

Towards a common Vision on Open Science: FAIR-Data Culture and National Data Infrastructure in Ethiopia

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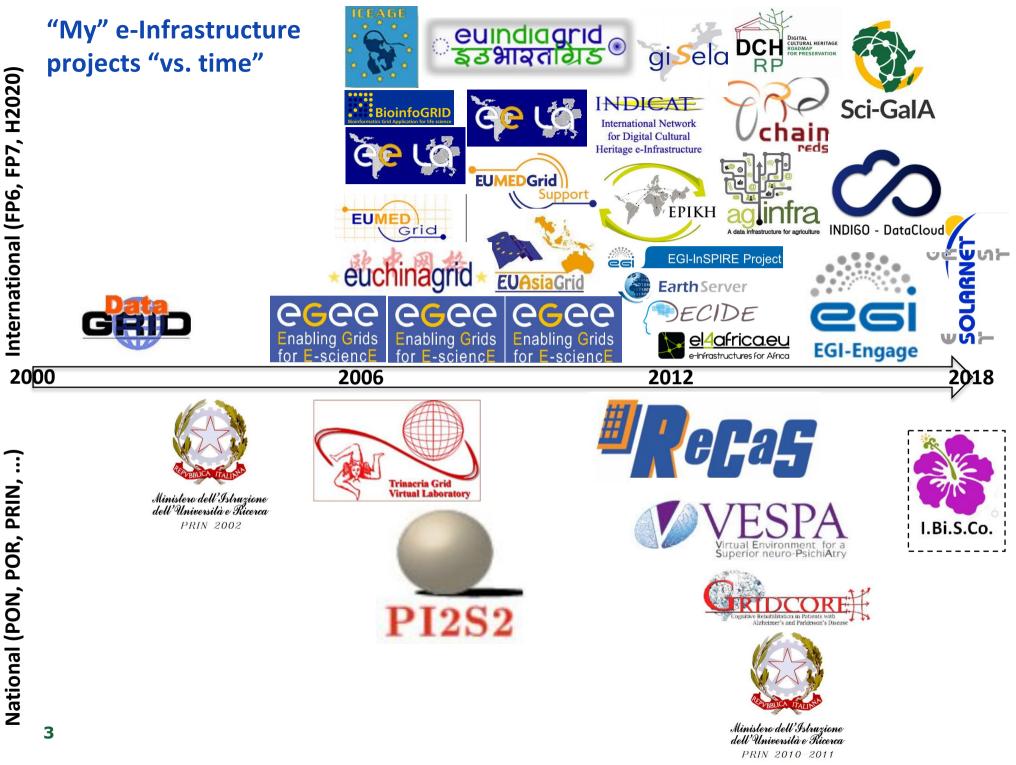
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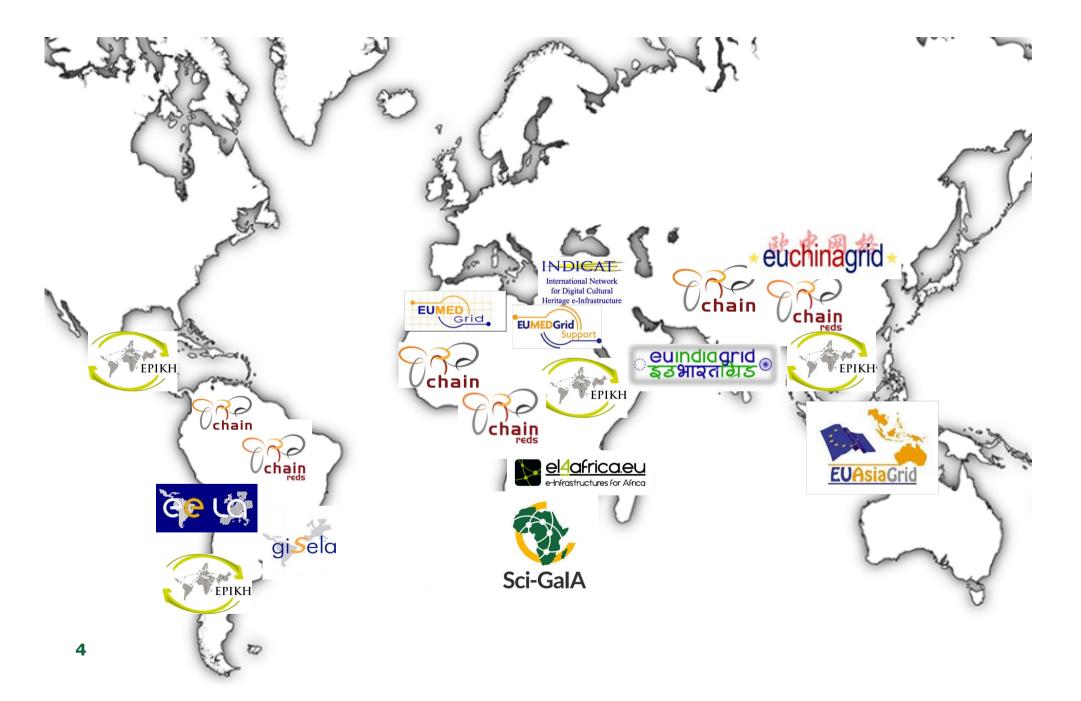
Outline

- Introductory considerations
- e-Infrastructure projects in Africa
- The Sci-GalA project and its legacy
- The National Academic Digital Repository of Ethiopia (NADRE)
- Summary and conclusions

