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E-OSSR Aims and Objectives

- Aim: expose the tools of the ESCAPE (ESF)RI projects in a repository under the EOSC catalogue of services
- Objectives:
 - continuous development, deployment, exposure and preservation of software/tools/services
 - interoperability, software re-use and cross-fertilisation
 - open innovation environment for open standards (workflows), common regulation and shared (novel) software for multi-messenger&multi-probe data
- All objectives follow:
 - a community-based approach
 - the FAIR principles for open software/services and data
- E-OSSR strives to:
 - Establish a foundation to (co-)develop EOSC-ready software and services;
 - expose them to users via the EOSC catalogue of services;



Work Organisation

- General entry point for information at the [ESCAPE Wiki](#)
- Organisation:
 - Tasks formulate the main objectives of the [work package](#)
 - Focus groups facilitate the day-to-day work within the tasks
- Tasks
 - Task 3.1: Management Activities, Policy and Support Action (MAPS) - Providing assistance and support for work package related activities
 - Task 3.2: ESFRI Software and Services Collection (ESSC) – Systematically list available software and requirements to facilitate integration into the repository
 - Task 3.3: Common Approaches: Software and Services (CASS) – Fostering common developments and facilitate sharing of software
 - Task 3.4: Foundation of Competence for Software and Service Innovation (COSSI) - Establish competence group for mainstreaming new approaches to data analysis (e.g. deep learning)
 - Task 3.5: Repository Implementation and Deployment (RIAD) – Setting up a demonstrator for a common software repository



