

# Data Management Planning within the EOSC CZ - Czech National Data Infrastructure for Research Data

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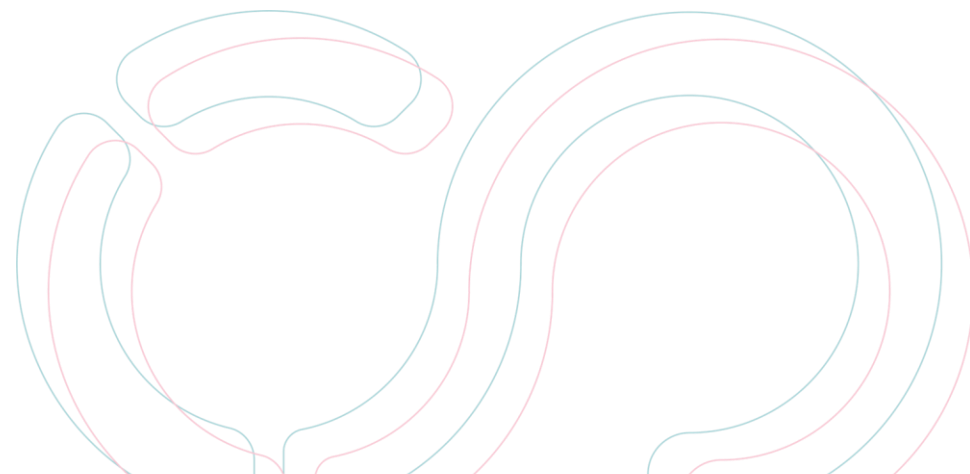
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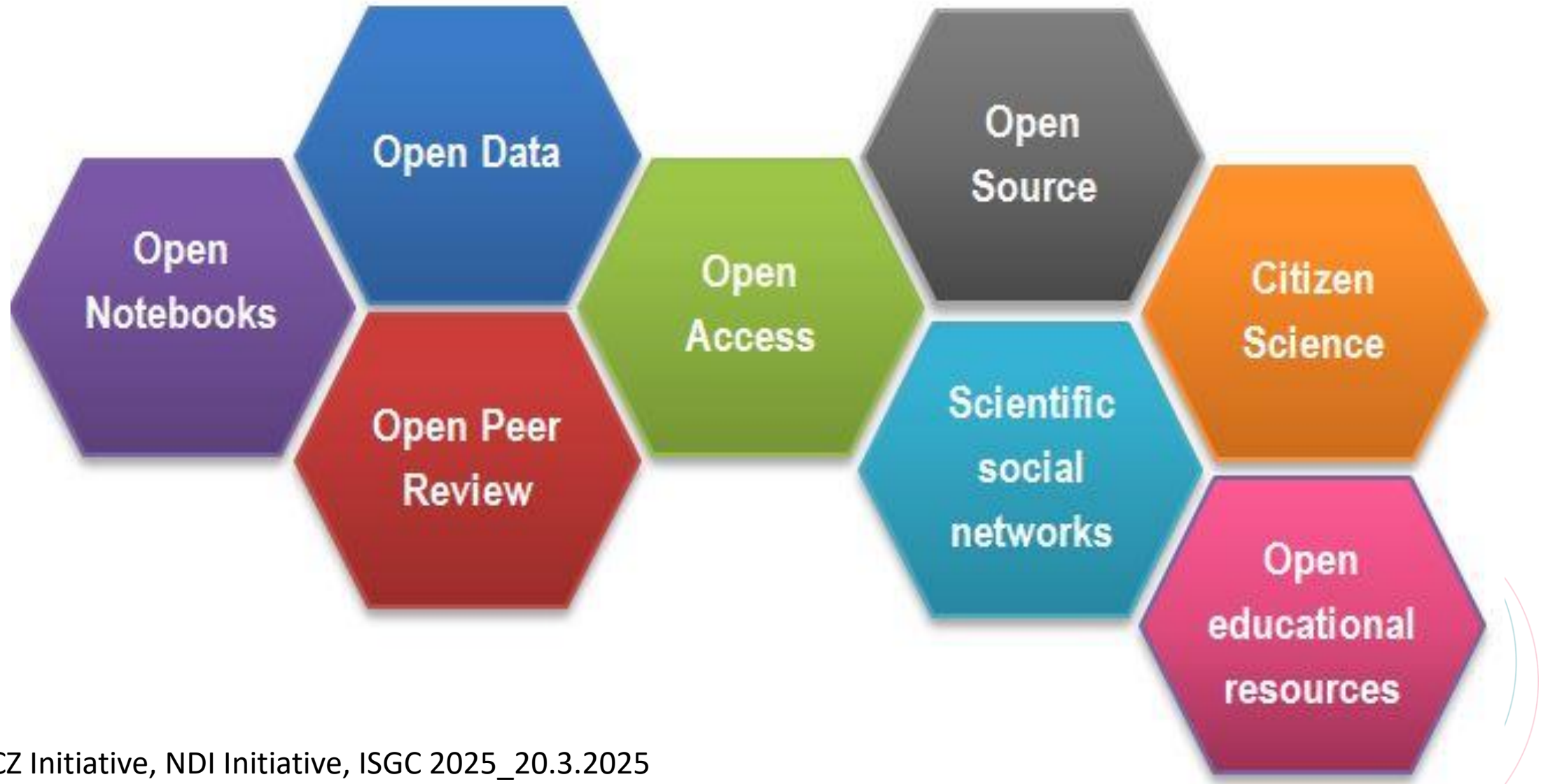
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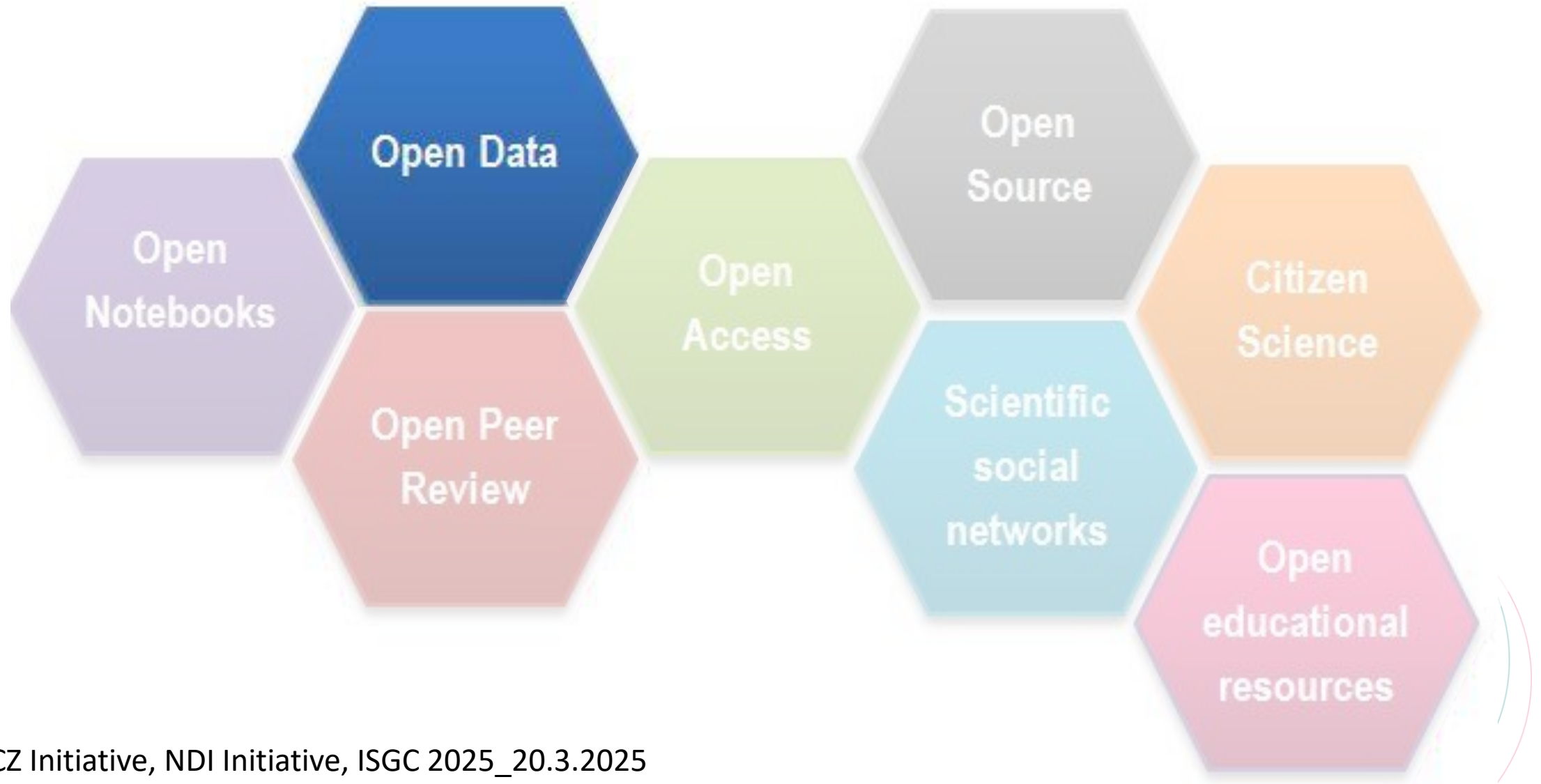
- From Open Science to FAIR Data
- From EOSC to EOSC CZ Initiative – two years in the making
- Czech National Data Infrastructure and e-INFRA CZ
- First glimpses at the EOSC CZ services and how to deal with automatization
- What's next



