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About SCOSS

The Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS) (https://scoss.org/) is a network of influential organizations committed to helping secure the sustainability of Open Science Infrastructure.

By Open Science Infrastructure, we primarily mean the non commercial organizations whose tools and services are essential to the delivery of Open Science, but whose work is so often invisible to those who depend upon them.

SCOSS provides the framework and funding structure, vetting potential candidates based on a defined set of criteria. The most eligible of those that pass the vigorous evaluation are then presented to the global community of Open Science stakeholders with an appeal for monetary support in a crowdfunding-style approach.

Having successfully supported two cohorts of organizations seeking funding, we are seeking the views of our stakeholders and the wider research community about Open Science Infrastructure, the mechanisms through which it should be supported, and what role SCOSS should play.

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About the survey

We are very grateful to you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help shape the goals and priorities of SCOSS over the next few years and influence which organizations we support.

Completing the survey will take approximately 15 minutes. You can download the PDF of the survey here: https://sparceurope.org/download/9755/

Although we would like you to answer every question, only those questions marked with an asterisk * are mandatory. You may withdraw from the survey at any time and your responses will still be recorded.

The survey is in English. We appreciate English responses but we realize that this may be challenging for some of you. Free-text questions can be answered in other languages but we are primarily dependent on automatic tools to translate these.

You may supply your name & contact details at the end of the survey to be informed of survey outcomes & if you are willing to take part in a focus group or 1:1 interview as part of our process. This is entirely optional.

Answers will be reported in aggregate in a report; personal data will be removed before the dataset is deposited on Zenodo with a CC0 licence.
For more information on our privacy policy, see https://sparceurope.org/privacy-policy/

We are asking people to respond in the context of their roles at different organizations in the research sector. As such:

If you know of someone within your organization who has more direct relationships with Open Science Infrastructure, then please feel free to forward the survey onto them.

If you hold roles at more than one organization please respond more than once as your answer may well be different at each.

This survey is managed by **SPARC Europe**.
If you have any questions, please mail us at survey@sparceurope.org

The survey deadline is end of Monday, 19 July 2021

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About you and your organization

* 1. What is your organization's continent of residence?

○ Africa ○ Antarctica ○ Asia ○ Europe ○ North America ○ Oceania ○ South America

* 2. What is your organization's country of residence?

[▲▼]

[   ]

* 3. Do you hold decision making authority over budgets from which infrastructure is or could be funded?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

* 4. What type of organization do you work for?

[▲▼]

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* 5. What type of organization?

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6. What is the name of your organization?

7. What is your role or position at the organization?

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Focus groups and interviews

* 8. Are you willing for SCOSS to contact you directly to take part in a direct interview or focus group as part of the research the organization is conducting as it develops its strategy?

○ Yes

○ No

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Contact details

9. Address

Name	
Organization	
Email Address	

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About Open Science Infrastructure

10. How familiar are you with Open Science Infrastructure and the organizations which provide it?

○ Extremely familiar

○ Very familiar

○ Somewhat familiar

○ Not so familiar

○ Not at all familiar

○ Don't know

11. In your opinion, what types of Open Science Infrastructure should be prioritised for funding? (preferably select no more than three)

☐ Open publishing services, tools and platforms

☐ FAIR Open Access repository services

☐ Legal support services including open licensing

☐ Discovery services and indexes

☐ Interoperability and information exchange services

☐ Open citation, bibliometric, metric, and impact services

☐ Services supporting new computational research methods, including data analysis

☐ Open Humanities infrastructure

☐ Text & data mining and machine learning

☐ Social networks for research

☐ Open research data infrastructure and services

☐ Open reproducible research tools including electronic lab notebooks, preprint services and pre-registration

☐ Open authoring tools including annotations and references

☐ Maintaining metadata standards including open identifiers

☐ Other (please specify)

12. What criteria would you prioritise when considering which Open Science Infrastructure initiatives to support? (preferably select no more than three)

- [ ] Significance - local
- [ ] Significance - global
- [ ] Interoperability
- [ ] Community governance
- [ ] Uniqueness of solution
- [ ] Innovation of solution
- [ ] Urgency of need for funding
- [ ] Organizational resilience
- [ ] Serves specific linguistic community
- [ ] Serves specific subject community
- [ ] Other (please specify)

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13. What types of organizations do you think should fund Open Science Infrastructure? (please select all that apply)

- [ ] Association of universities
- [ ] Charity
- [ ] Collective funding initiative
- [ ] Government - national
- [ ] Government - regional
- [ ] Government - local
- [ ] Library - university
- [ ] Library - non-university
- [ ] Library association
- [ ] Library funding consortia
- [ ] Open Science / Open Education Advocacy organization
- [ ] Open Science Infrastructure provider
- [ ] Research funders
- [ ] Research intensive university
- [ ] Non-research intensive university
- [ ] Service providers (including publishers, pharmaceutical companies and other commercial entities)
- [ ] Other (please specify)

  [   ]

- [ ] Don't know

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14. How familiar are you with SCOSS?

