

VO WG activities – concentrated on Astro-CC

The “Astronomy Open Science Competence Centre Pilot” project (**Astro-CC**) is supporting community events for the use and development of the VO:

- Project started officially in April 2025, for 2 years
- <https://www.oscars-project.eu/projects/astro-cc-astronomy-open-science-competence-centre-pilot>
- Funded by the EC Horizon Europe OSCARS project, and connected to ESCAPE collaboration
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The project is a pilot of a “Competence Centre” for Open Science in the context of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).

● **Focused on community events:**

- **2 Technology Forum events** - for the developers of software/services, to discuss and refine community open interoperability standards.

First Tech Forum: week of October 2025, Trieste, Italy (30 participants) ✓ *Done*

<https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/36318/>

Second Tech Forum: late 2026 in Paris

- **2 Scientific Training events** - for Ph.D students and early career researchers, to learn using interoperable tools and services as well as to gain skills for Open Science publication and research in astronomy.

First School: 2-4 December, Madrid, Spain (~40 registered participants, ~10 tutors). *Ready*

<https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/36738/>

Second School: 2026 in Strasbourg

- **Data Provider Forum event** - for astronomy data providers to use standards to ensure their data is FAIR
25-27 March 2026, Heidelberg, Germany – to be advertised.