# From Open Science to FAIR Data





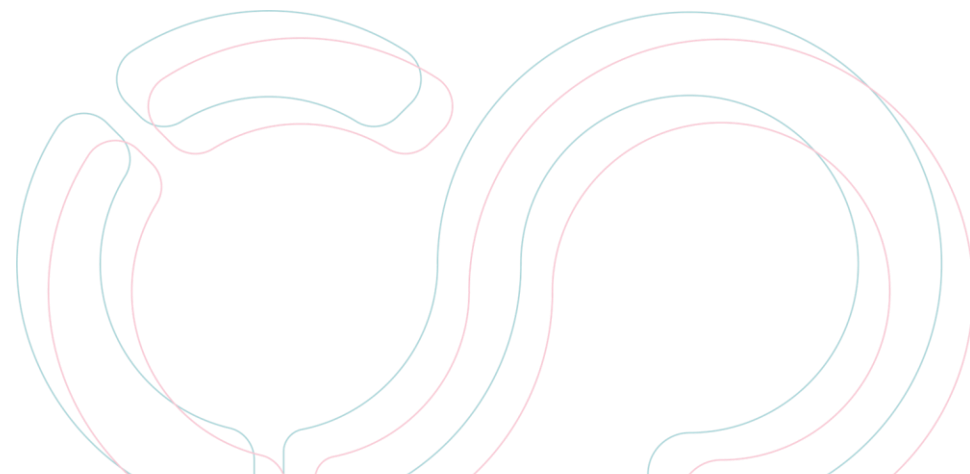


# ~~OPEN~~ -> FAIR data

- Concept of open data simply **can't serve as a guiding principle for all** research data
  - Some are sensitive
  - Some have licencing restrictions
  - Some provide competitive advantage
  - Missing incentives
  - ...
- Pragmatically, so-called **FAIRness of data may and should be pursued**
  - **F**indable
  - **A**ccessible
  - **I**nteroperable
  - **R**eusable
- FAIR data == **well managed data**



