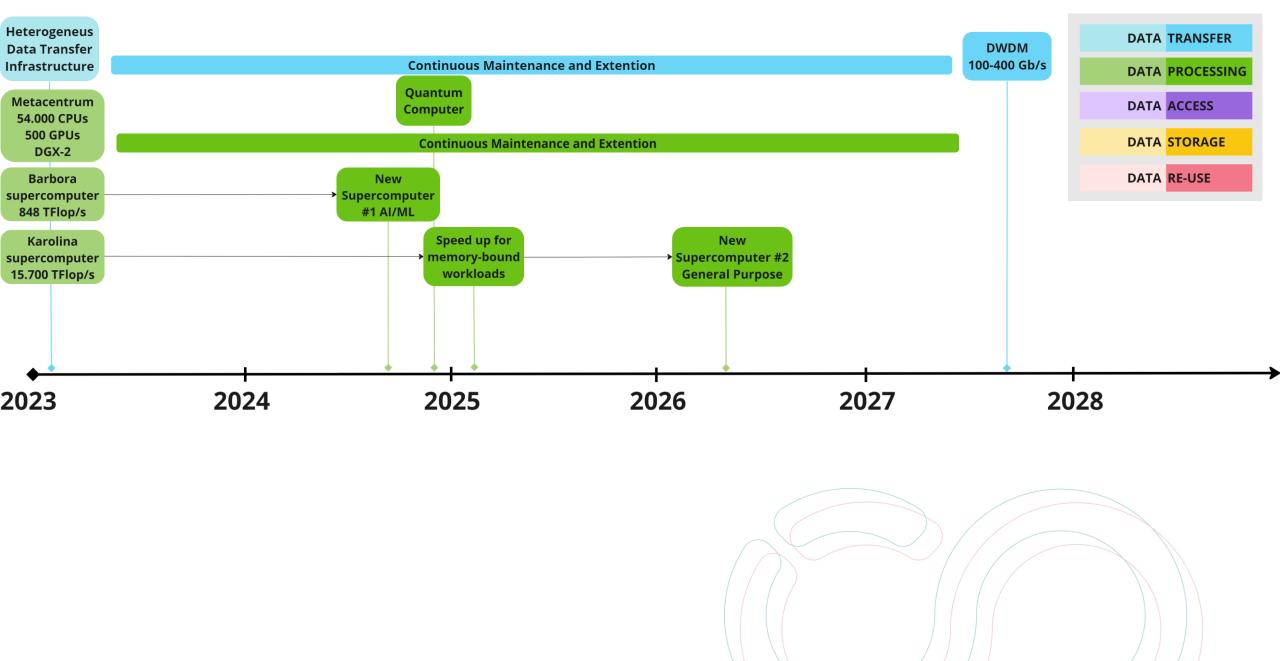
CERIT-SC at Masaryk University is a national center operating computational and data infrastructure for research and development.

