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SSHOC Competence Centre: Flash Talk ***OSCARS AGM 2026***

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- Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cluster (SSHOC) is working to develop a Competence Centre (CC) for the SSH domain.
- Funding support through OSCARS for CESSDA, CLARIN and DARIAH
- Aim: create a CC that provides and shares knowledge and expertise across all partners in the network of infrastructural initiatives in the domain of SSH.
- How:
 - Collating / consolidating existing training materials, best practice documents, digital helpdesks, networks of experts, etc.
 - Accessible both via the source nodes and the SSH Marketplace

- A web page, currently being developed as part of OSCARS WP1
- Pointers to the federated sources including:
 - Training materials, user support, best practice documents, digital helpdesks, networks of experts, etc.
- Plans for an AI-driven wizard
- Governance in principle with the SSHOC Governing Board.

What is it not: a catalogue of tools, a data repository, a technical services discovery platform. (The competencies are the softer complements of these assets.)

- What kind of training, resources, or expertise would you expect to find there?
- What more could a competence centre offer to OSCARS OS projects?
- What ‘competencies’ would you like to contribute? (E.g., curation of training resources, best practise paper, user support for tools?)
- Any suggestions for how to communicate the SSH competence centre to the relevant communities?



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Thank you