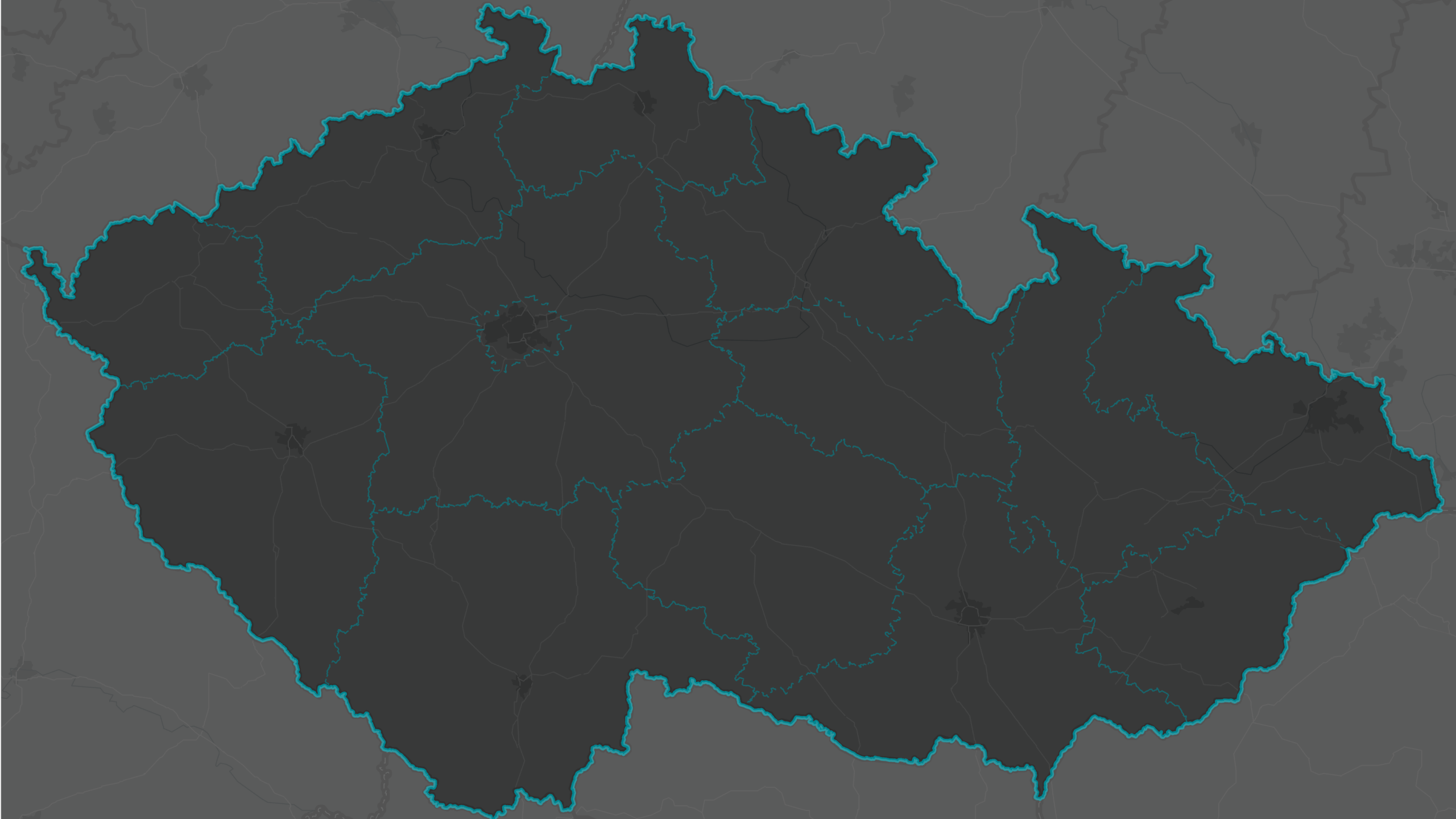
# FROM EOSC to EOSC CZ



# European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

- **Technological, program and process foundation supporting better FAIR research data management**
- Including
  - Capacity
  - Tools
  - Access management
  - Interfaces for analysis
  - ...
- **Federated** – not a single product, service or single monolithic environment
- **Interconnected** – across research domains and EU states