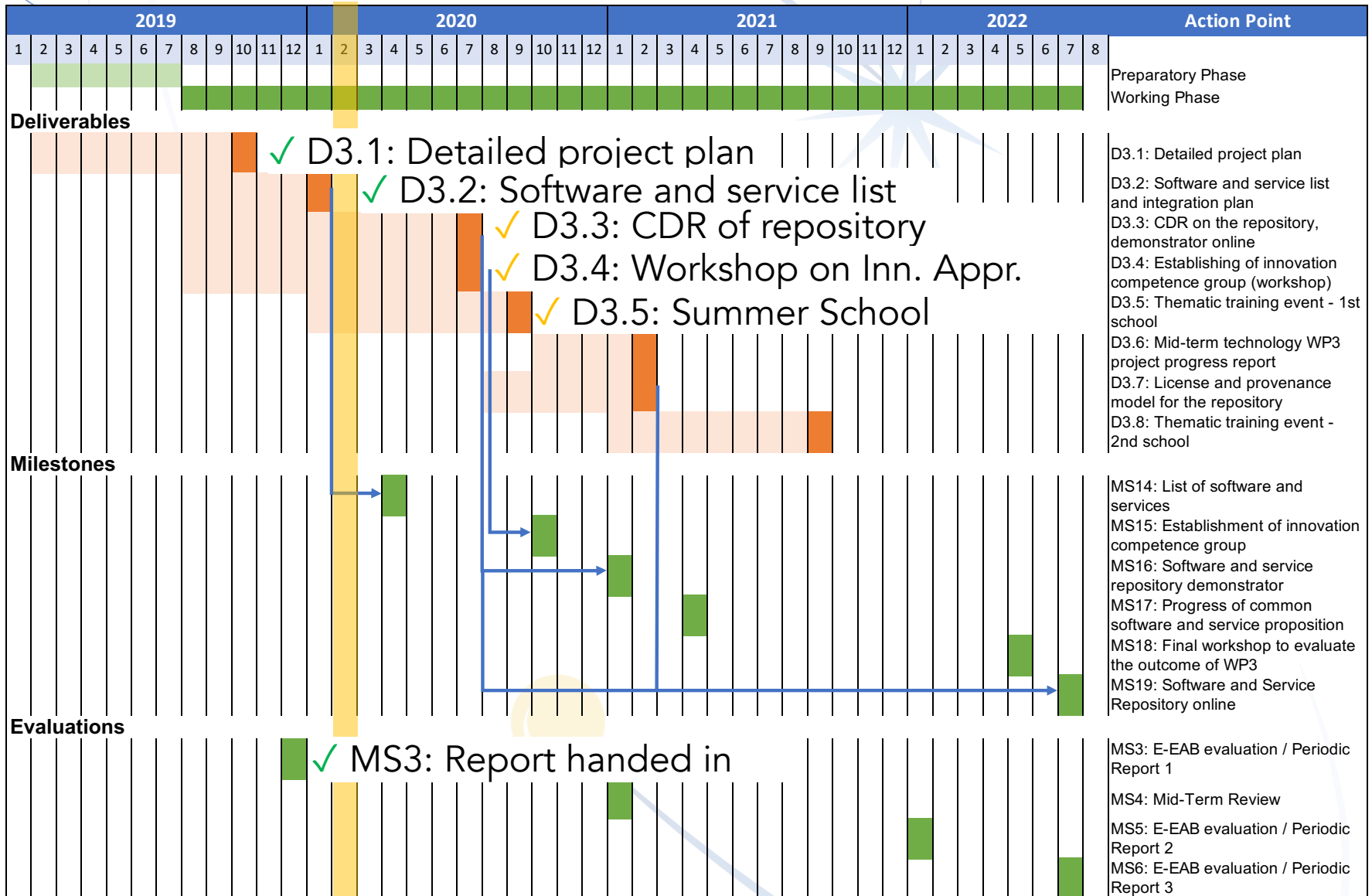
Work Organisation

● Focus groups

- [Focus group 1](#): Collecting Software requirements
(related to Task 3.2)
- [Focus group 2](#): Technical implementation of the repository
(related to Task 3.5)
- [Focus group 3](#): Innovative workflows
(related to Task 3.4)
- [Focus group 4](#): Distributed computing
- [Focus group 5](#): Common approaches to Corsika
(related to Task 3.3)



OSSR: Deliverables & Milestones



Communication/Management

- Working group

- with 19 partners in different project status (also wrt. open science)
- different goals from “defining and sharing best practices” to the repository generation

⇒ efficient communication and management necessary

- Resources and partner contributions monitored on six-monthly bases (first round for the E-EAB report)
- Main contacts (institutes and ESF/RIs) identified
- IT services set up
- Link to EOSC Working groups established
- Regular Meetings

⇒ partners well linked to the WP now



Preparatory Phase

- First half year of preparatory phase
→ successfully finalised
 - Survey of expectations, status and planned contributions from all partners
 - First all hands meeting
 - Definition of project plan, defining
 - Goals and objectives
 - Structure and roles
 - Resources and management
 - Organisation and communication
 - Constraints and interfaces
 - Accountability and decision process
 - Risk analysis
 - Hiring of human resources (slightly but not significantly delayed due to good economic situation)
- Setting up of working and focus groups



Working Phase

- Task 3.1 - Management Activities, Policy and Support Action – K. Graf (FAU):
 - Implemented [IT services](#) and helpdesk for the WP;
 - Established links within ESCAPE and towards the EOSC Architecture Working Group.
- Task 3.2 - ESFRI Software and Services Collection – K. Graf (FAU):
 - started development, benchmarking and deployment of software within and across partners;
 - gathering of common practices and know-how towards the definition of best practices to be shared with the community;
 - first round of software to become part of the repository collected; template for software gathering set up; partners started to prepare the software for repository integration;
 - Contact with the HSF ([HEP software foundation](#)) has been established, discussing the options to add software to the repository.



- Task 3.3 - Common Approaches:
Software and Services – C. Bozza (INFN):
 - Started coordinative work for common data formats and software tools between the partners and the ESF/RIs they represent;
 - Development and production of CORSIKA – an air shower simulation program - turnkey containers for various use cases and functional development of CORSIKA for specific purposes;
 - Usage of the DIRAC interware for large scale simulation productions is pursued.