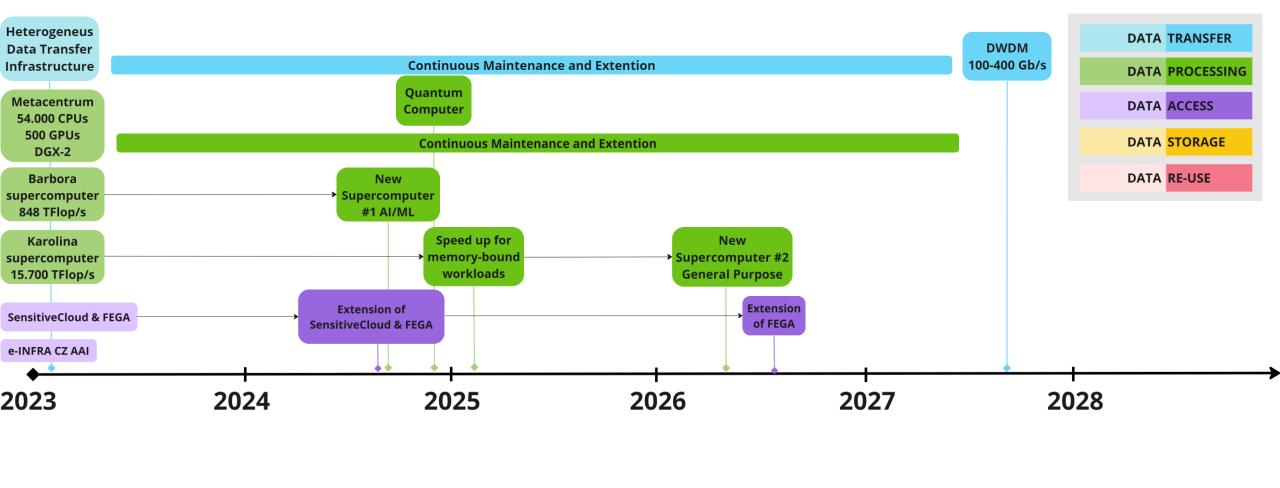


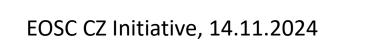


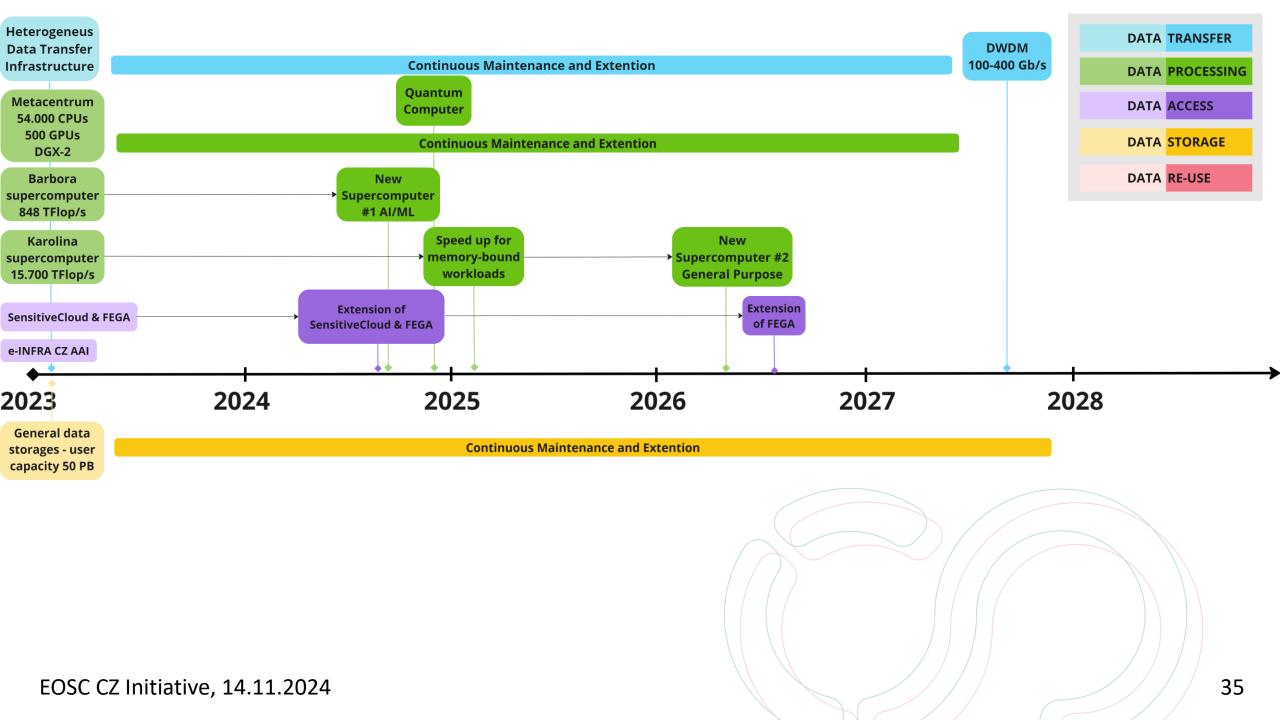


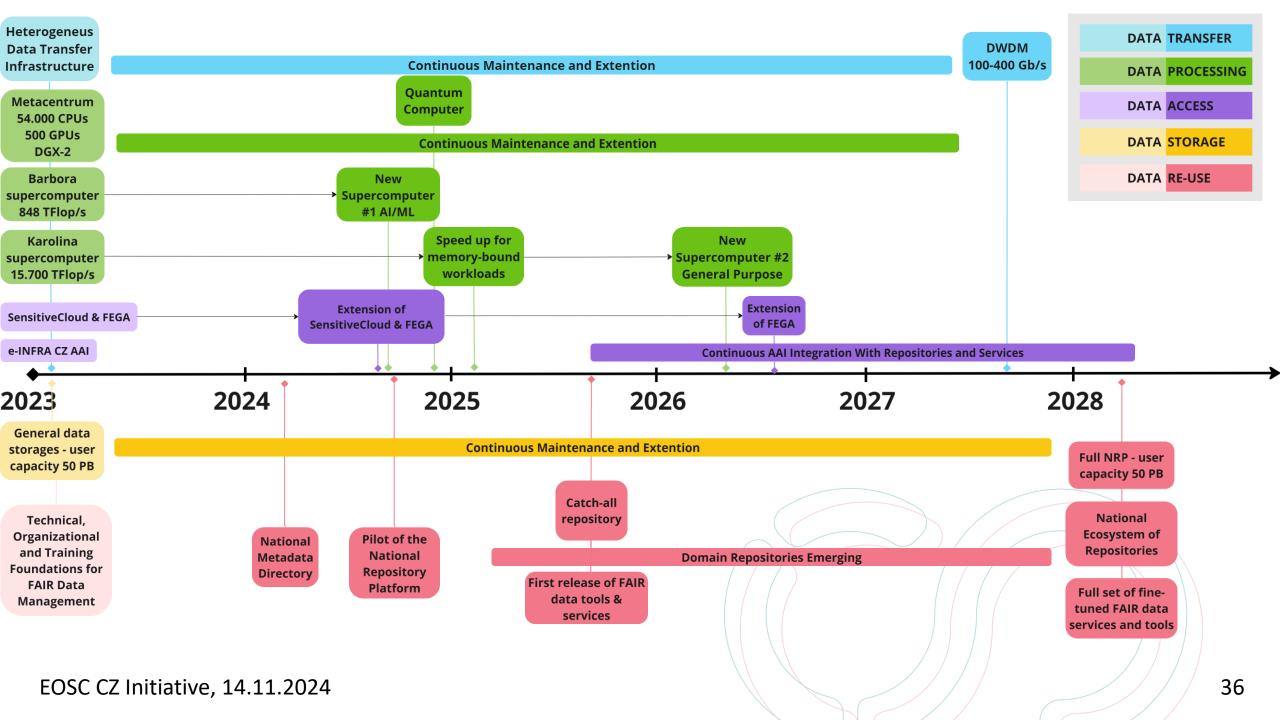












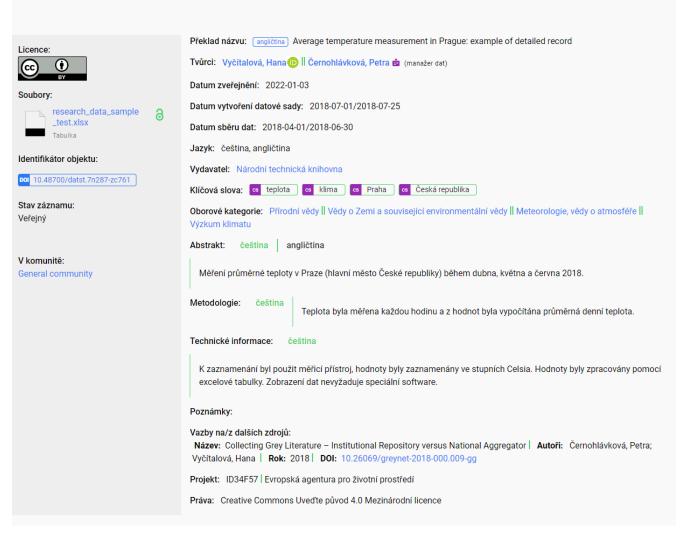


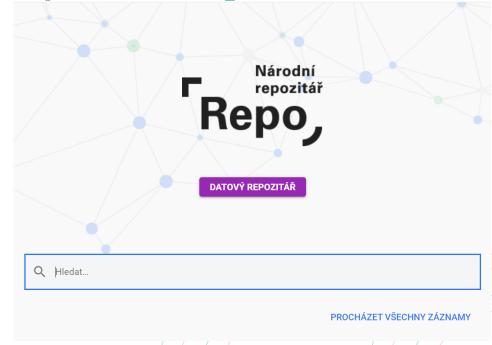
# First glimpses at the EOSC CZ services



# National "catch-all pilot" Repository

detailní