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ESCAPE

European Science Cluster of Astronomy &
Particle physics ESFRI research Infrastructures

Cluster Position in EOSC and Future Planning

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The ESCAPE Open Collaboration

Since February 2023, ESCAPE has a Collaboration Agreement signed by the Directors of all the partner RIs



<https://projectescape.eu/>



The ESCAPE Open Collaboration Agreement (CA)

This Agreement
between

The Organisations listed in Annexe 1

Hereinafter referred to as 'Parties',

defines the ESCAPE Open Collaboration, the subject of this Collaboration Agreement.

Hereinafter referred to as "ESCAPE".

1. DEFINITIONS

Background IPR	means any IPR controlled or owned by any Party prior to the entry into force of this CA or IPR generated by any of the Parties independently of this CA and controlled or owned by that Party;
Confidential Information	has the meaning given to it in Section 7 of this CA;
Creating Party	has the meaning given to it in Section 8 of this CA;
EOSC	means European Open Science Cloud;
Foreground IPR	means any IPR arising from tasks as described in the Work Plan and carried out in the course of this Agreement by any of the Parties;
IPR	means any and all intellectual property rights anywhere in the world whether registered, are registerable or otherwise, including but not limited to patents, trademarks, registered designs, domain names, applications for any of the foregoing, trade or business names, copyright and rights in the nature of copyright, design rights, rights in databases, moral rights and know-how;
Party in Default	has the meaning given to it in Section 14 of this CA;
Work Plan	means the tasks to be performed during the course of this Agreement [further detail in Annexe 2 if required].

The 5 Science Clusters are:

- ENVRI - Environmental Science
- **ESCAPE - Astronomy and Particle Physics**
- LS RI - Life Science
- PaNOSC - Photon and Neutron Science
- SSHOC - Social Sciences and Humanities



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- ESCAPE coordinated and contributed to submitted proposal in 2026: **OSCARS2** ([HORIZON-INFRA-2026-01-EOSC-01](https://science-clusters.eu/horizon-infra-2026-01-eosc-01)), **PSENTRIC** ([HORIZON-INFRA-2026-DEV-01-02](https://science-clusters.eu/horizon-infra-2026-dev-01-02))
 - OSCARS2 → *Uptake of FAIR data management practices and of EOSC by research communities and research infrastructures*
 - PSENTRIC → *Consolidation of the research infrastructure landscape – pilots for strategic coordination, synergies and simplified access pathways, by large thematic clusters of pan-European research infrastructures*
- Upcoming calls in 2027
 - HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01-01 → Access to research infrastructures, their resources and services: large-scale pilots for more integrated scheme across (sub)domains
 - HORIZON-INFRA-2027-SERV-01-02 → Access to research infrastructure services to enable R&I addressing EU priorities and emerging challenges
 - HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC-01 → Expanding and deepening the EOSC Federation (EOSC Partnership)
- Positive feedback in ESFRI-EOSC TF meeting in April.
- EOSC Symposium 2026 meeting 14-16 October (schedule: <https://indico.global/event/18268/timetable/#20261014>)

Role of ESCAPE in the EOSC Federation and FP10

- Science of our RIs should be supported in thematic and national nodes.
- Commit to strategic priorities defined by the RIs.
- OSCARS follow-up call should be seen as a direct acknowledgment of the SCs' ability to coordinate our communities around shared activities and scientific challenges.
- Influence and contribute in shaping future calls for Nodes (starting from 3rd call!).
- Propose alternative model to Node through which the Cluster can be implemented in the Federation (Knowledge Hub? CC?).
- Survey with ESCAPE RIs.
- ESCAPE Cluster Position Statement, coordinate with other SCs.

- Results from calls in November.
- **Need to start discussion on how to shape OSCARS2 calls.**
- EB meetings with WG leaders and RIs representatives to define high scientific impact topics, challenges and developments that can serve Astronomy, Astroparticle, Particle and Nuclear Physics communities .
- WG activities and broadening of perimeter (e.g. Virtual Institute for Research Software, AI).
- Strategy Board meeting, discussion on Collaboration Work Programme evolution in light of the end of the current CA.
- **ESCAPE General Meeting beginning of 2027** (end of January, beginning of February TBD).
- Preparation for 2027 calls.

DISCUSSIONS Q&A