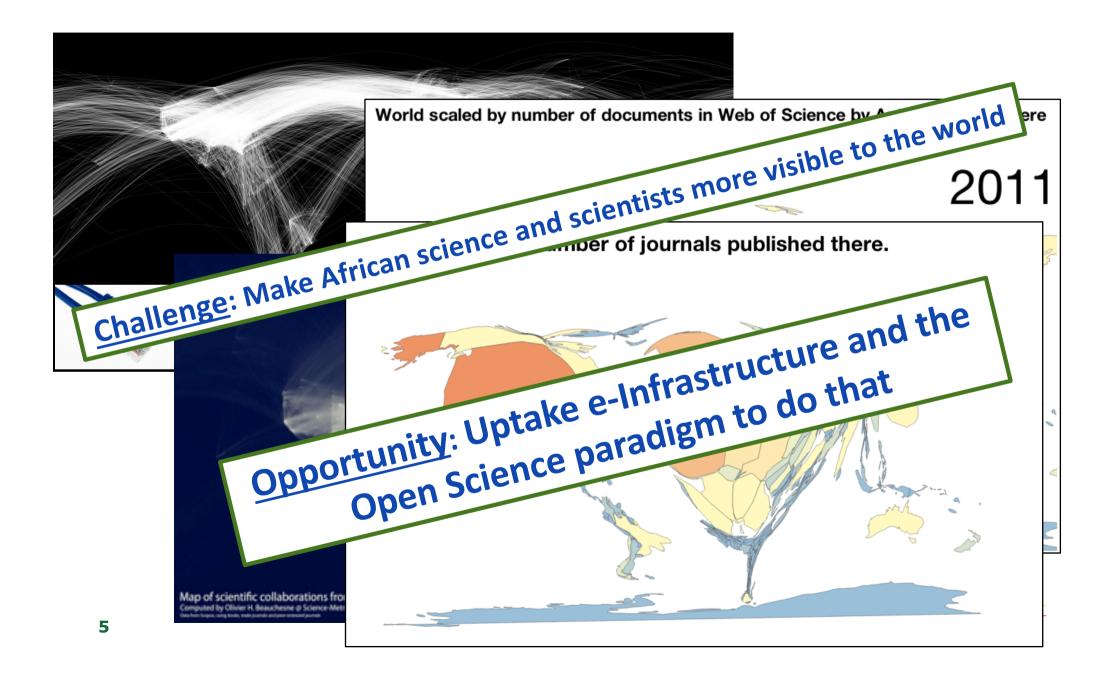




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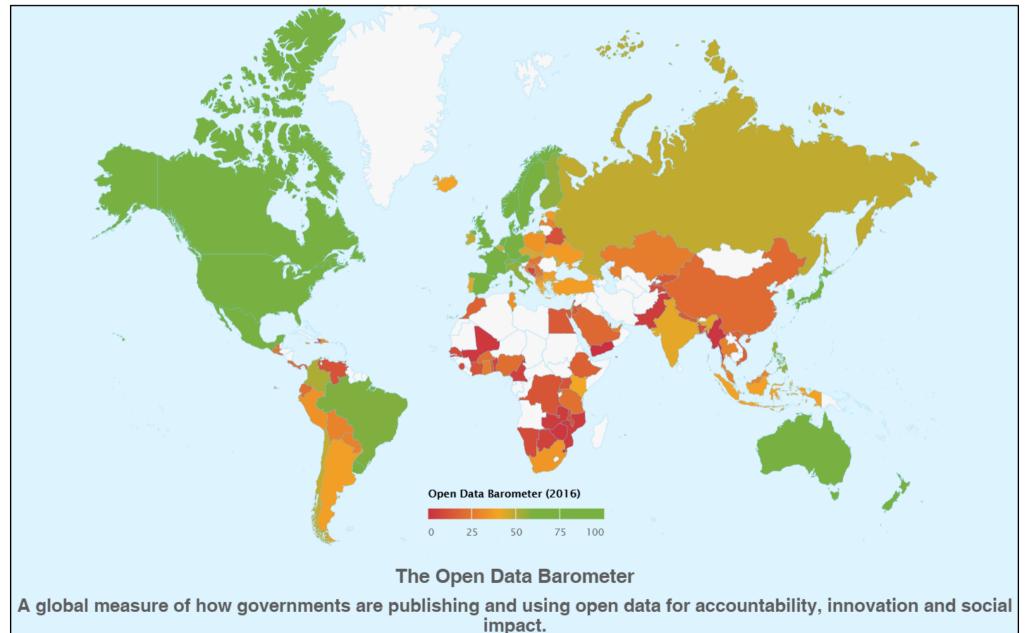


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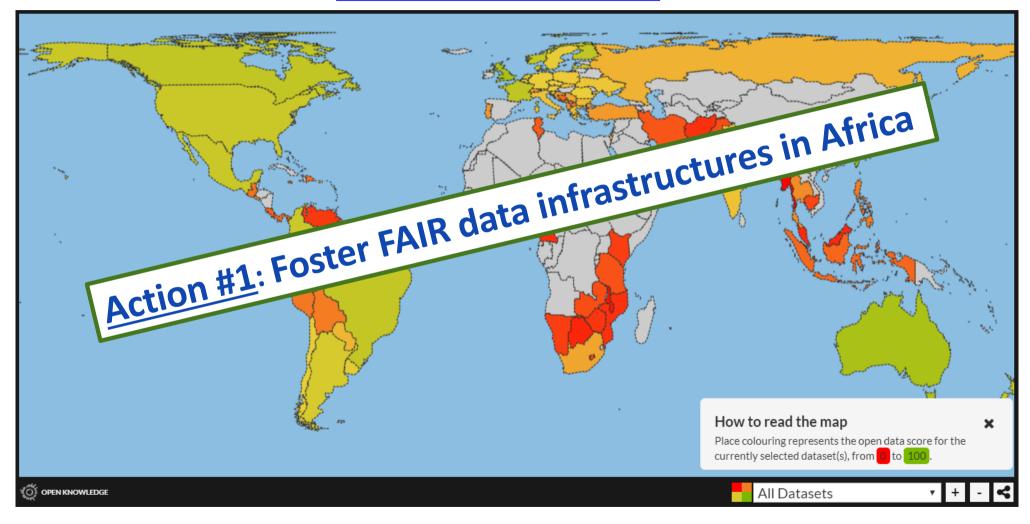
Consideration #2: Open Data availability

Open Data Barometer (2016 Report)



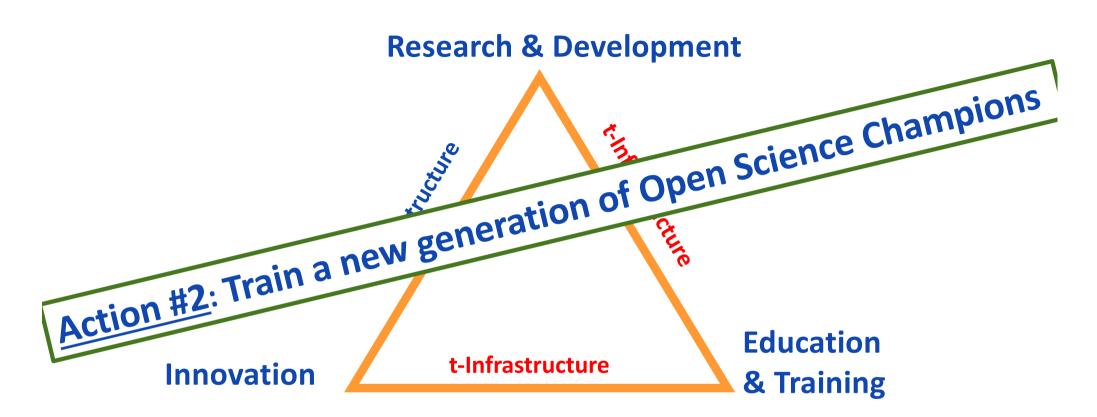
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Global Open Data Index