záznam Měření průměrné teploty v Praze: vzorový detailní záznam



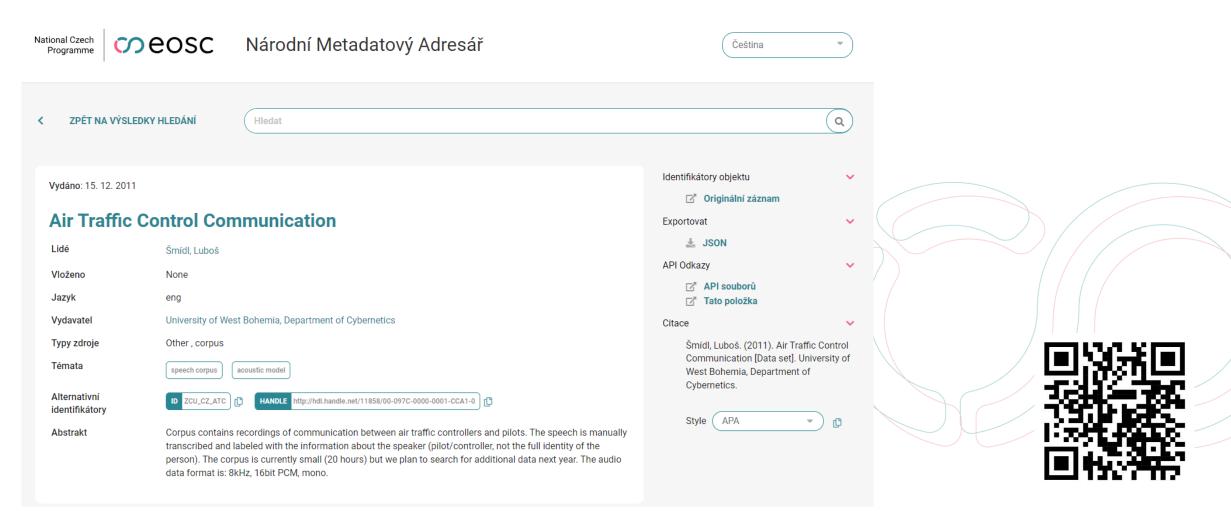


- Files up to 500 GB
- Supports DOI for easy referencing



# National Metadata Directory

• Single point of contact for research data – uniform format and metadata



Služby V

## Identifikátory CZ – Portal for Persistent



Domů / Identifikátory

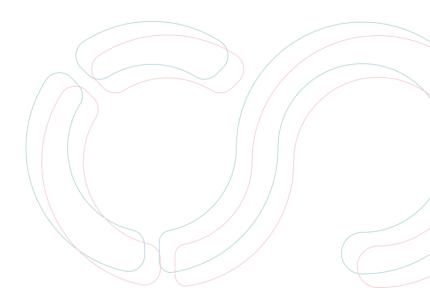
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## Identifikátory

Zjistěte víc o jednotlivých perzistentních identifikátorech (PID). Perzistentní identifikátory jsou nástroje, které slouží k jednoznačné identifikaci osob, organizací a dalších objektů (např. knih, článků, datových sad) v systému vědecké komunikace.

