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Professional and User Support Network Initiatives

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Summary

- **WP6/T6.3:**
 - Professional networks
- **WP7/T7.4:**
 - User Support Network (USN)
 - USN main Outcomes
 - USN Sustainability

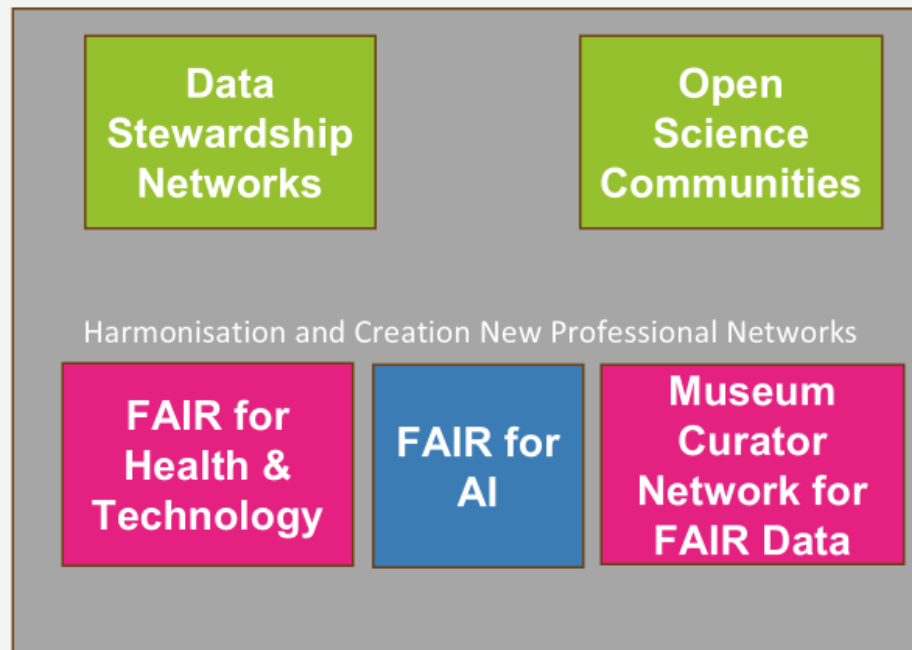


Professional Networks

Work Package 6 Professional Networks for Lifelong Learning

Mapping of
Professional
Networks

Starter Kits
for
Professional
Networks

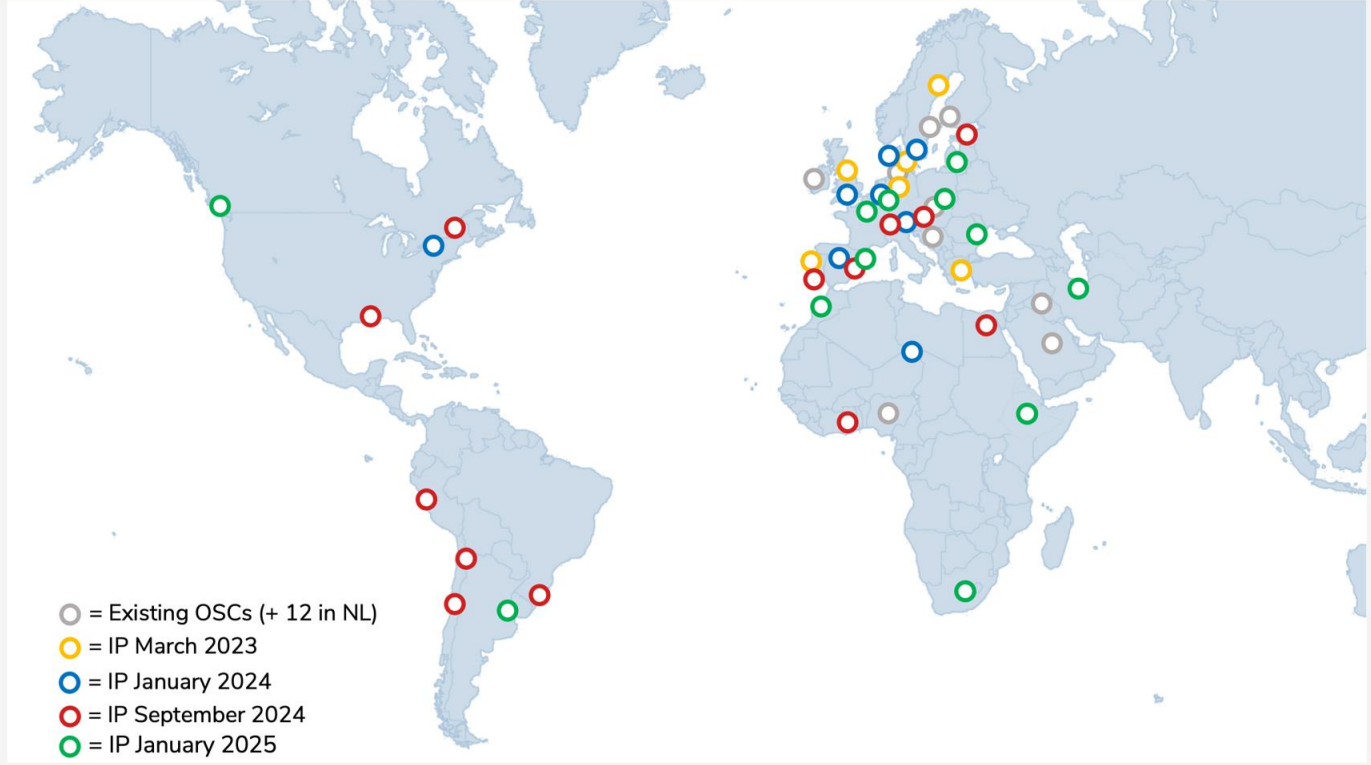


Fellowship
Programme



New Open Science Communities 37 (21 in Europe)

Incubator Program (IP)	New OSCs
March-June 2023	Umeå, Coimbra, Athens, Sheffield, Hannover, Copenhagen
January-April 2024	Sussex, Parkstad, North-Africa, Rochester, Lund, Aalborg, Madrid, Innsbruck
September-December 2024	Quebec, Ghana, Biobío, New Orleans, Pelotas, Zürich, Vienna, Lima, Estonia, Valencia, Santiago
January - May 2025	Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Ethiopia, Iran, Katowice, Kaunas (Lat), Mainz (Ger), Morocco, Paris, Romania, S Africa, Victoria (Can)



