



Public summary of the 51st e-IRG delegates meeting Brussels 27 November 2017

EC update on EOSC and EuroHPC

Carmela Asero from DG RTD stated that there are not many updates since the October e-IRG meeting in Tallinn. There is a discussion with MS+AC about the governance models of the EOSC. The Commission is working on the EOSC Roadmap. A strategic plan has been prepared that includes also the Roadmap. It is a bulk document in the form of a presentation. It has been disclosed to the MS within ERAC at the end of October. The EOSC Executive Board is envisaged to be making funding proposals to the MS (Strategic Board) for decision. The EOSC EB is mainly responsible for monitoring and execution.

Update on Go-FAIR

An update on the Go-FAIR initiative was given. Go-FAIR intends to stimulate and align discussions between “government” (policy, funders), “users” (very diverse, sometimes organised in communities, national and cross-border), and “e-infrastructures” (hardware, software, support, e-science, etc./ local, national and international). Such a “triangle” of stakeholders is important. National nodes in France, Germany and the Netherlands are being setup.

Future role of e-IRG

The questionnaire results about the future role of e-IRG were presented. It was also stated that there are a lot of ministerial representatives in e-IRG nowadays. Three parallel breakout sessions were organised and the results of the sessions were presented.

Summary and Conclusions from the breakout sessions

During the breakout sessions several points were discussed and at the following plenary session decisions were taken. More specifically, on the question whether e-IRG should deal with both short-term and long-term issues of e-Infrastructure policies, the decision was to work on both. On the question of EOSC and the role of e-IRG it was agreed that e-IRG should be synthesizing and analysing national views and providing recommendations on EOSC to the EC and MS-AC, and checking the fulfilment of such views. e-IRG should keep its neutral position and not go into a steering-executive role in governance, it should rather aim for an advisory role. e-IRG should also be providing recommendations to both EC and MS-ACs on EOSC policies and sustainability. It was suggested that e-IRG should become more active in the data world. On e-IRG and the Member States-Associated Countries, it was mentioned that e-IRG should work closely with them, exchanging best practices and experiences in user needs, EOSC national nodes, and national roadmaps. On e-IRG and HPC/EuroHPC it was mentioned that e-IRG may not be included in the EuroHPC Governance and that e-IRG should continue to play a role for HPC. On e-IRG and ESFRI it was decided to continue to work together with ESFRI. Moving





towards the next Framework Programme and 2025, e-IRG should reflect on FP9, and it should strive to have influence in the development of FP/Work Programmes.

EB extension, CoI policy and Vision/Mission/e-IRG bylaws update

e-IRG Executive Board composition review

It was decided to extend the e-IRG Executive Board with two more members (besides EU presidency representatives) to face the upcoming challenges. The two new members mandate is 2 years. Delegates can propose candidates. The bylaws will be updated to reflect the new structure of the EB.

Conflict of Interest policy creation

A follow-up discussion after the Tallinn meeting took place about potential Conflict of Interests (CoIs) from e-IRG delegates and support project members. A proposal has been prepared by the Support Project, however the Working Group on CoI did not have enough time to reflect on it in depth. It was stated that e-IRG needs to understand the actual issue and that it is not clear how far back to check for independence. Documentation needs to be gathered on other areas/projects the delegates are involved. It was also stated that in e-IRG there are no evaluations, so the point mainly refers to policy papers and recommendations. It was decided that the period of other previous engagements should be 5 years. It was also stated that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) needs to be taken into account before publishing such “transparency” information. In case information is already public, it is not a major issue; otherwise, this needs to be studied and prepared well.

e-IRG vision/mission and bylaws review

A decision that there is no need for changes in the e-IRG vision/mission was taken.

e-IRG Policy Documents

New policy document

e-IRG’s highest priority will be given to a document dealing with the views from MS-AC on national infrastructures. Other ideas, for documents which were decided to have lower priority were mentioned, such as: Go-INFRA, RI+e-Infras, MS-AC answer towards EOSC, update of experiences from e-IRG-ESFRI collaboration.