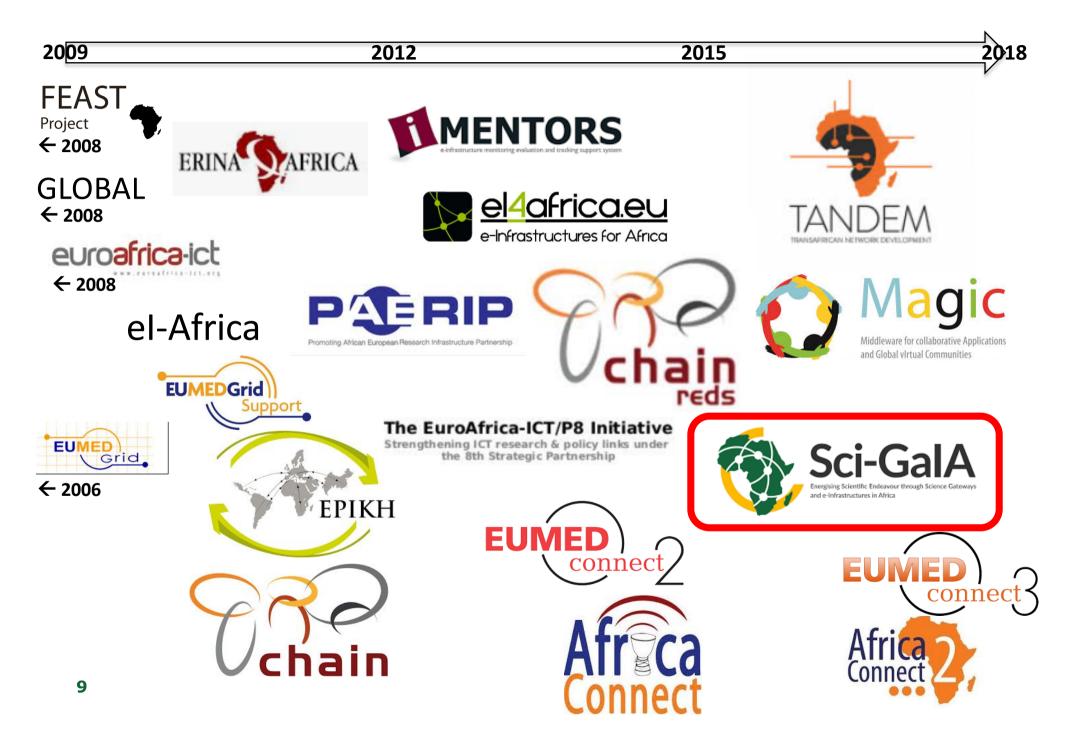
Consideration #3: The Triangle of Knowledge



Building e-Infrastructures is a waste if we don't "build", <u>at the same time</u>, their users

Along with e-Infrastructures, <u>t-Infrastructures and training</u> programmes are also needed, as <u>Open Education Resources</u> (OERs)

(Some) e-Infrastructure-related projects in Africa



The Sci-GalA Project

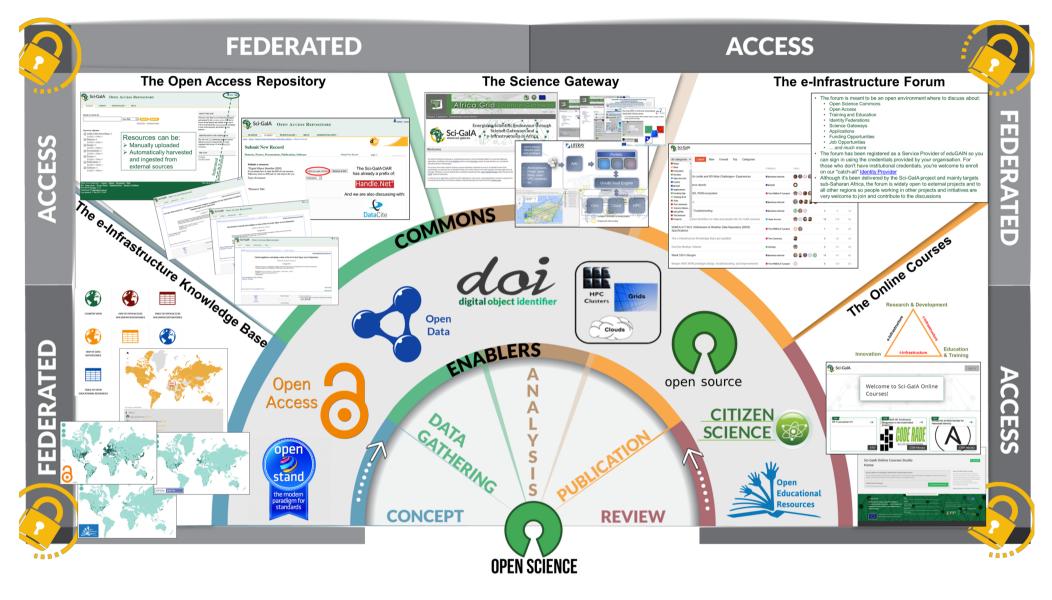
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- Energising Scientific Endeavour through Science Gateways and e-Infrastructures in Africa
- Research Infrastructures Coordination & Support Action
- Grant Agreement no. 654237
- EC contribution: ~1.4 MEuro
- Start date: 1 May 2015
- Duration: 24 Months





The Sci-GalA Federated Platform for an Open Science Commons in Africa





Sci-GalA Training & Educational Material

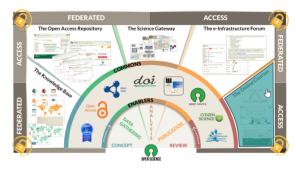
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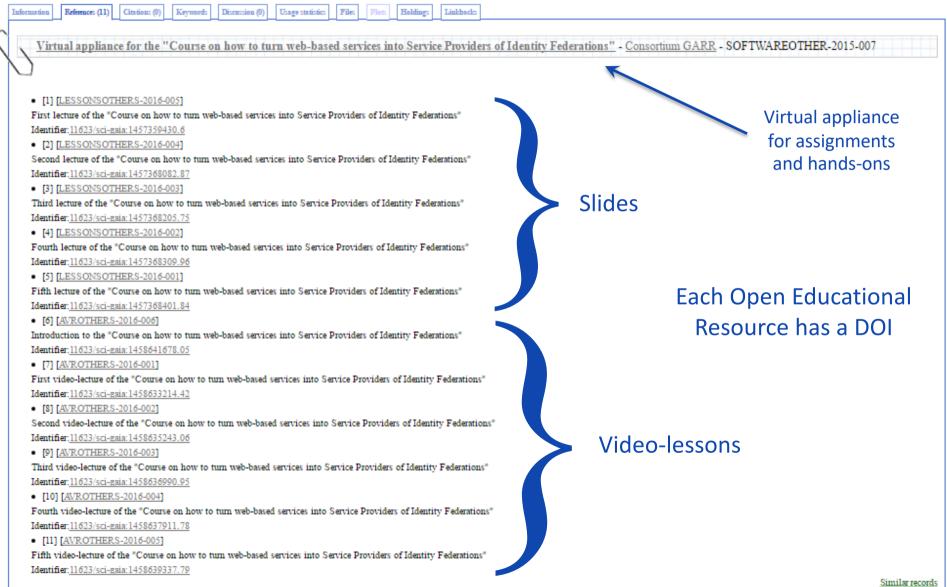
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"FAIR" Open Educational Resources