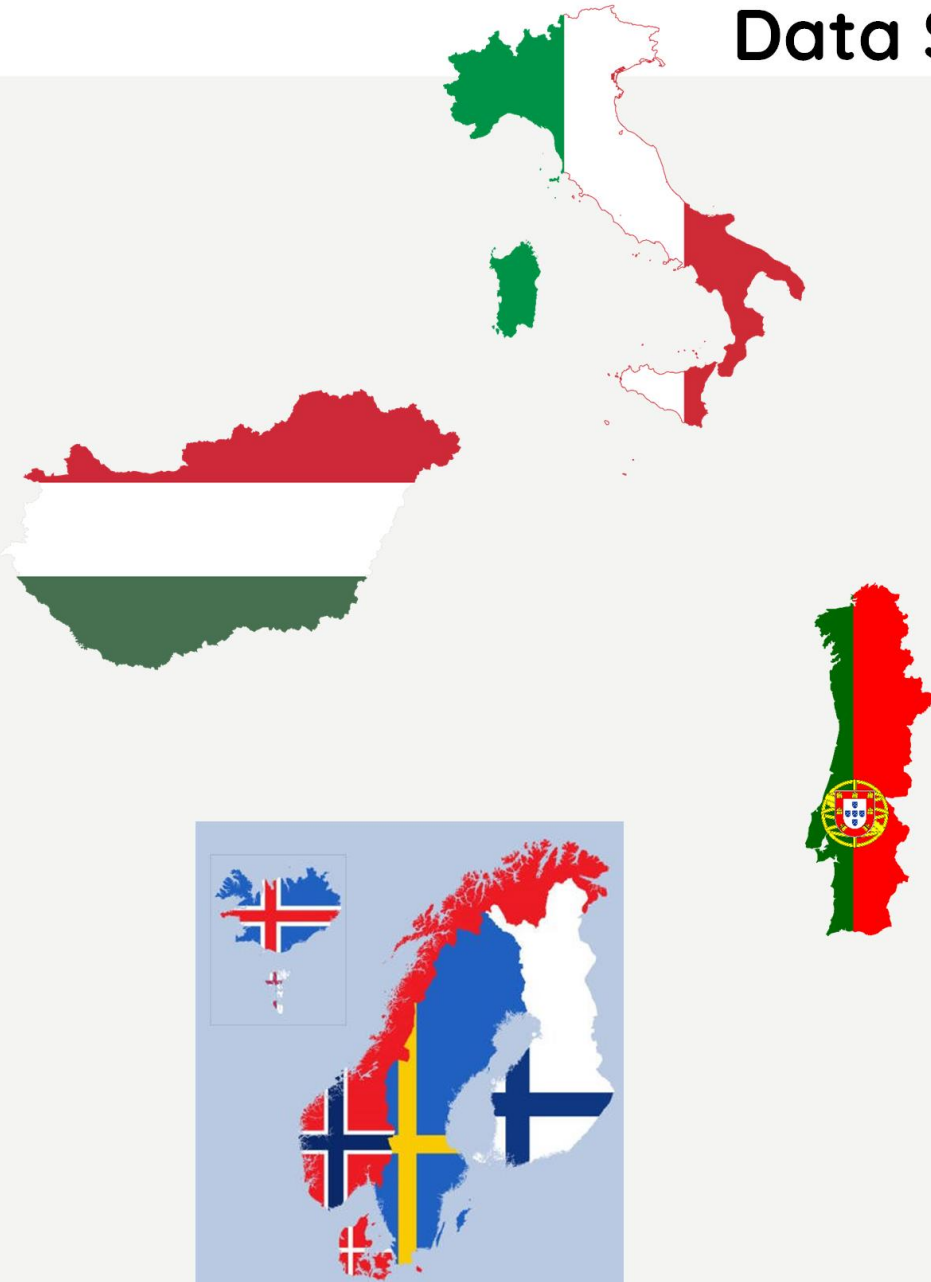
Follow-up, support and sustainability as members of [INOSC](https://www.inosc.eu)

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INOSC
 International Network of Open Science & Scholarship Communities
 27 countries | 50 communities | 2300+ members

Data Steward Networks

All images



Network	Launch	Membership	Support/Affiliation
Italy ICDS	November 2023	172	Italian Computing and Data Infrastructure (ICDI)
Hungary HDSN	October 2024	40	KIFU → Pro-M?
Portugal PDSN	March 2025	70	Re.Data with Foundation for Science & Technology (FCT- FCCN)
Nordic Countries NDSN	July 2025	> 300	Nordic e-Infrastructure Collaboration (NeIC)



Thematic Networks

FAIR Data for Health Technology Research Network Initiative

Health Technology research data can be regarded as “data which is collected, generated, analysed, and (re-)used during the design, testing, and assessment of new technological devices and systems developed to solve a health problem and / or improve quality of lives” (task working definition).

Survey on Awareness and Adoption of FAIR principles:

- 16 Researchers and Data professionals
- 6 countries
- [D6.3](#)

Collaboration with SciLifeLab (Sweden)

- Convene Initiative meetings June, July 2025
- Launch network August 2025
- White paper on FAIR data in HT (survey results)