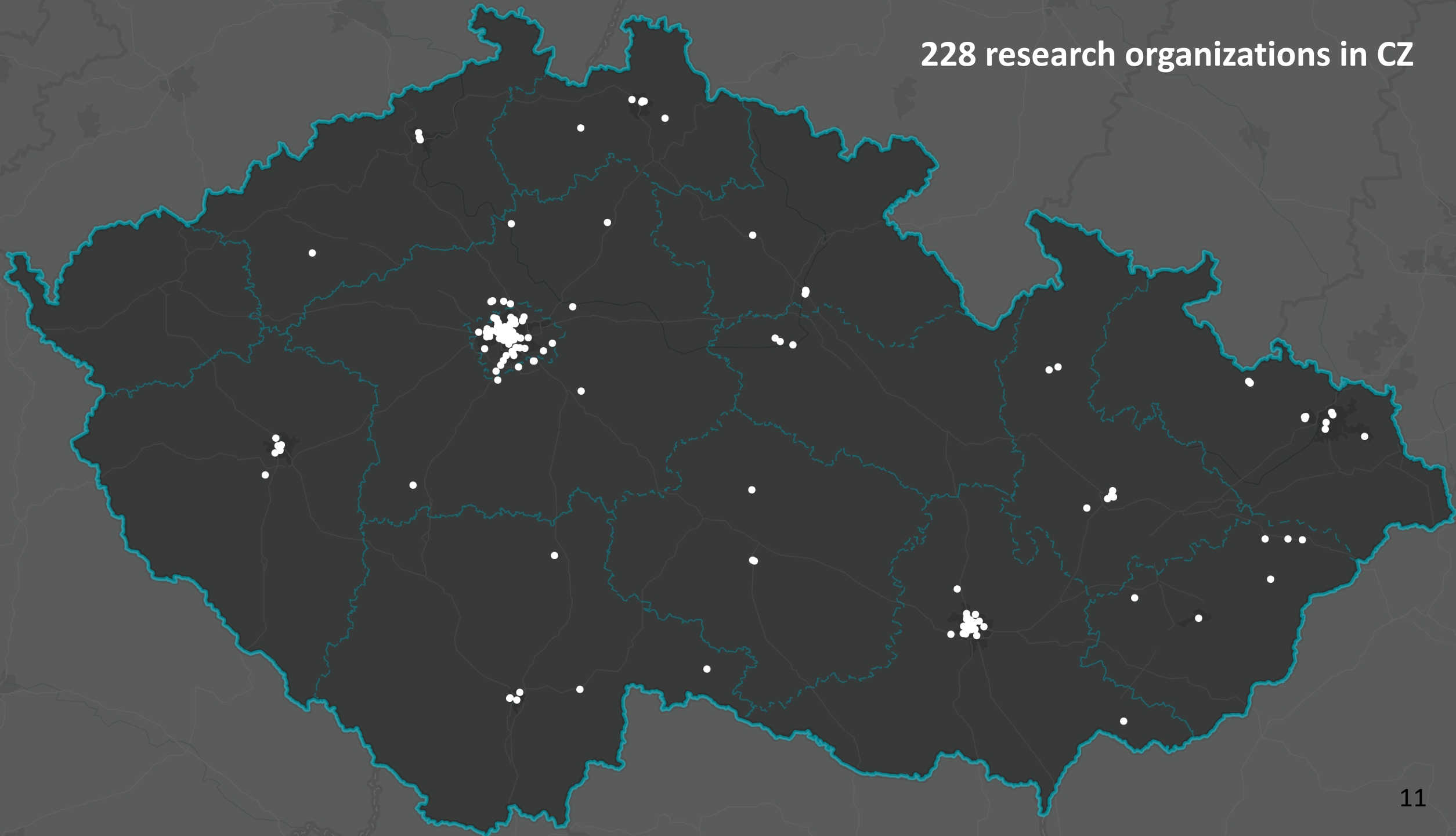


- ○ Physical sciences and engineering
- ○ Energy
- ○ Environmental sciences
- ○ Health and food
- ○ Social sciences and humanities
- ○ e-Infrastructures