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## Sensitive Cloud

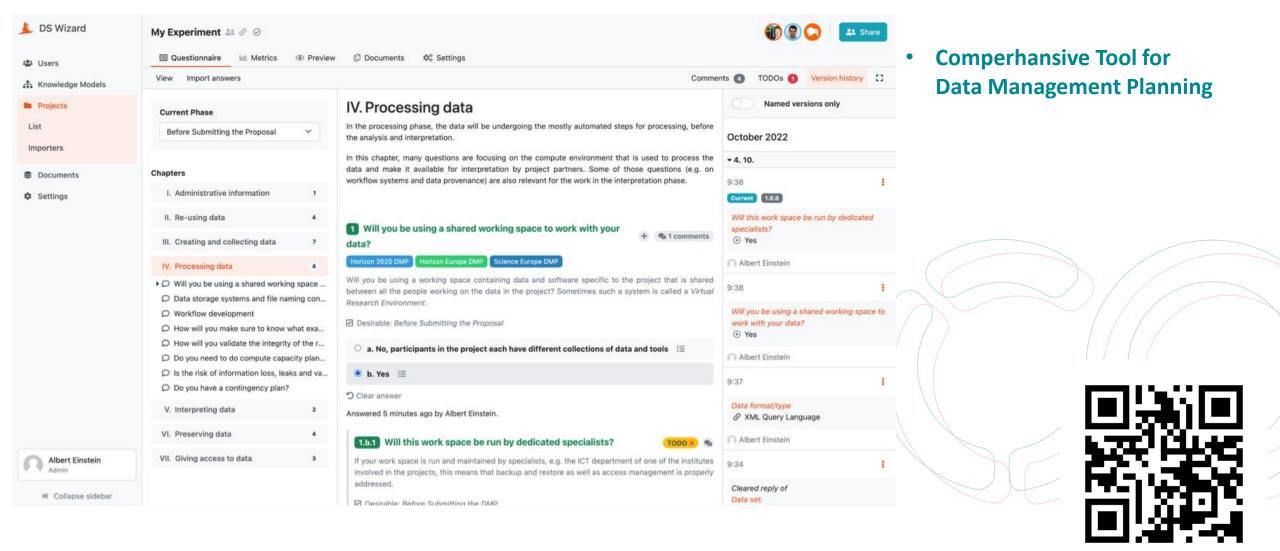
## **Environment for processing sensitive data**

- Virtual desktop
- Computing resources
- Secure applications
- Storing, sharing and cooperation on sensitive data
- VPN, Kubernetes