Museum Curator Network for FAIR Data Natural History Museum Vienna

Status - Network Initiative

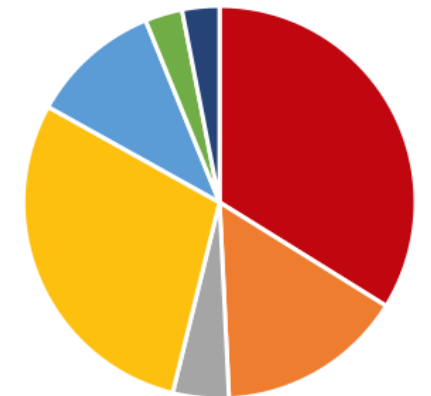
Steering Board established

Attendance Train-the-Trainer course for Digital Collections Curators - 65

Regular activities not yet established

Relevant competence centre to be determined

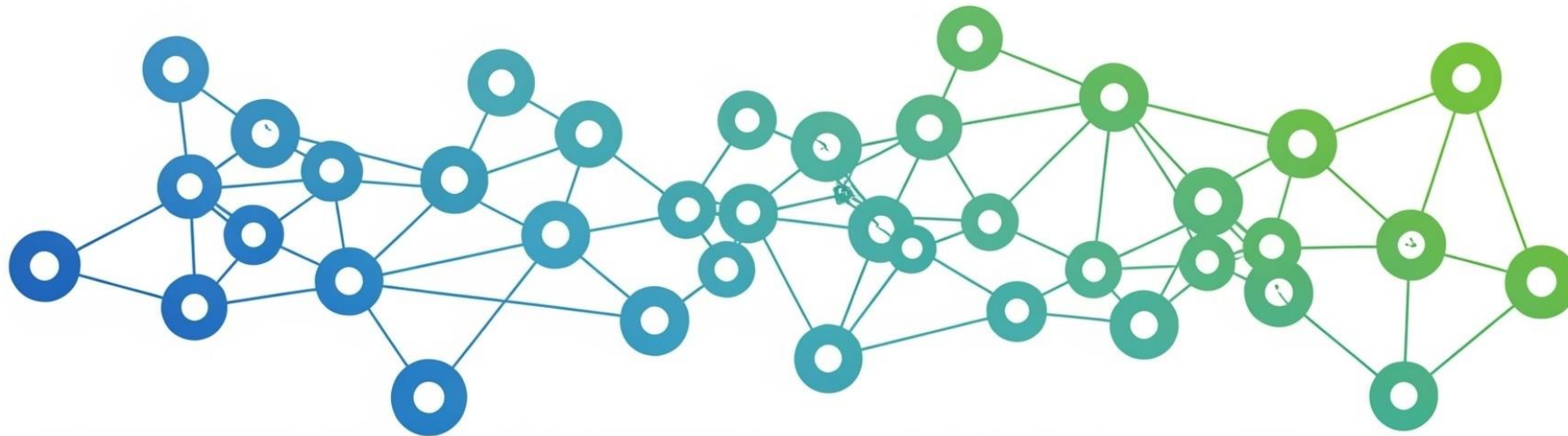
Types of collections to which participants (N=65) of TtT belonged:



WP7 – T7.4: User Support Network

Strategic initiative targeting **User Support Teams** (aka '**Channels**') to:

- help them improve the **quality of their support**
- facilitate the adoption of **open science practices** and promote the **FAIR principles**



WP7 – T7.4: User Support Network

How:

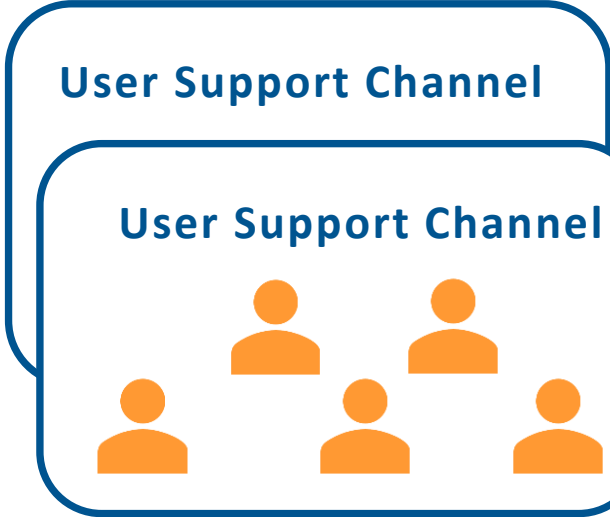
- Collecting and sharing **experiences, skills issues/solutions and best practices** among the USN members;
- Fostering **cooperation** among the members joining the network;
- Promoting activities in thematic fields to provide **resources** and **training**.

Skill4EOOSC supports the USN by providing some **tools** (repository to share documents and materials), **mailing list**, **communication channels**.