● ELI Beamlines



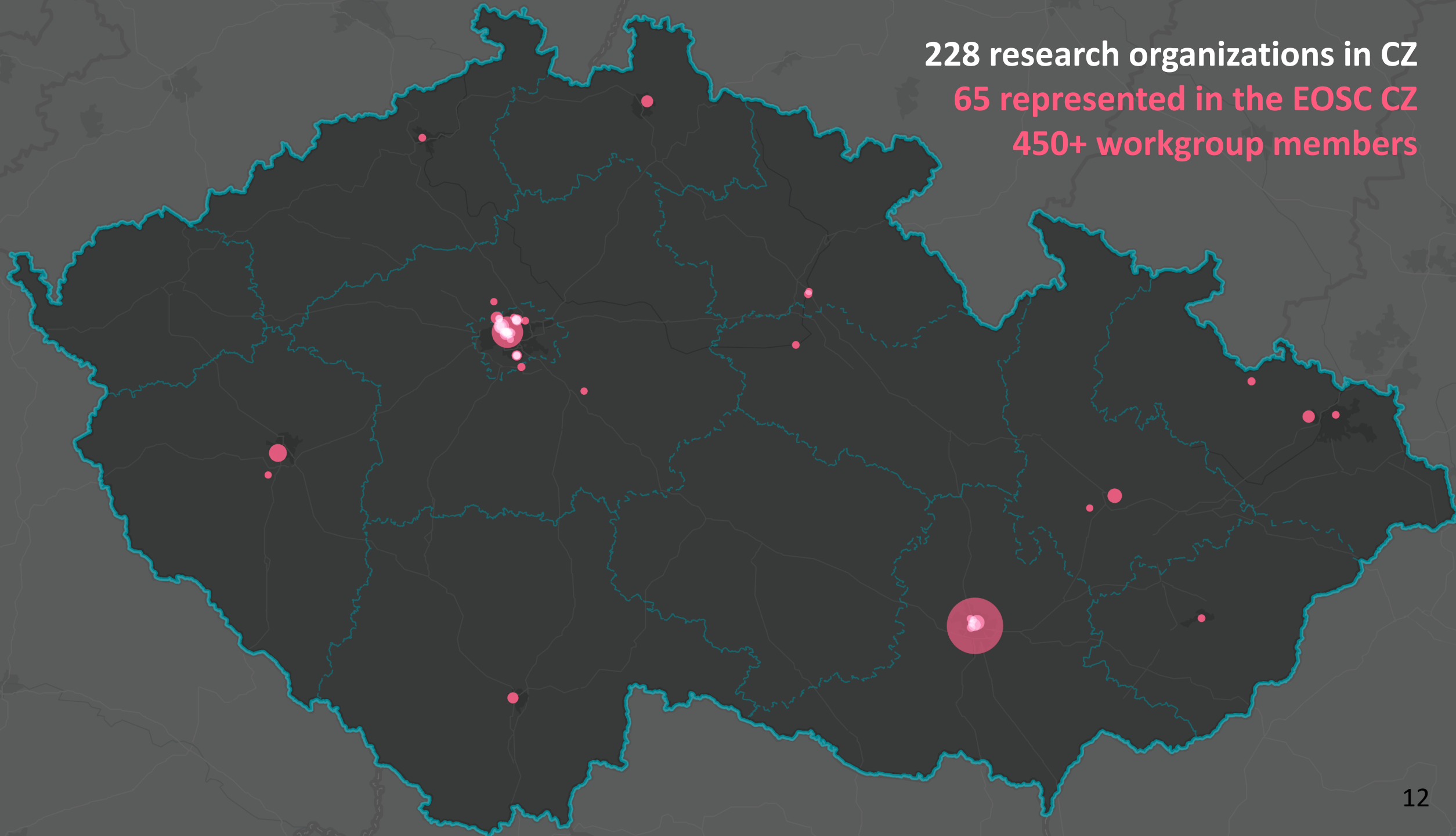
# 228 research organizations in CZ

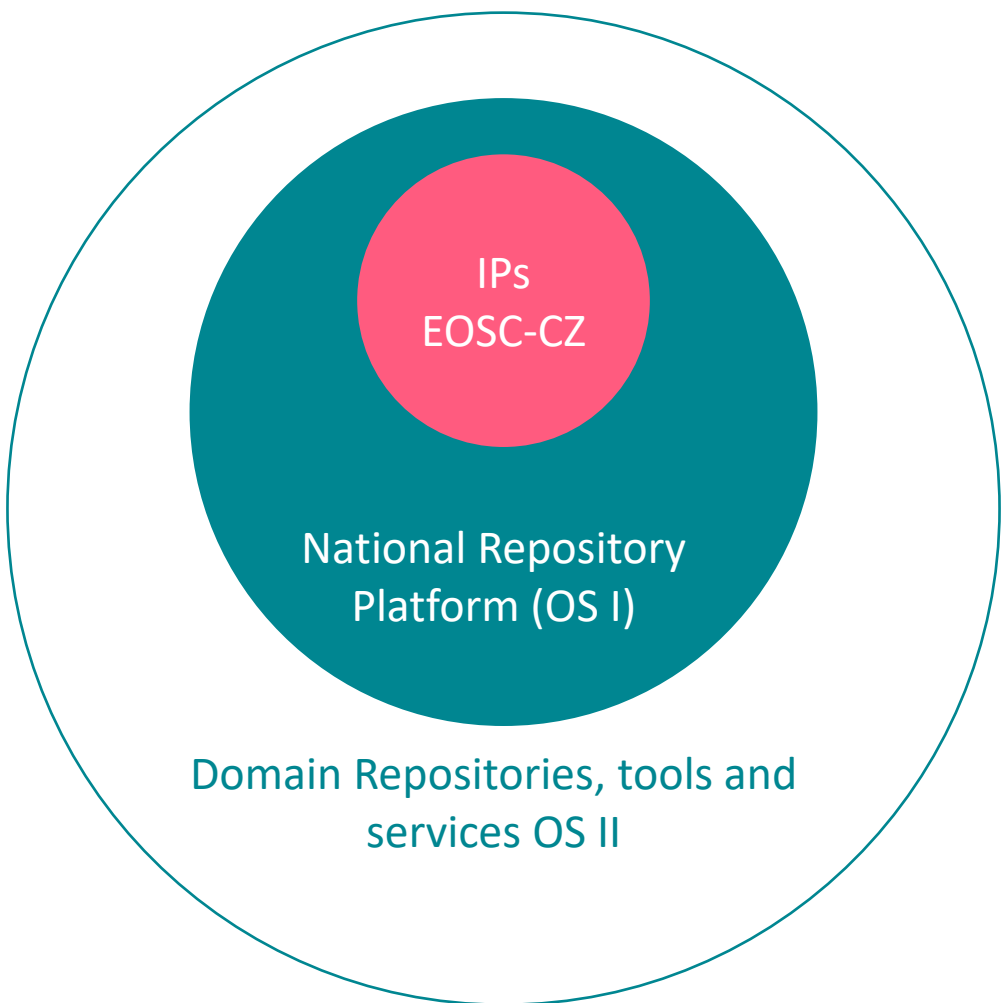


**228 research organizations in CZ**

**65 represented in the EOOSC CZ**

**450+ workgroup members**





## IPs EOSC-CZ (since 2023) – Fundamentals for EOSC implementation in CZ

- Organizational (**Secretariat**) – <https://www.eosc.cz/en/secretariat>
- Technical (**National Metadata Directory**) – <https://nma.eosc.cz/>
- Knowledge and skills (**Training Centre**) – <https://www.eosc.cz/en/training-centre>

