

EVERSE

A Virtual Institute for Research Software Excellence



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Objectives

- Build a community-led structure for improving for **improving the guality of research software and code**
 - Build on a collaboration of the five EOSC clusters 0
 - Establish a European network or Research Software Quality Provide training to support best practices in the clusters Ο
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- Leverage on **existing tools and processes** within the research community
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 - Based on existing practices and standards within the research communities Provide tools and processes that support the evaluation, verification and improvement of research software Ο
- Establish a **sustainable and collaborative** ecosystem to ensure research software and code quality
 - Enable reliable and reproducible research via training of researchers and RSEs Ο
- Provide a framework to ensure **recognition**, reward and career development for researchers and RSEs
 - Come up with a formal framework that recognizes contributions and achievements in research software Ο



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Activities

The core activities:

- Assess current best practices by researchers and make those accessible via the EVERSE "RSQkit"
 - The RSQkit is a meta-repository of documentation, practices, and examples (content still in flow)
 - Prototype for a different purpose/field: <u>RDMKit</u>
- Link tools and services into common pipelines or frameworks for software quality and integrate them into the tools developed by the EOSC clusters
- Guiding principles are **FAIRness** and **Open Science**

Exercise the concepts within the EOSC clusters:

- Link to the EOSC science clusters, exercise the EVERSE developments via pilots and provide feedback to WP2 and WP3
- E.g. EVERSE / HEP use cases
 - Analysis code for high throughput data from the LHC based on "xAODAnaHelpers" $\rightarrow \underline{talk}$
 - Prototyping of machine learning tools for data compression $\rightarrow \underline{talk}$
 - Research software infrastructure for the tracking of charged particles based on "ACTS" $\rightarrow \underline{\text{talk}}$

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 Ideas (and funding calls) for more pilots welcome, please contact Caterina¹

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Activities (ctd.)

Training & Recognition:

- Underpin the best practices for software quality in the clusters by **existing trainings**
- After a gap analysis eventually **develop trainings**
- Establish **curricula for research software engineering**, provide feedback on those to universities and schools
- Provide a framework and tools to recognise and reward contributions to research software and training
- Many training activities available on the ESCAPE side (HSF Training, Schools, ...)

The Network

- Establish a framework among the EVERSE clusters
- **Connect** to research communities, organizations and industry
- Pave the way towards a future **Virtual Institute for Software Excellence**
- Establish a **process to join** the framework



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How to join the network

- EVERSE infrastructure, processes and content will be initially setup by the partners of the consortium
- In parallel we are looking for partners outside the consortium to join EVERSE

Who can join EVERSE?

- Roles in which you can join
 - Join as **user** to profit from the content and training gathered and developed in EVERSE Join as a **contributor** to provide further content to the consortium and help shape it Ο
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- Granularity of joining
 - Join as **individual** researcher or research software engineer Ο
 - Join on an **institutional** level as research lab, university, engineering school, ... Ο

How to join EVERSE?

- The process of joining is actively discussed in the context of WP1 "European Network for Research Quality"
- For the time being please contact Graeme Stewart¹ or SR². Once the process is established we will ping you.

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Mentors who volunteered for the course hands-on training sessions

Example on training in research software: HEP C++ Course and Hands-on Training



- 10 "essentials" and "advanced" trainings organized since October 2020
- Organized from within the HEP community for HEP students
- Course material is being continuously updated and further developed
- \rightarrow Researchers and software engineers are eager to improve their software skills
- \rightarrow We do have the skills and people to organize the trainings also from within HEP
- \rightarrow The recognition of organizers and contributors to training needs to be raised

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WP Leads and Co-leads with a connection to HEP

