



# OSCARS

Open Science Clusters' Action  
for Research & Society

## WP1 CLOOC

### *Cluster Open science Competence Centres*

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- Foster **Community-based Competence Centres (CCC)** across the five Science Clusters.
  - Support the **formation and operational establishment** of the CCCs.
  - Strengthen **intra- and cross-cluster collaboration**.
- Promote **Open Science and FAIR** expertise, training and support services.

A CLuster Open science Competence Centre (CLOCC) is:

- A **virtual hub** fostering research excellence through **training and knowledge transfer**;
- A **community-driven structure embedded** within each Science Cluster;
- Providing:
  - Expertise
  - Best practices
  - Open Science and FAIR service support
- Promoting
  - Cross-disciplinary collaboration

**CLOCCs are NOT new legal entities**, but coordination hubs leveraging existing RI expertise.

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**All five Science Cluster CCCs are established (MS1 - Nov 2024)**

→ Each Science Cluster has a Competence Centre but there is limited awareness within the research communities.

Across clusters:

- CLOCCs have **operational entry points**
  - Contact points and websites created
  - Competences and services mapped
  - Initial community engagement launched through roadmap of events

Important to keep in mind the heterogeneity in Science Clusters and their approaches to support their communities

WP1 activities focus on **connecting CLOCCs and promoting knowledge exchange between clusters**

Main actions:

- Regular WP1 coordination meetings
- Mapping competences and services across clusters
- Preparing cross-cluster engagement activities
- Ongoing and sustained engagement with EOSC initiatives and funded OSCARS projects

→ Community events and workshops

→ Cross-cluster discussions on governance and sustainability

→ Glossary Task Force for EOSC Terminology discoverability

These activities support the **development of a network of CCCs across scientific domains**

## Impact so far

- Entry points for Open Science and FAIR expertise at the Cluster level
- Increased cross-cluster coordination
- Support mechanisms for OSCARS funded projects
- Growing training and service catalogues and competence inventories

## Next steps:

- Ongoing implementation of cross-cluster training roadmap (*MS2*)
- Working on cross-cluster CCC use cases for service composability (*WP2*)
- Expanding CCC visibility and community engagement (*WP3*)
- Strengthen sustainability and governance models (*Cluster CCC manuscripts, engagement with Science Cluster boards*)



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