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• Textbook, virtual appliance and video-lessons (on OAR)

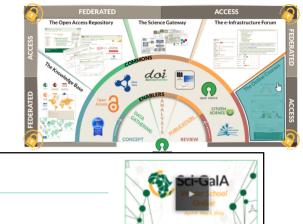


The Platform for MOOCs

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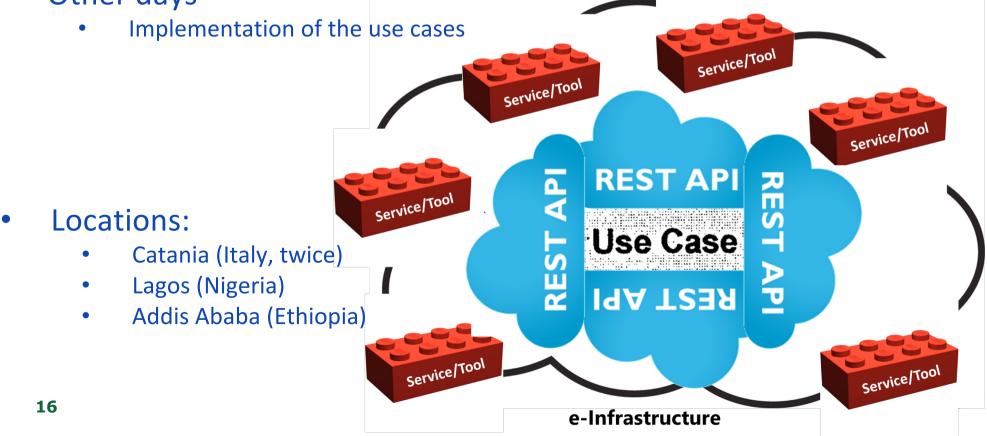
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- Day 1 and 2
 - Presentation of the technologies/tools
- Day 3
 - Presentation of the use cases (with indication of the technologies/tools adopted)
- Other days









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M. Gfrerer, «The Hackfest/Hackathon - Tool to Lecture Innovation», Sci-GalA Final Conference, Pretoria (South Africa), 24 March 2017

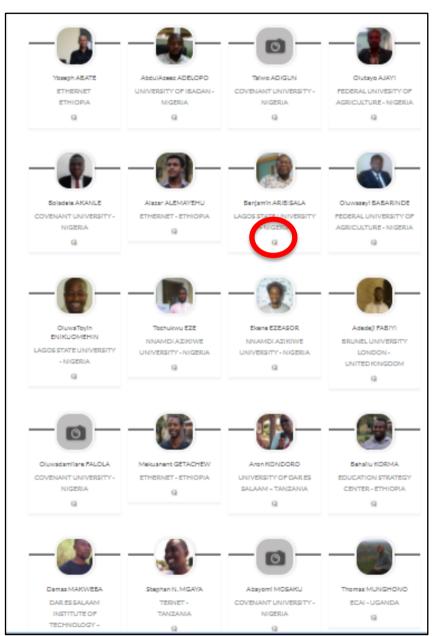
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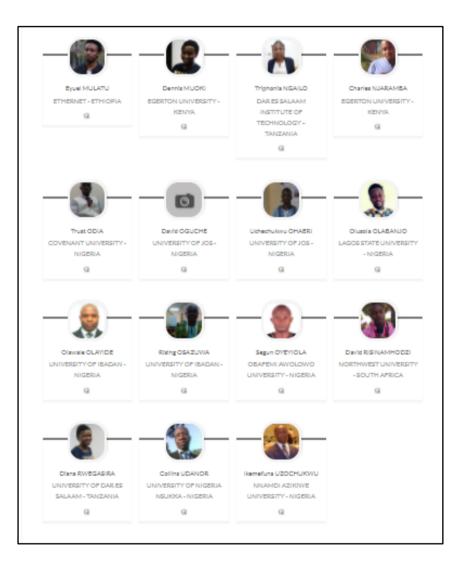


- \Rightarrow The Horizon 2020 Project Sci-GalA introduces a Hackfest approach that fulfills the requirements of courses in formal education.
- ⇒ Sci-GalA Hackfests build on the cognitive domains (analysis, synthesis and evaluation) and allow to describe the objectives, activities, methodology and the evaluation process in a syllabus. Teaching and learning methodologies are set out based on cognitive domains as problem-solving and research-oriented methodology. Subject for assessment is the result achieved and students' competence.
- \Rightarrow Working with 'big data' is seen in Sci-GaIA Hackfest as the starting point for an innovative idea.

The **35** Sci-GalA"champions"

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Use Case Description

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References Presentation 1 - Presentation 2 - Poste





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Use Case Description

TTA Collaboration Platform

The use cases aims at developing and deploying the Collaboration Platform of the Technology Transfer Alliance (TTA). TTA is a non-for-profit network of universities interested in: (i) having an impact on development of the societies in which they exist; (ii) problem-oriented, project-driven learning with a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship; and (iii) offering students and faculty members opportunities to contribute to important projects for academic credit. The Collaboration Platform is intended to be a web-based environment (a Science Gateway), containing an integrated set of tools, applications and data repositories, to support collaboration and training in order to foster projectdriven education among the partners of the alliance.

References

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and Cloud resources belonging to the

e-Infrastructure Services Exploited

For storing documents, datasets and other research products, the TTA Collaboration Platform makes use of the Sci-GalA Open Access Repository (OAR), in which specific sub-categories have been created for the use case, A DataCite-issued Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is automatically assigned by the OAR to each iGrid record to improve its findability. discoverability and reusability. TTA records stored in the OAR are integrated in the project portal using the API of the repository.

For the presentation layer, the TTA Collaboration PlatformI is implemented with the FutureGateway Portal - developed in the context of the INDIGO-DataCloud project and based on the latest version of Liferay.