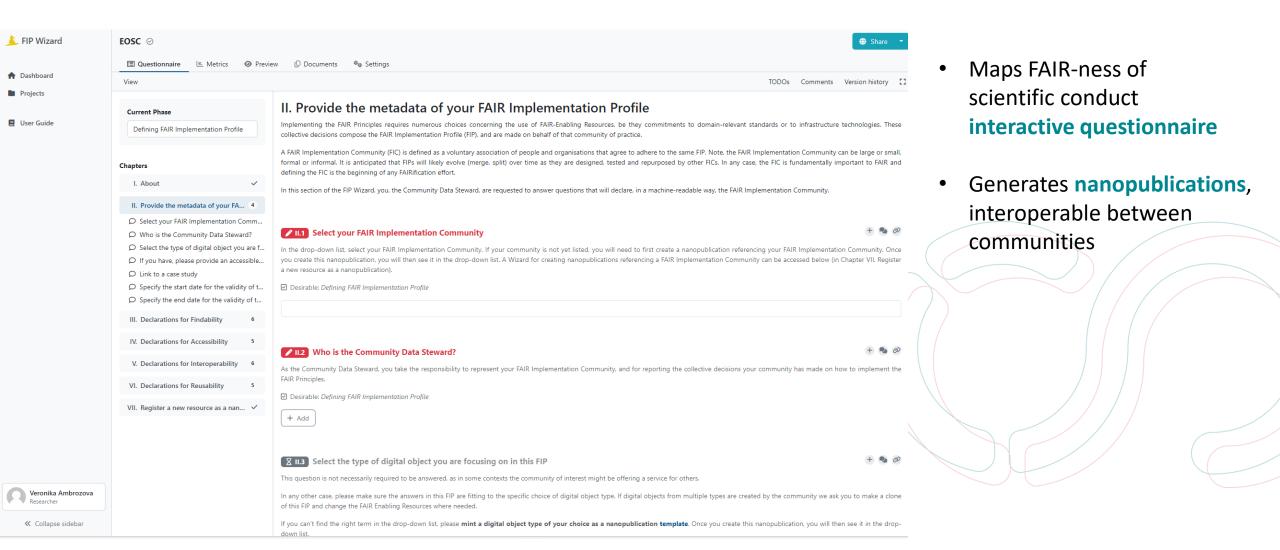


# Data Stewardship Wizard



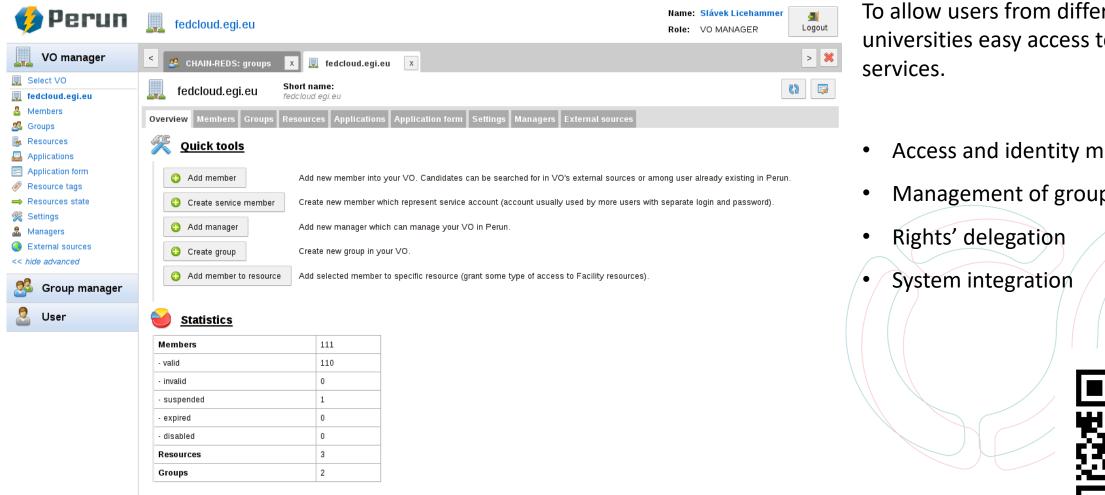


# FIP Wizard (fair implementation profile)





## Authentication and authorization infrastructure (AAI)



To allow users from different universities easy access to data and

- Access and identity management
- Management of groups and roles

#### National Czech Programme





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#### EOSC CZ: Towards the development of Czech national ecosystem for FAIR research data

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Abstract—This short paper presents a compact overview of Of Sciences and Research Infrastructures. Examples are enthe Czech approach to implementing the European Open Science vironments such as LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ [13] for natural Cloud and plans for developing a Czech national infrastructure for FAIR research data. Its purpose is to provide an all-encompassing summary of the near future of research data management in Czechia. As such, we deliberately attempt to explain complicated concepts in minimum words, sacrificing the precision of expression for compactness.

Index Terms-EOSC, EOSC CZ, FAIR data, National Data Infrastructure, National Repository Platform, Open Science

#### I. INTRODUCTION

HE importance of data in research is continuously rising. while approaches to store, manage and share these data seem to fall behind. The value of the data is reduced by their considerable heterogeneity and lack of structure, which leads to low reproducibility and hinders scientific progress. Open Science (OS) [1] seeks to address some of these current issues. focusing on data availability and sharing, urging for more colaboration and emphasising research integrity. European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) [3], [4] is an international initiative that builds on the Open Science principles. EOSC seeks to create a common European research environment [5] to store, share and re-use research data and other digital objects without barriers. We call such data and objects FAIR [2] (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable).

#### II. EOSC CZ - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FOR FAIR RESEARCH DATA

The establishment of fundamental principles for the Czech national EOSC implementation took place in 2021, resulting in the document called Architecture of EOSC implementation in the Czech Republic [6]. The document represents the official start of the EOSC CZ initiative [7]. The primary tangible outcome of this initiative will be a National Repository Platform (NRP) - a core component of the National Data Infrastructure (NDI), NRP will be a federated ecosystem of distinct technological layers (see Fig. []) and associated services (see below).

