Slovak Rectos' Conference Presidium's position
concerning the consultation of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

The issue of the EOSC was not yet a subject to a focused discussion in the SRC. It was introduced to the members at their meeting in Brussels at the premises of the European Commission in September 2018. SRC members were informed about the proposal and its main aims and about the implementation roadmap. No national institution has informed SRC about the issue so far and no Slovak representative has been nominated to the Governing Board or is participating in any of the working groups. Exclusive source of information so far was the EUA and its activities.

However, this issue may be subject of a discussion in the upcoming months with the consultation process and adoption of a national strategy for open science that is announced.

As to the current questions put forward by the EUA, the SRC presidium sees possible priorities for the EUA in:
- The necessity to promote among university researchers the awareness of data sharing benefits.
- Promoting and supporting EOSC among university researchers as a basis for an open, publicly available data infrastructure.
- Encouraging close relations between EOSC and FAIR data groups to support equal access principles for available research data within the cloud and elsewhere.
- A help to overcome fragmentation, isolated solutions and duplication of efforts and policies in favour of important European actions.
- A help to monitor the impact of the adopted General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on the EOSC.
- Promoting and supporting higher education institutions (HEIs) in Europe to develop skills and training of their students and faculty in Open Science, including research data storage/management/analysis/re-use across disciplines; data science and data protection.
- Promoting a pan-European federation of research/data infrastructures.

The SRC presidium sees possible priorities for the EUA and the European HE sectors on EOSC in:
- Implementing EOSC and FAIR data policies into HE legislation at European and national level.
- Promoting and supporting HEIs and national rectors' conferences' leaders to foster cultural changes and establishing a data sharing culture within European HE sectors.

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