

Virtual Workshop

EOSC + Swedish Universities = TRUE (!?)

Date and time: 1300-1445 (sess. 1) and 1500-1600 (sess. 2), February 5, 2021

Venue: Zoom. Link will be sent before the meeting to registered participants.

Registration: <https://suhf.se/aktiviteter/eosc-webinarium-2>

Background: The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is an extensive initiative which has recently resulted in the creation of the EOSC Association, with a purpose to (1) *provide a single voice for advocacy and representation for the broader EOSC stakeholder community*, (2) *to promote the alignment of European Union research policy and priorities with activities coordinated by the Association*, and (3) *to enable seamless access to data through interoperable services that address the entire research data life cycle, from discovery to storage, management, analysis and re-use across borders and scientific disciplines*.

In Sweden, five universities have so far become members of the EOSC Association. Here, Stockholm University is a member on behalf of the The Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions (SUHF). Also, the Swedish Research Council (SRC) and the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (FORMAS) are members, where the SRC has been designated the role as Swedish Mandated Organisation in the EOSC General Assembly by the Ministry of Education and Research.

Even though research performing organisations (universities) are main actors in research in Europe, the direct engagement of such organisations in the preparatory EOSC activities has been moderate. This can potentially change in the future, one main reason being that European universities from the start form the majority of members in EOSC.

The main purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the goals and future activities of EOSC and to provide a forum for a discussion on how the impact on Swedish research of EOSC can be optimised by the engagement of the Swedish universities – individually and supported by suitable national coordination activities.

Agenda

Session 1, 1300-1445

13:00 – 13:10 **Welcome, introduction**

Wilhelm Widmark (Library Director, Stockholm University; Chair of the SUHF Working Group on EOSC; Member of EOSC Board of Directors)

Sverker Holmgren (Director of Chalmers e-Commons)

13:10 – 14:10 **EOSC – in Europe and from a national perspective**

Karel Lyuben (President of the EOSC Association, Rector Emeritus of Delft University of Technology)

Kostas Glinos (Head of Unit for Open Science at the European Commission)

Stefan Hanslik (Head of Unit Technical Science, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria)

14:10 – 14:45 **Panel discussion** – What is the role of research performing organisations in the development of EOSC? How can national coordination and co-operation contribute to the impact of EOSC within research?

Introduction by Astrid Söderbergh Widding (Chair of SUHF; President of Stockholm University)

Break

Session 2, 15:00 – 16:00

15:00 – 15:30 **EOSC coordination in Sweden**

Wilhelm Widmark – The work in the SUHF Working Group in EOSC

Sofia Abrahamsson – The role as Mandated Organisation of Sweden in the EOSC General Assembly

15:30 – 15:55 **Discussion – next steps**

15:55 – 16:00 **Conclusions**