The data infrastructure will complement the existing Czech national e-infrastructure e-INFRA CZ [11] with all its services. NDI will be fully integrated at the European level [12] NRP will interconnect with the already running parts of NDI; data repositories and services held at universities. Czech Academy

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language processing, Czech-BioImaging [14] for biological and medical imaging or EIRENE RI [15] for human exposome.

Next to the repositories themselves, the initiative plans deploy and integrate several FAIR data-related services designed for NDI users. Notably:

- · Central Discovery Portal (CDP) integrated into the New Generation Platform (PNG) will ensure the searchability and availability of all types of resources (electronic digitized and printed) and research results. · National Metadata Directory to search in NDI metadata
- · Single Authentication and Authorization Infrastructure (AAI) solution Perun [16] to guarantee data accessibility. Support for data management planning via Data Steward-
- . Support for Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) [18].
- · Support for data FAIRification.

ship Wizard [17]

- Data mgmt. tools such as OneData [19] or iRODS [20].
- Training [21] and university courses on data management.

#### III. ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Researchers' engagement is vital for the EOSC CZ's success. Since 2021, as a reaction to the EOSC CZ Architecture document, 12 EOSC CZ working groups [22] have been established through a self-organizing community effort. These groups will be operational during the entire EOSC CZ initiative, and registration is continuously open to new potential members. A list of their members is publicly available Currently, the initiative is in its initial implementation phase and the active participation of scientists in the working groups



Fig. 1. NDI and NRP blueprint with five abstraction layers. Bottom-up systems - CESNET Invenio [8], CLARIN-DSpace [9] and ASEP/ARL [10] and support all relevant research data management needs of esearch communities.

onen Science coordination team within the National Library of fechnology. On top of that, collaboration is being established with the already existing national Open Science communities:

- Libraries of Czech Universities,
- · members of the institutional Open Science centres within Czech academic institutions.

IV. How to benefit from the EOSC CZ outcomes

whole research community regardless of their active participaion in the EOSC CZ initiative. The EOSC CZ Secretariat [23] and Training Centre [21] are already operational, providing onsultancy, seminars and workshops for the Czech research cosystem. The National Metadata Directory will be deployed n 2024, followed by the NRP with a portion of core services in 2025. By this time, the first domain and other repositories should also be emerging. This first phase will be completed in 2026, with an entire NRP and its services available. The initiative will concurrently foster the development of data nanagement and other related skills for all Czech academia nembers. It will also encourage the systemic formation of data teward and curator roles across the academic ecosystem.

bjective of the EOSC CZ initiative.

The EOSC CZ initiative has active collaborators who sigificantly exceed the authors of this paper. Out of these, we yould namely like to acknowledge the contributions of Radka Římanová, Klára Slanařová, Petra Černohlávková, Martin Svooda, Miroslav Bartošek, David Antoš and Michal Růžička.

Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) upports the EOSC CZ initiative [24] via two systemic projects and three open science calls

- organizational technical and training environment.
- . IPs CARDS coordinated by National Library of Technology, supported with 56 mil. EUR, to provide support for PIDs, research data description, and deliver the PNG. · OS Call I, with an allocation of 50 mils. EUR, to create
- port domain-specific data management, repositories and
- related services over the NRP.

the main guarantor for the NDI ecosystem to encompass

The initiative is also closely connected with the National

- · Open Science working groups of the Association of
- · national Data Steward Community and

The NDI's ecosystem of services will be offered to the

With this infrastructure, any reasonably interested Czech cientist should have sufficient information. know-how skills nstitutional support, and services to store, share, and reuse esearch data efficiently. These ambitions summarize the main

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- · Individual Systemic Project (IPs) EOSC-CZ, coordinated by Masaryk University with two additional partners. supported with 18 mil. EUR to provide a fundamental
- the NRP its core services and related training . OS Call II, with an allocation of 36 mil. EUR to sup-
- · OS Call III, scope of which is currently under discussion

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