## National repository Platform (OS I, since 2024) – “technical core”

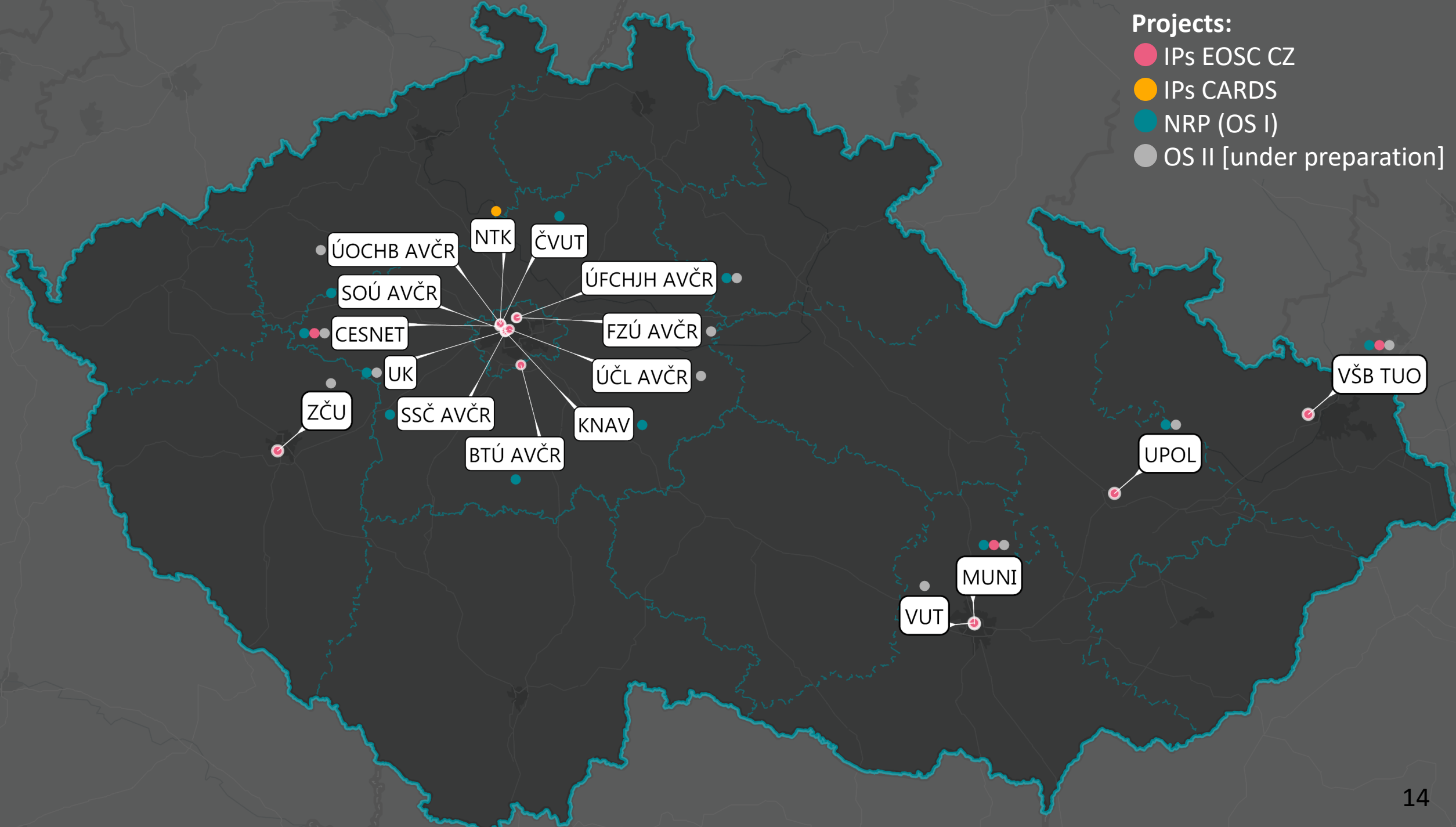
- **Repository platforms** (dspace, cesnet invenio, asepl arl) (50+ PB user capacity)
- First **exemplary repositories**
- **Core services** (PIDs, DSW, licenses, ...)
- **Compliance** and UX (cybersecurity, ServiceDesk, ...)
- **Training** – technical side of things

## OS II (since 2025) – “domain specifics”

- Under preparation, content not clear yet
- **Based on expertise of the 8 thematic / discipline workgroups**
  - Bio/Health/Food, Matech, AI & ML, Social Sciences, Physics, Humanities & Arts, Enviro, Sensitive Data
- see <https://www.eosc.cz/en/working-groups>

