

Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference Declaration

European Open Science

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Alps-Adriatic Rectors' Conference (AARC) supports the view that European science must rest on shared data stewardship practices that recognize research data as the principal product of all scientific activities.

AARC supports and accepts the **European Open Science (EOS)** initiative as a strategic plan for promoting unified data stewardship throughout Europe, and endorses the **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)**. It emphasizes that they mark the beginning of a process which, both now and in the future, must actively involve everyone involved in scientific activities and scientific management, as well as all scientific institutions, signatories and supporters of the initiative across the EU.

AARC emphasizes that all researchers in the EU must, upon efficient usage methodologies and FAIR Data Principles (findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable), enjoy open, efficient and unrestrained access to research data. AARC firmly supports the view that, in Europe, all results of publicly funded research must be openly accessible by default.

AARC believes that all scientific institutions in the EU will, without exception, benefit from the EOS/EOSC initiative, and thus hopes this initiative is one of the fundamental mechanisms that will, in the future, aid in overcoming the imbalances in research-scientific, technological and innovation capacities across the EU. These imbalances pose a particularly important challenge to the development of many of our member universities, which is why the AARC has particularly high expectations from the EOS/EOSC initiative.

AARC supports the plan for developing organizational architecture and scientific-research data stewardship systems, and will, both now and in the future, work on promoting the initiative and encourage AARC member universities to recognize, accept and support the EOS/EOSC initiative's grounding principles, as well as to actively partake in its implementation.

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