<https://www.skills4eosc.eu/network/user-support-network>

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User Support Network



[USN Initiative document](#)

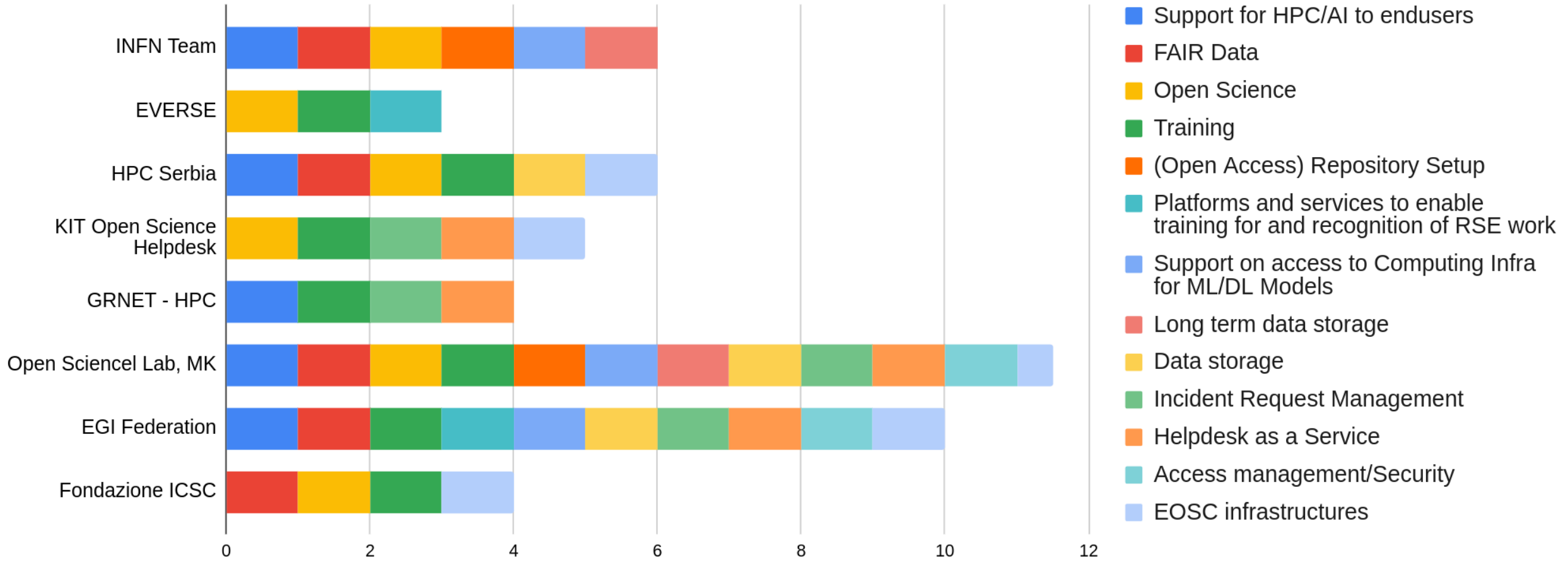
User Support Network: expected benefits

- **Knowledge sharing**
 - USN members gain access to a wealth of expertise
- **Training and Skill Development**
 - USN members enhance their team's skills, staying at the forefront of advancements in Open Science, AI, HPC, etc.
- **Collaborative Projects and Resource Sharing**
 - USN members are facilitated to engage in collaborative projects, leveraging shared resources, and expanding the network of collaborators