Current Implementation of the Use Case

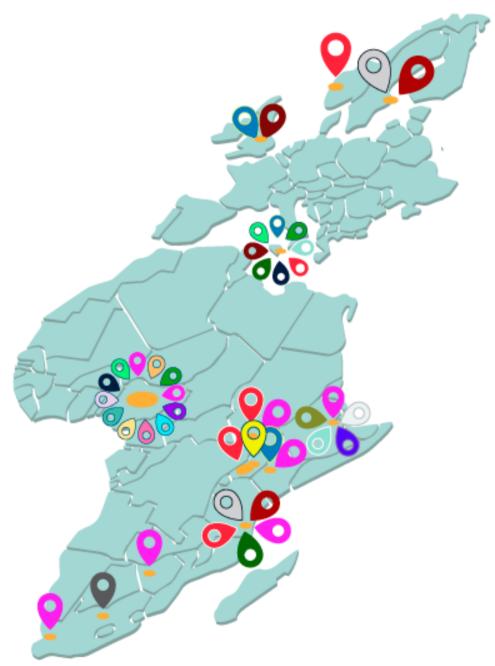
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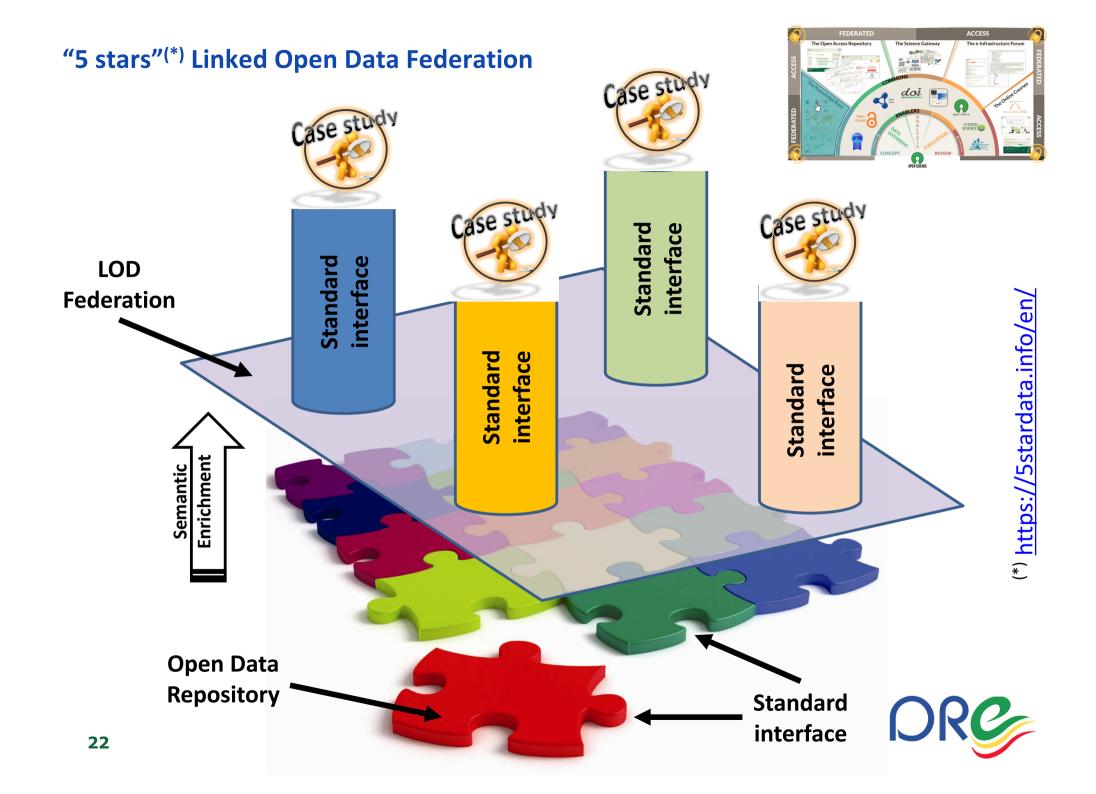
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"Bird's eye view" of the CoPs supported by the Sci-GalA project

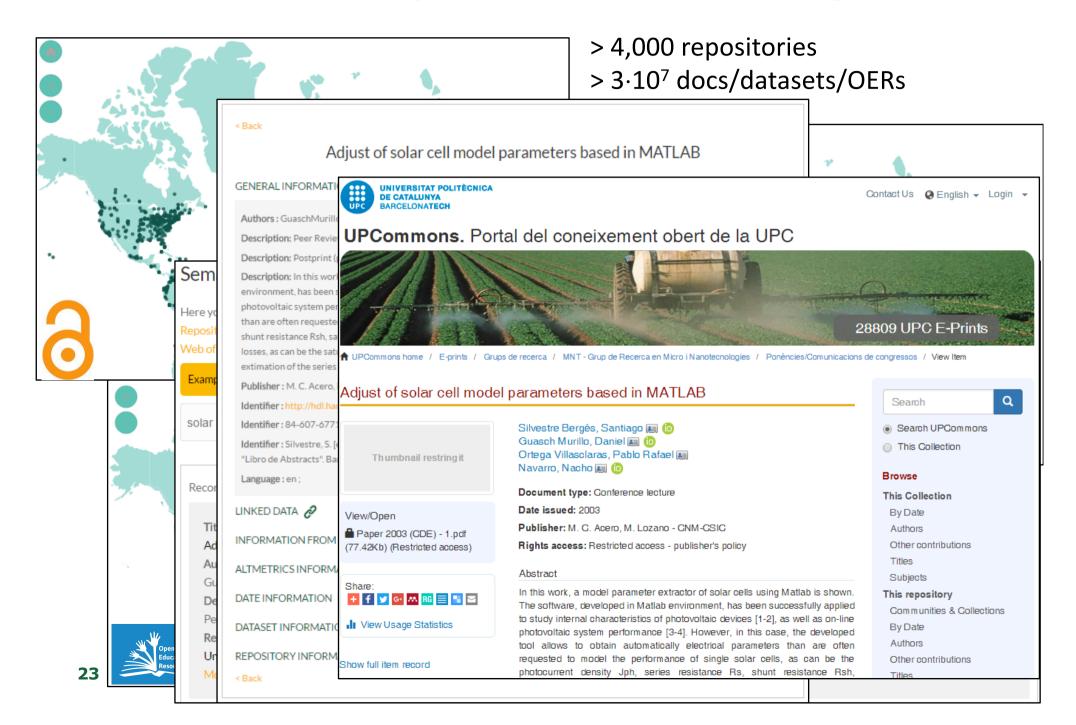
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The e-Infrastructure Knowledge Base and the Semantic Search Engine



Everything is... FAIR

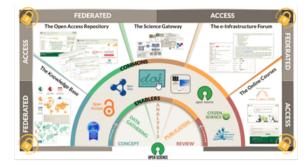
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- In January 2017, an agreement was established between UNICT and the <u>Conference of Italian University Rectors</u> (CRUI) to extend the possibility to provide DOI-prefixes to all African organisations wishing to deploy an institutional Open Access Repository
- 5 DOI prefixes released so far:



The African Population and Health Research Centre (KE and Intl.) The Eko-Konnect Research and Education Initiative (NG) The Ministry of Education of Ethiopia, through EthERNet The Ubuntunet Alliance (MW and Intl.)