- Task 3.4 - Foundation of Competence for Software and Service Innovation – E. Cuoco (EGO)
 - machine learning approaches to simulation and experiment data adapted and benchmarked;
 - definition of data formats and different deep-learning approaches pursued;
 - Exchange of experience and harmonisation of approaches for innovative workflows;
 - Gathering of workflows between different partners;
 - establishment of use cases for multi-messenger analysis workflows connecting several ESFRIs.



- Task 3.5 - Repository Implementation and Deployment – T. Vuillaume (CNRS-LAPP):
 - partner feedback for the repository gathered;
 - preliminary design of the repository and the definition of technical solutions for its implementation
 - first prototype set up for internal use.



SWOT Analysis - preliminary

Internal		External	
Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Diversity of partners representing different research fields and infrastructures	Diverse group with different backgrounds and different practices regarding open software/service products	Be part of defining the EOSC bringing in the community point of view.	Goals and timeline of the EOSC in general not yet defined in detail
Excellence of partner institutes and persons	Large number of partners	Interest from other communities to join the (e.g. HSF)	Expectations on EOSC very high as compared to commercial cloud solutions



Deviations from and Implementation of the DoA

- OSSR provided input to the general ESCAPE dissemination and data management plans, no updates needed
- Implementation:
 - All the tasks have been fully implemented, all of the foreseen critical objectives have been achieved.
 - Few weeks' delay in D3.2, listing the software and service to be included in the OSSR, no impact on the project schedule (open list)
 - A small percentage of partners have not been able to complete their hiring process in time. For some of the affected partners, institute staff have fulfilled the foreseen activities; for the others, the foreseen activities will still be completed in time to fulfil all obligations.
 - Otherwise all resources are available and currently deemed adequate.
- There is no significant difference between the actual and planned resources up to this point.
- The contributions of the work package to the impacts as listed in section 2.1 of the DoA are still valid and do not need to be updated.
- Subcontracting: none



Risks and Mitigation

● Unforeseen risks:

Nr.	Description of Risk (Level)	WP	Proposed risk mitigation measures
5	Difficulty to find suitable contract staff (Medium)	3	Advertisements for contractual positions are to be distributed as widely as possible using the channels of the ESCAPE project.
6	Hired contract staff depart prematurely (Medium)	3	The partners will manage their contract personnel and indicate any risks if they arise to the WP management (Task 3.1).

● Risk mitigation

Risknr.	Did you apply risk mitigation measures?	Did your risk materialize?	Comments
5	Yes	partly	The risk mitigation did help, at present, the risk not severe, as described in Sec. 1 and 5
6	No	No	-

Dissemination & Exploitation of Results

- No scientific publications have been written for WP3 in the reporting period
→ main publications will be software & services made openly available, proceedings on best practices and outcome of TSC
- dissemination and communication activities for WP3:
 - Organisation of one workshop ([first OSSR workshop](#)), one exhibition
 - Participation in three conferences, several workshops and collaboration meetings
 - [29 meetings scheduled](#)
- IPRs are not applicable to WP3 → aim of open science



Planning until Mid-Term Review

- the work will be carried out along the deliverables and milestones of the project
 - the prototype of the repository will be set up and a few available open source software from the partners added as test cases
 - the innovative competence group will be formed from the SOC of the [IWAPP workshop](#)
 - the [first ESCAPE summer school](#) will be held
 - use cases of multi-messenger analysis workflows as well as CORSIKA simulations will be finalised



Backup Slides

- exposing software and services in the cloud brings challenges and questions:
 - Functional range of repository and its integration in EOSC
 - Administrative and legal issues (A&A, licensing, preservation, provenance,...)
 - Efficient implementation of co-development, cross-fertilisation and innovative approaches in software/service development
 - Harmonising the wishes/needs of the (ESF)RIs, the EOSC itself and its users
- E-OSSR strives to:
 - Establish a foundation to (co-)develop EOSC-ready software and services;
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- E-OSSR does not focus on:
 - application of those services in the EOSC and integration to portals/analysis platforms → link to the other WPs