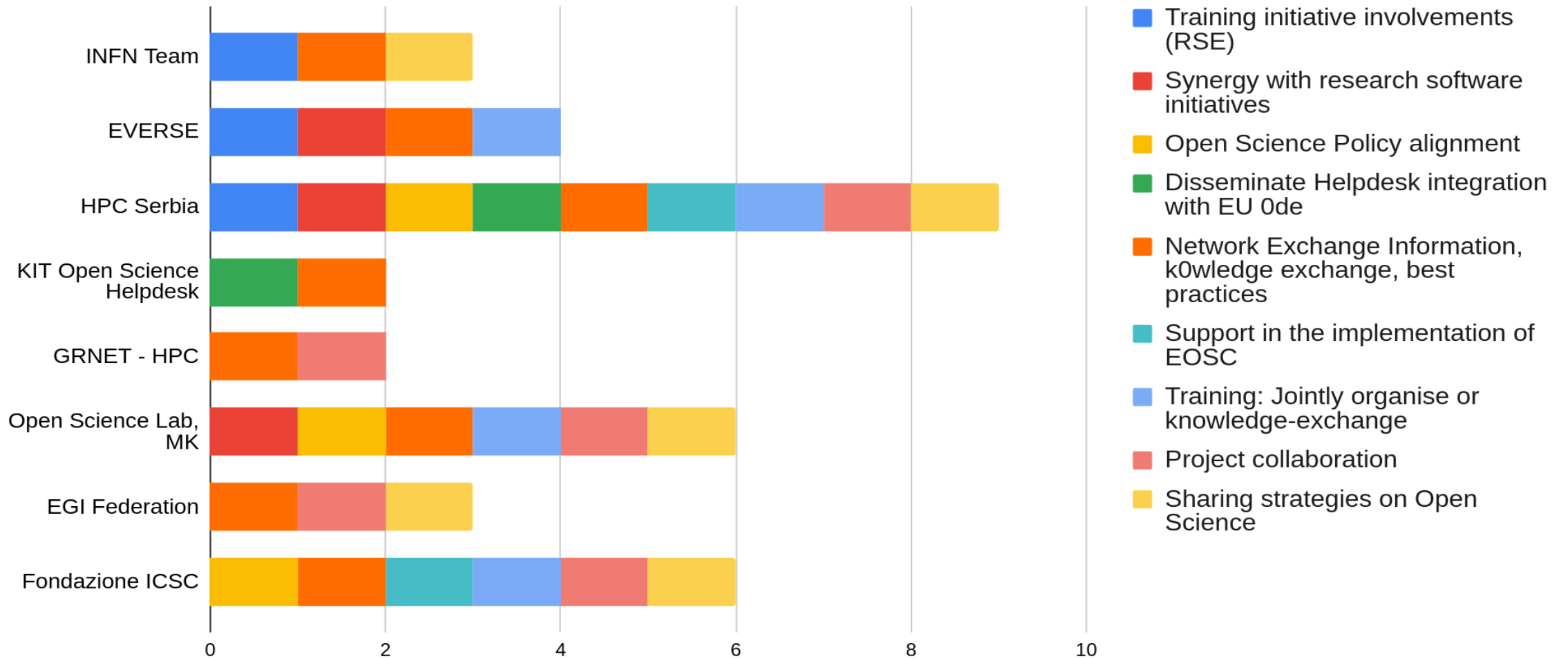
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Expertise Areas



Needs



User Support Network: KoM and events

May 2024

Webinar to introduce the Skills4EOSC User Support Network

Presentation of the USN initiative and the plans to define and prepare the USN Kick-off meeting.

Participants 40

Sep 2024

Skills4EOSC User Support Network Kick-off meeting

Starting the initiative and presenting the 9 USCs and related activities

Participants 40

Nov 2024

Skills4EOSC User Support Network 2nd meeting

Presentation of the Italian Research Center on HPC, Big Data and Quantum Computing (ICSC) Foundation

Participants 15

Jan 2025

Skills4EOSC User Support Network 3rd meeting

Presentation of the Best practices adopted within the UKIM Open Science Lab

Participants 15

Mar 2025

Skills4EOSC User Support Network 4th meeting

User support and training activities within the INFN DataCloud

Participants 10

May 2025

Skills4EOSC User Support Network 5th meeting

User support and training activities within the ICSC Foundation

Participants 14

Jun 2025

Skills4EOSC User Support Network 6th meeting

Evolution of the activities within the EVERSE project

Coming soon



USN Main outcomes

The main goal of the USN has been reached:

- the members exchanged relevant information about their activities and best practices during the meetings
- some documentation has been shared through the repository and the agendas of the meetings
- the 9 members regularly attending the meetings represented their respective groups, approximately 100 individuals in total.



User Support Network: sustainability

- Very difficult to support initiatives without specific funding
- Possible solutions:
 - One of the members takes the lead and provides the (minimal set of) tools to support the network activity
 - USN supported within the activities of the Competence Centers Network, maybe as a Working Group



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