- ◯ Extremely familiar
- ◯ Very familiar
- ◯ Somewhat familiar
- ◯ Not so familiar
- ◯ Not at all familiar
- ◯ Don't know

15. How familiar are you with how SCOSS operates?

- ◯ Extremely familiar
- ◯ Very familiar
- ◯ Somewhat familiar
- ◯ Not so familiar
- ◯ Not at all familiar
- ◯ Don't know

16. How effective do you feel that SCOSS has been in helping sustain Open Science Infrastructure?

- ◯ Extremely effective
- ◯ Very effective
- ◯ Somewhat effective
- ◯ Not so effective
- ◯ Not at all effective
- ◯ Don't know

17. Can you please explain your response to the previous question? (optional)

* 18. Are you aware of initiatives other than SCOSS which facilitate funding to Open Science Infrastructure?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Don't know

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19. Which initiatives other than SCOSS are you aware of? (optional)

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20. How important do you think SCOSS is currently as a source of support to Open Science Infrastructure?

○ Extremely important

○ Very important

○ Somewhat important

○ Not so important

○ Not at all important

○ Don't know

21. In the future, do you think SCOSS will be needed as a source of support to Open Science Infrastructure?

○ Yes, for many years

○ Yes, for the next few years

○ No

○ Not sure

22. Can you please explain your response to the previous question? (optional)

23. What types of Open Science Infrastructure initiatives should an intermediary like SCOSS prioritise for support? (preferably select no more than three)

- [ ] Open publishing services, tools and platforms
- [ ] FAIR Open Access repository services
- [ ] Legal support services including open licensing
- [ ] Discovery services and indexes
- [ ] Interoperability and information exchange services
- [ ] Open citation, bibliometric, metric, and impact services
- [ ] Services supporting new computational research methods, including data analysis
- [ ] Open Humanities infrastructure
- [ ] Text & Data Mining and machine learning
- [ ] Social networks for research
- [ ] Open research data infrastructure
- [ ] Open reproducible research tools including electronic lab notebooks, preprint services and pre-registration
- [ ] Open authoring tools including annotations and references
- [ ] Maintaining metadata standards including open identifiers
- [ ] Other (please specify)

24. How important is it that an intermediary like SCOSS promotes open practices in the infrastructure it supports?

- ( ) Extremely important
- ( ) Very important
- ( ) Somewhat important
- ( ) Not so important
- ( ) Not at all important
- ( ) Don't know

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About applying to SCOSS

* 25. Has your organization submitted an application to SCOSS?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

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26. Was your application to SCOSS successful?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Don't know

27. How satisfied were you with the SCOSS process?

◯ Very satisfied

◯ Satisfied

◯ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

◯ Dissatisfied

◯ Very dissatisfied

◯ Don't know

28. How satisfied were you with the communications you received as part of the process, including feedback?

◯ Very satisfied

◯ Satisfied

◯ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

◯ Dissatisfied

◯ Very dissatisfied

◯ Don't know

29. How do you believe the process could be changed or improved?

30. Have you applied for funding for this service elsewhere?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

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About applying to other organizations

31. What type of organization(s) did you apply to? (please select all that apply)

☐ Charity

☐ Collective funding initiative

☐ Government - national

☐ Government - regional

☐ Government - local

☐ Library funding consortia

☐ Open Science / Open Education Advocacy organization

☐ Research funders

☐ Other (please specify)

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About pledging funding to SCOSS selected initiatives

* 32. Has your organization pledged funding to one or more of SCOSS's selected initiatives?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

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About pledging funding to SCOSS selected initiatives

33. Which supported infrastructure did your organization pledge to support? (please select all that apply)

- [ ] DOAJ
- [ ] Sherpa Romeo
- [ ] DOAB / OAPEN
- [ ] OpenCitations
- [ ] PKP
- [ ] Don't know

34. Please explain in as much detail as possible why your organization chose to support those supported infrastructure(s) and why you did not support others?

35. How satisfied are you with the process of pledging support to SCOSS selected initiatives?

- ( ) Very satisfied
- ( ) Satisfied
- ( ) Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ( ) Dissatisfied
- ( ) Very dissatisfied
- ( ) Don't know

36. How would you rate the quality of communication from SCOSS?

○ Very high quality

○ High quality

○ Neither high nor low quality

○ Low quality

○ Very low quality

○ Don't know

37. Is SCOSS needed to connect your organization and the Open Science Infrastructure initiatives that you would like to support?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

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Thank you & further contact

38. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey - is there anything else you would like to add?