



*"European research stakeholders have been intensifying the preparatory works on the implementation of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) initiative, being closely followed by the EU Member States' Governments. The 'Big Picture' of the development of the Czech national data infrastructure, presented in September 2021, is a key milestone on the way to implement EOSC in the Czech Republic. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has already allocated over EUR 100 mil. of investments to trigger the hardware acquisition, boost the software development and bring up the data management specialists. All in all, a solid kick-off to make the Czech scientific data FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) inter-nationally."*

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## The European Open Science Cloud initiative to be implemented in the Czech Republic

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, jointly with the National Library of Technology, the e-INFRA CZ e-infrastructure and the Technology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences, organised an **EOSC** (European Open Science Cloud) workshop to present the "Big Picture" of future development of the Czech national scientific data infrastructure and debate technical and other features of its architecture, including the design of expert working groups to address respective issues.

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## ESFRI one step closer to launch the 2021 ESFRI Roadmap update

The 77<sup>th</sup> session of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) was held virtually on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The ESFRI delegates paid particular attention to the upcoming **2021 ESFRI Roadmap update**, which Strategy Report and Landscape Analysis were endorsed, as well as the ESFRI Projects to become the ESFRI Landmarks. The 2021 ESFRI Roadmap edition will be presented in the first place to the EU Research Ministers on the occasion of the Competitiveness Council meeting, to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Brussels, Belgium.

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## The EIRENE project coordinated by the Masaryk University to be included in the ESFRI Roadmap 2021

The European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) published a list of **eleven European research infrastructures** that will be newly listed in its 2021 Roadmap, including the EIRENE (European Environmental Exposure Assessment Network) project, coordinated by the Masaryk University. EIRENE is based on a ten-year experience in successfully building the Czech national **RECETOX RI** large research infrastructure. Nowadays, EIRENE already connects 50 research institutions from 17 countries.

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## ESFRI Days 2021

On 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the Slovenian Presidency of the EU Council will host a series of sessions organised by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). The programme of the so-called **ESFRI Days 2021** will be composed of the **78<sup>th</sup> ESFRI Forum Plenary**, the **official launch event of the 2021 ESFRI Roadmap update** and the **1<sup>st</sup> ESFRI Stakeholder Forum Meetup**. All events will be held in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. Follow the ESFRI Days 2021 websites and join leading research infrastructure stakeholders in Europe to debate emerging research infrastructure policy agenda.

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