Press release: North and South join forces to promote Open Science in Africa

5 january 2017

The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) in Kenya and the Eko-Konnect Research and Education Initiative in Nigeria are among the very first organizations in Africa to begin use of DataCite Digital Object Identifier (DOI) prefixes.

The partnership with the Sci-GalA project and the Conference of Italian University Rectors will help the research organizations generate persistent identifiers for their datasets: essentially long-lasting references that will help locate the datasets no matter where they appear online. It is also another step to realize a global data revolution – ensuring that research data are open, discoverable, navigable, machine readable, and open to being tested for replicability and reusability.

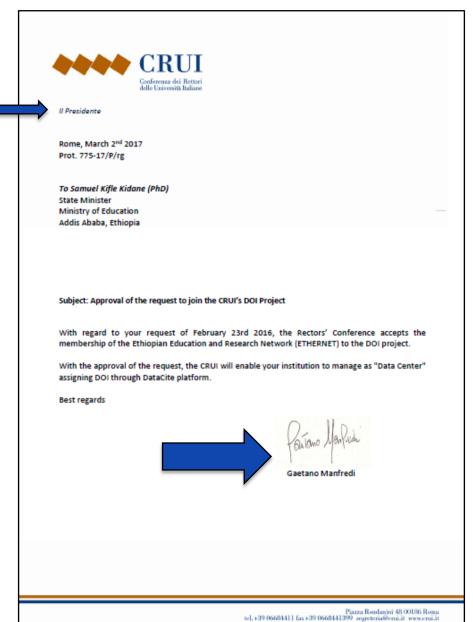
As a result of this partnership, the African organizations can create an unlimited number of sub-prefixes from their institutional prefix and, for each sub-prefix, an unlimited number of DOIs for their knowledge repositories. It is hoped that this will boost the promotion of e-Infrastructures in Africa and the deployment of key services such as Open Access document and data repositories, which can make scientific products (papers, reports, datasets, etc.) stored in African digital repositories more easily citable and discoverable, worldwide.





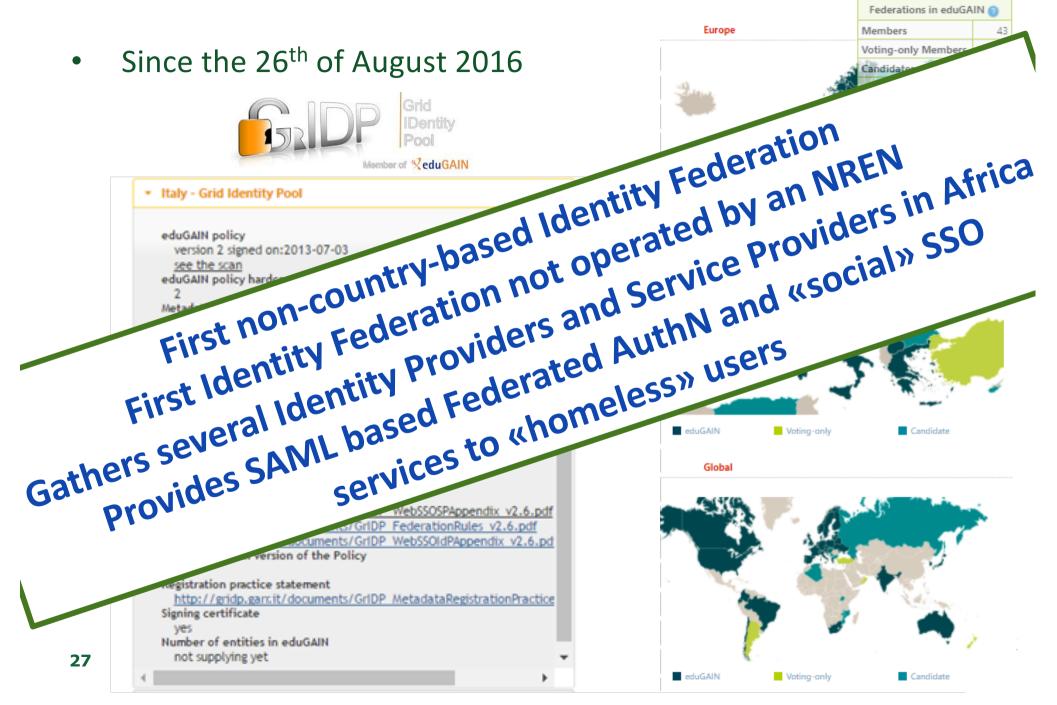
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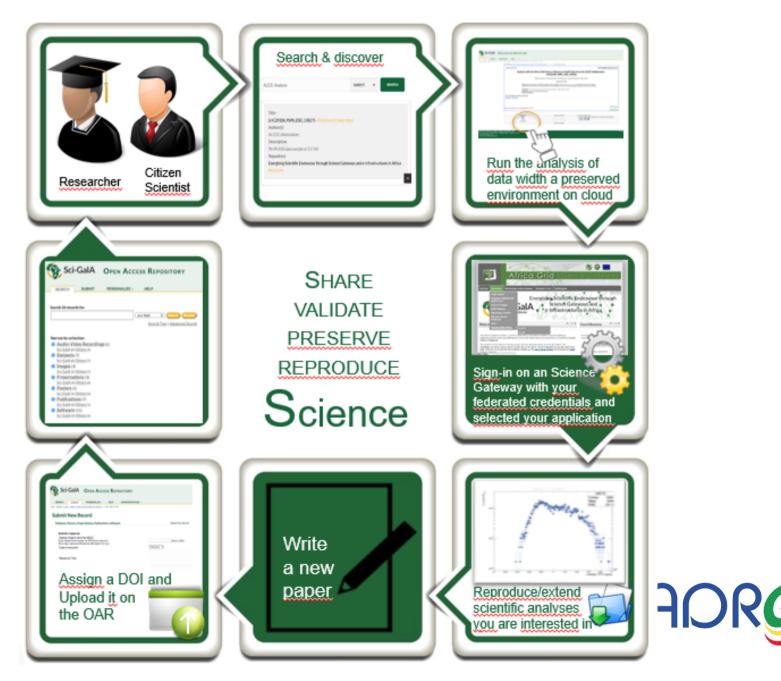
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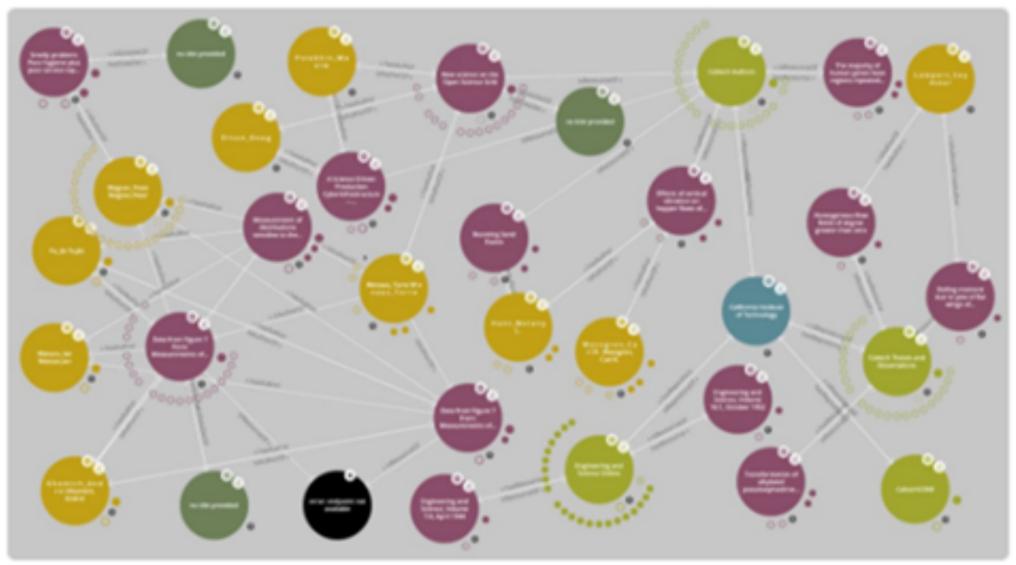
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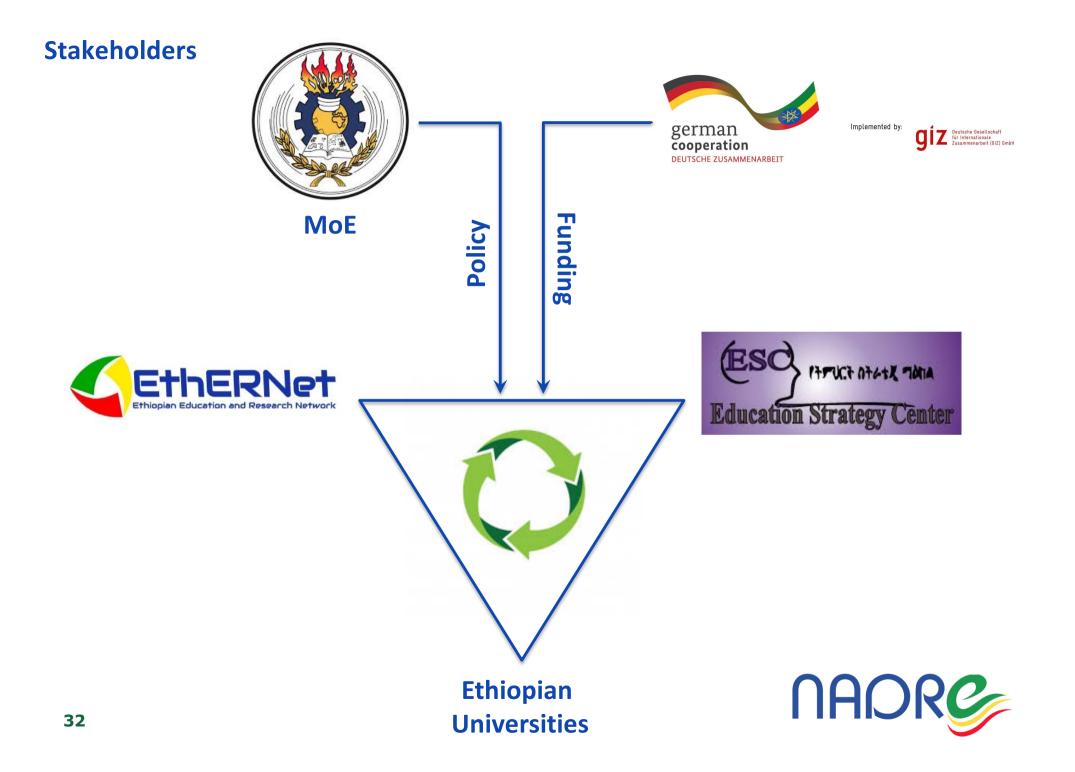
A little bit of history after the end of Sci-GalA