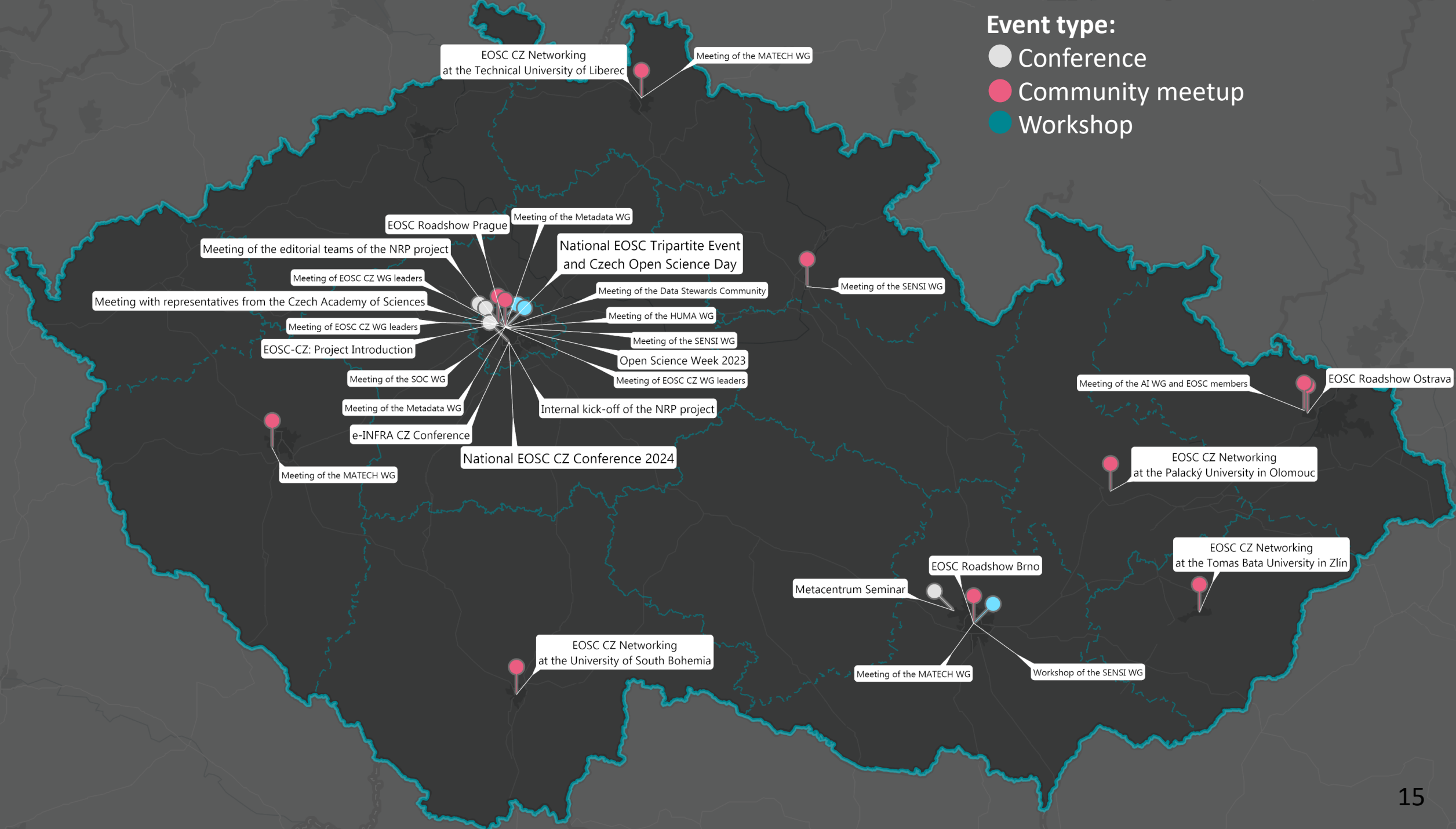
**Projects:**

- IPs EOSC CZ
- IPs CARDS
- NRP (OS I)
- OS II [under preparation]