Long-term preservation of Research Data

It was agreed to continue with the document in a new shape, acting as a guide for the target groups. The paper scope was summarised in the following figure. The landscape presenting MS and EU perspectives will firstly be updated, followed by an analysis and contribution to sections on policy, FAIR, costs, legal and technical aspects, concluding with recommendations. A version of the updated document will be presented at the delegates meeting in March 2018.

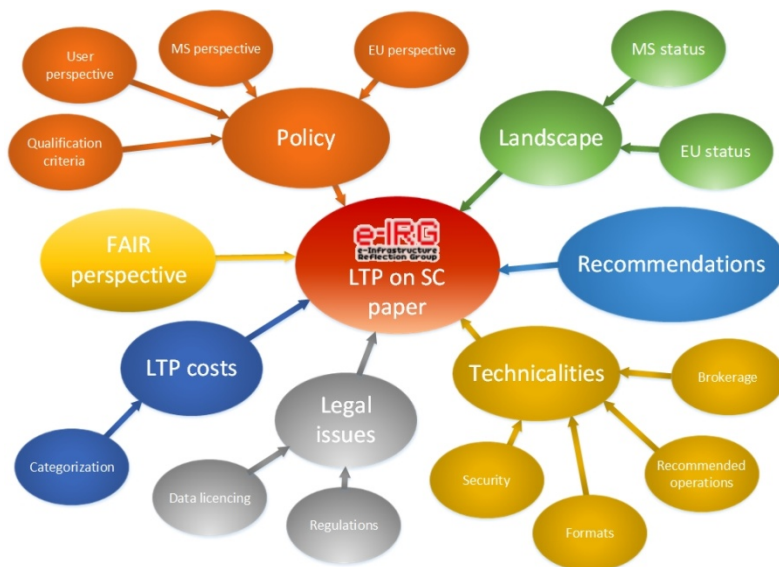


Figure 1: e-IRG Long Term Preservation on Research Data updated scope.

Reports and news

Report from the chair

The Chair reported on the following activities:

- The ESFRI Chair was approached to agree on a joint e-IRG-ESFRI meeting under Bulgarian EU Presidency, on the 20th March 2018. The Chair stated that the ESFRI Chair was very positive, but stated that this needs to go through the ESFRI EB and that she had no news after this.
- Gustav Kalbe and Thomas Skordas were invited to this meeting to report on the developments of EuroHPC. The Chair stated that this was not possible given other commitments, including a call evaluation.
- RDA Austria meeting 23.11.2017
The event was successful, and also discussed the organisation at the national level among the different stakeholders.

Plan for the next support project

A proposal for the next support project coordinating organization has been received from the Hannover University (LUH), and three proposals for participating organizations, namely CSC, GRNET and IICT-BAS.

LUH with Jan Wiebelitz was decided to act as the e-IRGSP6 proposal coordinator.

Activities during the Bulgarian EU Presidency

The Bulgarian delegate reported on the activities during the Bulgarian presidency:

- The e-IRG delegates meeting will take place at the Best Western Expo Hotel on 20 March 2018



- The GEANT General Assembly has been moved to Sofia, taking place on 21-22 March, so that it is combined with the delegates meeting and the RI conference on 22-23 March.
- The ESFRI Forum meeting will take place on 21 March.
- The e-IRG workshop under the Bulgarian EU presidency will take place at the Grand Hotel Sofia on 14-15 May 2018. The delegates meeting will take place on 16 May in the same venue.
- A regional workshop, on South Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean will take place on 15-16 May focusing on policy aspects, including EU Structural Funds for building Infrastructures.

Activities during the Austrian EU Presidency

The Austrian delegate presented the following plans:

- September 2018
 - The International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI 2018), 12-14 September 2018, Vienna, Austria Center
 - ESFRI Roadmap 2018 Launch event, 11 September 2018 (possibly in the afternoon)
 - ESFRI Forum meeting, 10 September 2018
 - Possible dates of e-IRG meeting during this week (10-11 September)
- October 2018
 - EOSC Conference, October 30 2018 – University of Vienna,
 - Title: The European Open Science Cloud: Austria takes initiative
- November 2018
 - EOSC Stakeholder Forum, November 2018, Vienna
 - e-IRG workshop and 2nd meeting can be organised in the framework of one of the two events, possibly 3rd week of November combined with EOSC Stakeholder Forum.