- November 2017 EthERNet hosts the UbuntuNet-Connect 2017 conference; the special workshop <u>Towards an African Open</u> <u>Science Platform Infrastructure Framework</u> is held as side-event
 - Outcome: The Ministry of Education attends the workshops and announces later on the news the decision to create a <u>National Academic</u> <u>Digital Repository for Ethiopia</u> -> NADRE concept starts
- February 2018 The <u>NADRE Kick-off Conference</u> is hold in Addis Ababa with the participation of international experts
 - Outcome: in March, GIZ open a tender for a service provision for the "Implementation of the NADRE"
- June 2018 My team's bid won the tender -> the actual implementation of NADRE starts
- August 2018 The workshop on <u>Research Data Stewardship and</u> <u>e-Infrastructure for Ethiopian Stakeholders</u> was held in Gondar as a NADRE side-event co-organized by ESC and the University of Vienna – Fulfilled needs emerged ay the Kick-off Conference

NADRE Mission

- The National Academic Digital Repository of Ethiopia (NADRE) intends to provide researchers, lecturers, students and stakeholders from outside of the academic world access to all research works published by Ethiopian universities and research institutions
- All public and private universities as well as research institutions will contribute to the NADRE and will provide all citizens access to it
- In order to complement and feed the NADRE each Ethiopian university is encouraged to build its own repository and to provide the Ethiopian Research and Education Network (EthERNet) access to that university repository in order to harvest and amalgamate publications from these repositories to a compiled National Academic Digital Repository of Ethiopia
- Those universities that are not currently able to establish their own repository will get support from EthERNet to deploy their own Institutional Academic Repository (ADR). However, each university will be responsible for the curation of contents stored its own ADR





Objectives

- To increase the access of academics and citizens in Ethiopia and worldwide to research works published by Ethiopian researchers at one of the Ethiopian universities or research institutions
- 2. To foster the dissemination of research outcomes and make them, as well as their authors, more visible inside and outside the country
- 3. To spread completed research to other corners of the country to allow other researchers to build on. For the time being, the NADRE will mainly include Master theses, dissertations, journals, articles, conference proceedings as well as all works published by researchers from Ethiopian universities and research institutions as well as from Ethiopian researcher living abroad. All artefacts will be published under <u>Creative Commons licenses</u> and will be tagged with <u>Digital Object Identifiers</u> (DOIs)



Responsibilities

Responsibilities of universities and research institutions are the following:

- Those universities and research institutions with a repository will provide access to it in order to accommodate it within the NADRE repository.
- To disseminate among their researchers the standards necessary to accommodate research works to the NADRE repository.
- To promote the creation of ORCID IDs by their researchers.
- To manage the issuance of DOIs to tag research documents.
- To handle the license issue with their researchers.
- To run the plagiarism check, prior the research documents will be provided to the NADRE.
- To curate their ADR.

Responsibilities of EthERNet are the following:

- To provide the space on the cloud or server to host the NADRE and the ADRs of those universities and research institutions requesting them.
- To provides the technical support.
- To do the programming necessary for the NADRE to be fully accessible and in operation.
- To manage the creation of DOI subprefixes to those universities and research institutions requesting them.
- To inform universities and research institutions how to request and obtain a DOI prefix for their ADR.
- To train local IT staff to cope with the IT-related challenges arising during their ADR's operation and maintenance.

Responsibilities of ESC are the following:

- To coordinate between universities and research institutions and EthERNet.
- To advise users how to work with the NADRE, how to get an ORCID ID and how to link research works to the ORCID profiles of their author(s).
- To organize workshops and tutorials for digital librarians and curators of the local ADRs.
- To report towards the Ministry of Education.



Workplan (1/2)

A1 – Prepare and contribute to the implementation of the Conference, including the Pre- and Post-Conference Workshops

- The Terms of Reference for this series of venues describe the content and the output/outcome (**DONE**, check <u>this link</u>)
- In the Pre-Conference workshop all participants have to become familiarized with DOIs and the ORCID IDs (**DONE**, check <u>this link</u>)
- All researchers participating at the Conference should receive their ORCID IDs by the end of the Conference (**DONE**)
- The Post-Conference workshop participants will get trained on how to use and maintain repositories (**DONE**, check <u>this link</u>)
- A2 Elaborate a Training Plan
- The reports from the Conference workshops will structure the next steps in the training to implement and to use the university repositories and NADRE. Detailed training plans follow for cluster universities with session on remote and at place (DONE: (i) the time plan of the NADRE Training Workshops has been defined and the agendas can be inspected <u>here</u>, (ii) the time schedule of the NADRE Webinars has also been defined and it can be inspected <u>here</u>)



Workplan (2/2)

A3 – Conduct a Workshop series

At 4-5 cluster universities workshops will take place. The agenda for the workshops will be structured in accordance to the needs of librarians and their ICT staff as discovered during the Conference Workshops and has been analysed in the Conference workshops (**DONE**, the agendas of the NADRE Training Workshops can be inspected <u>here</u>)

A4 – Establish a NADRE Website and Manual

A NADRE <u>Website</u> and <u>Manual</u> will compile the information necessary to use and maintain NADRE in an efficient and sustainable way for the users (researchers and students) and the NADRE experts (librarians and the ICT-staff). (**DONE**, both the <u>Website</u> and the <u>Manual</u> have been released)





NADRE Website and Manual

https://nadreweb.ethernet.edu.et



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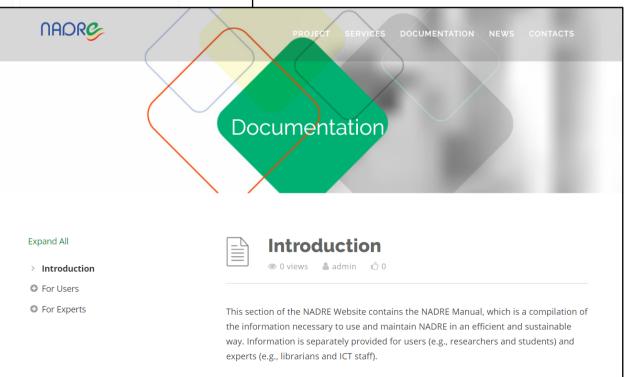
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A standard-based Open Access Repository A tool to manage from simple lectures to complex conference

https://nadreweb.ethernet.edu.et/doc/documentation







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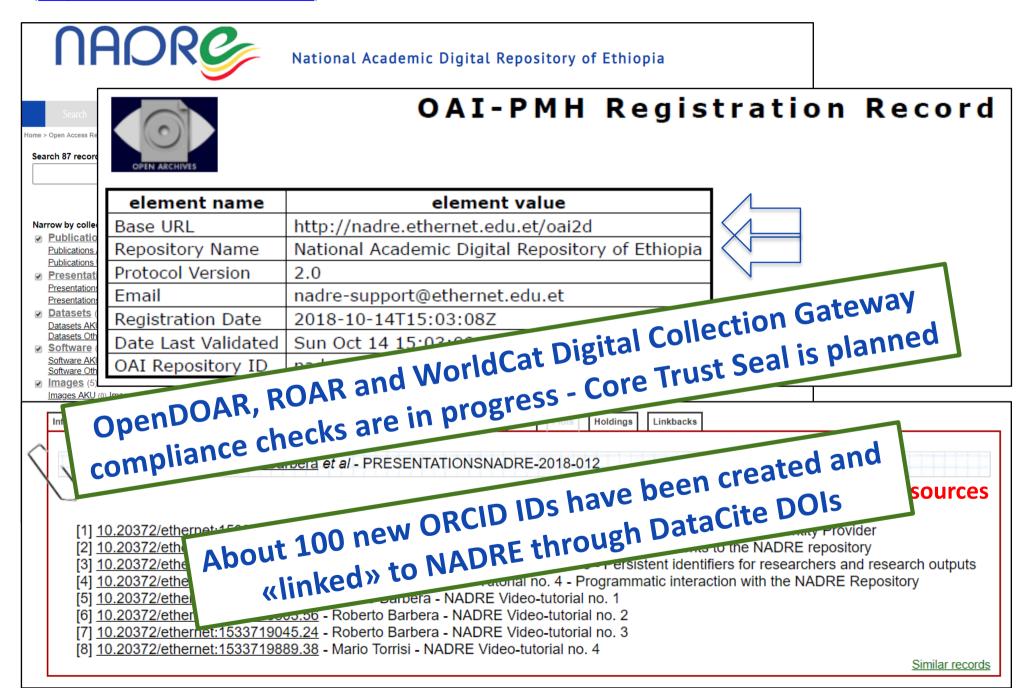




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The NADRE Repository

(https://nadre.ethernet.edu.et)



Summary and conclusions

- Sci-GalA legacy is surviving well beyond the end of the project and it's having a durable impact on Africa
- Several Sci-GalA Open Science Platform services have been used to build NADRE
- Besides its technical aspects we are in the process of defining the automatic procedure to copy contents from institutional repositories to the central one - NADRE is triggering a discussion on an Ethiopian National Open Access/Data/Science Policy, which is currently in preparation
- NADRE services are FAIR and they can be "cloned & customized" wherever needed
- NADRE interest is actually going beyond the Ethiopian borders:
 - We are supporting the Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA) to deploy an e-library and an e-learning service for MOOCs based on NADRE ones
 - We have started discussion with the Human Resource Development Council in Botswana



Thank you!

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