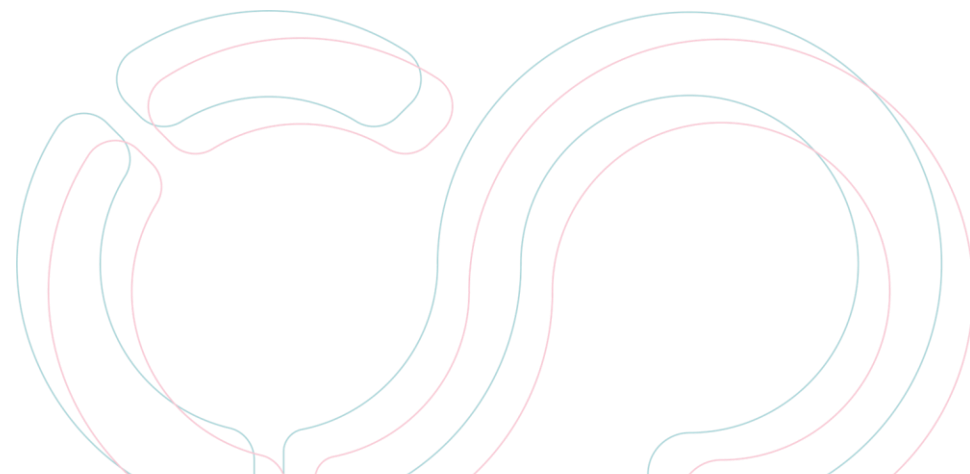
**Event type:**

- Conference
- Community meetup
- Workshop



# EOSC CZ

## two years in the making



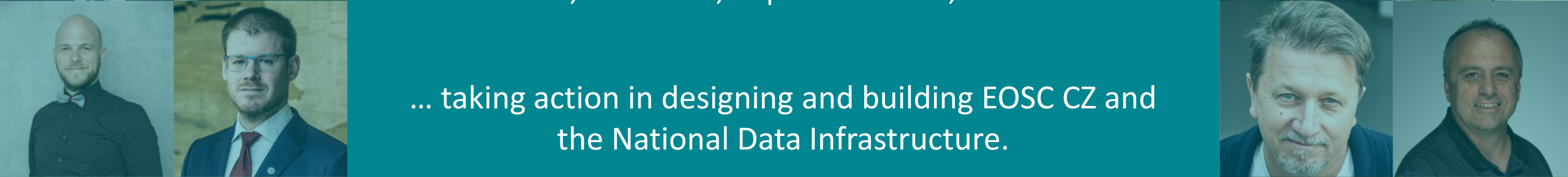




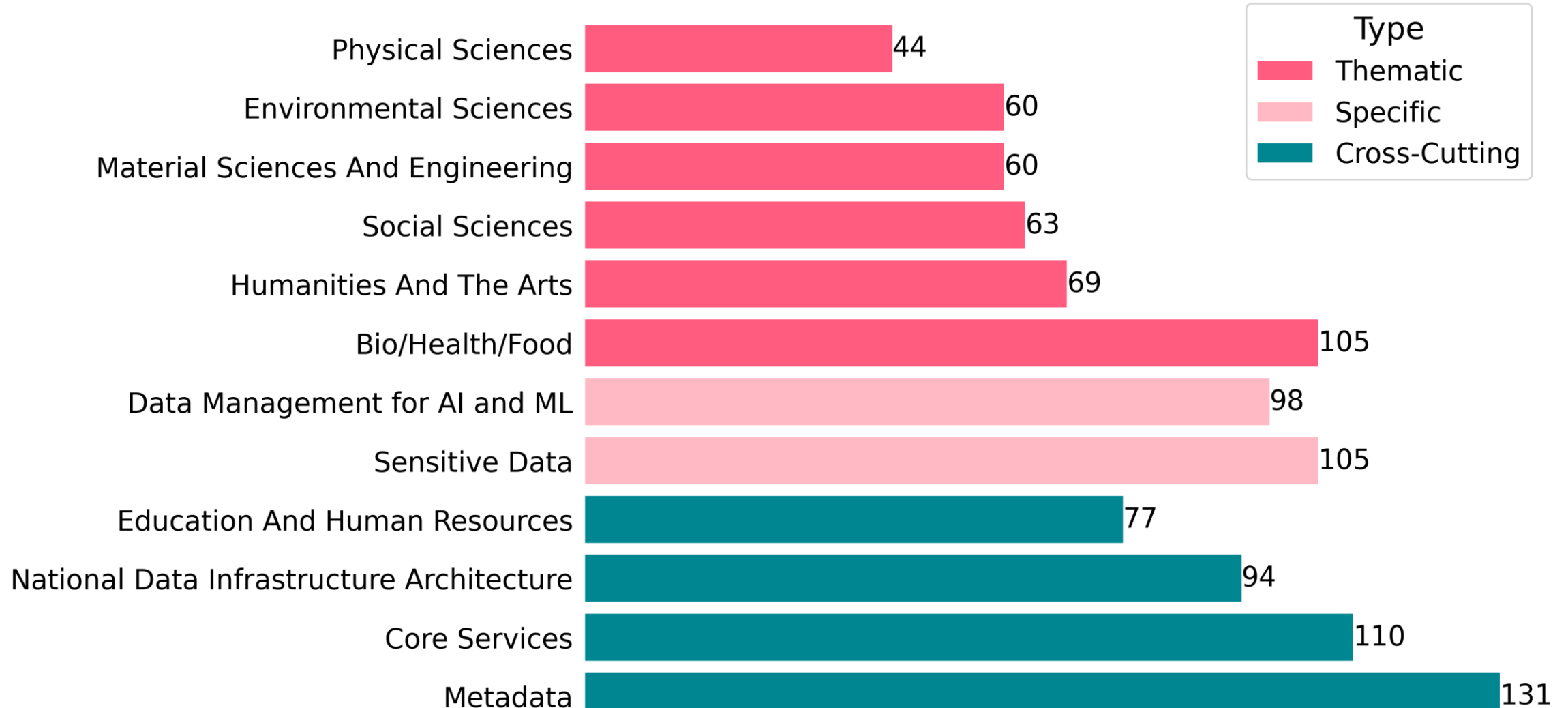
# People of EOSC CZ

Researchers, librarians, IT professionals, coordinators...

... taking action in designing and building EOSC CZ and the National Data Infrastructure.



# 450+ people in EOSC CZ working groups





**DAVID ANTOŠ**  
CESNET / e-INFRA CZ  
| National Data Infrastructure Architecture |



**PETRA ČERNOŠKOVÁ**  
National Library of Technology  
| Metadata |



**RADKA ŘÍMANOVÁ**  
Central Library of Charles University  
| Education and Human Resources |



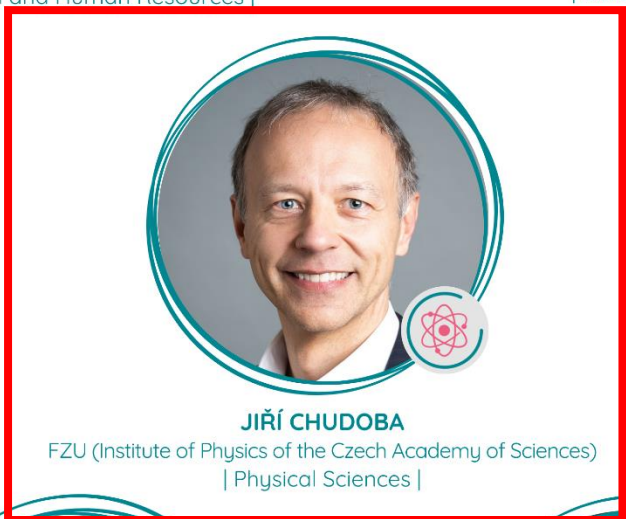
**MICHAL RŮŽIČKA**  
ICS Masaryk University / e-INFRA CZ  
| Core Services |



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Institute of Sociology of the CAS  
| Social Sciences |



**JIŘÍ CHUDOBA**  
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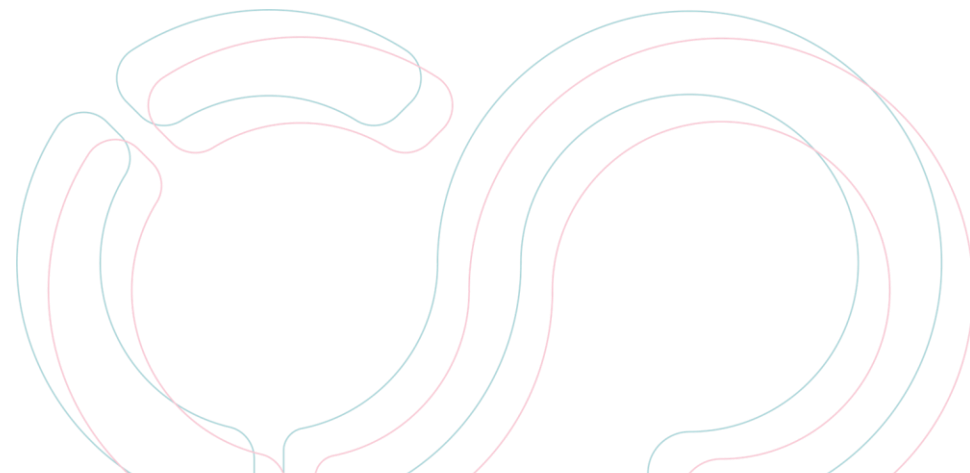
## Conferences, workshops and community meetups

- **21 trainings** and workshops
    - ca **3.000 registrations** from ca 90 research institutions
  - **3 Conferences** with hundred+ attendees
    - 150 visitors of this conference present + more than 150 online
  - **31 Physical meetings** of communities and working groups
    - 3 roadshow in Prague, Brno and Ostrava
    - 5 EOSC CZ Networking events – bringing EOSC CZ to the universities in České Budějovice, Liberec, Olomouc, planned trips to Zlín and AV ČR
- + over 100 online working group meetings**
- **Thousands people continuously in touch**
    - 300+ followers on social networks
    - 300+ EOSC newsletter subscribers
    - 3.000+ views of content on YouTube

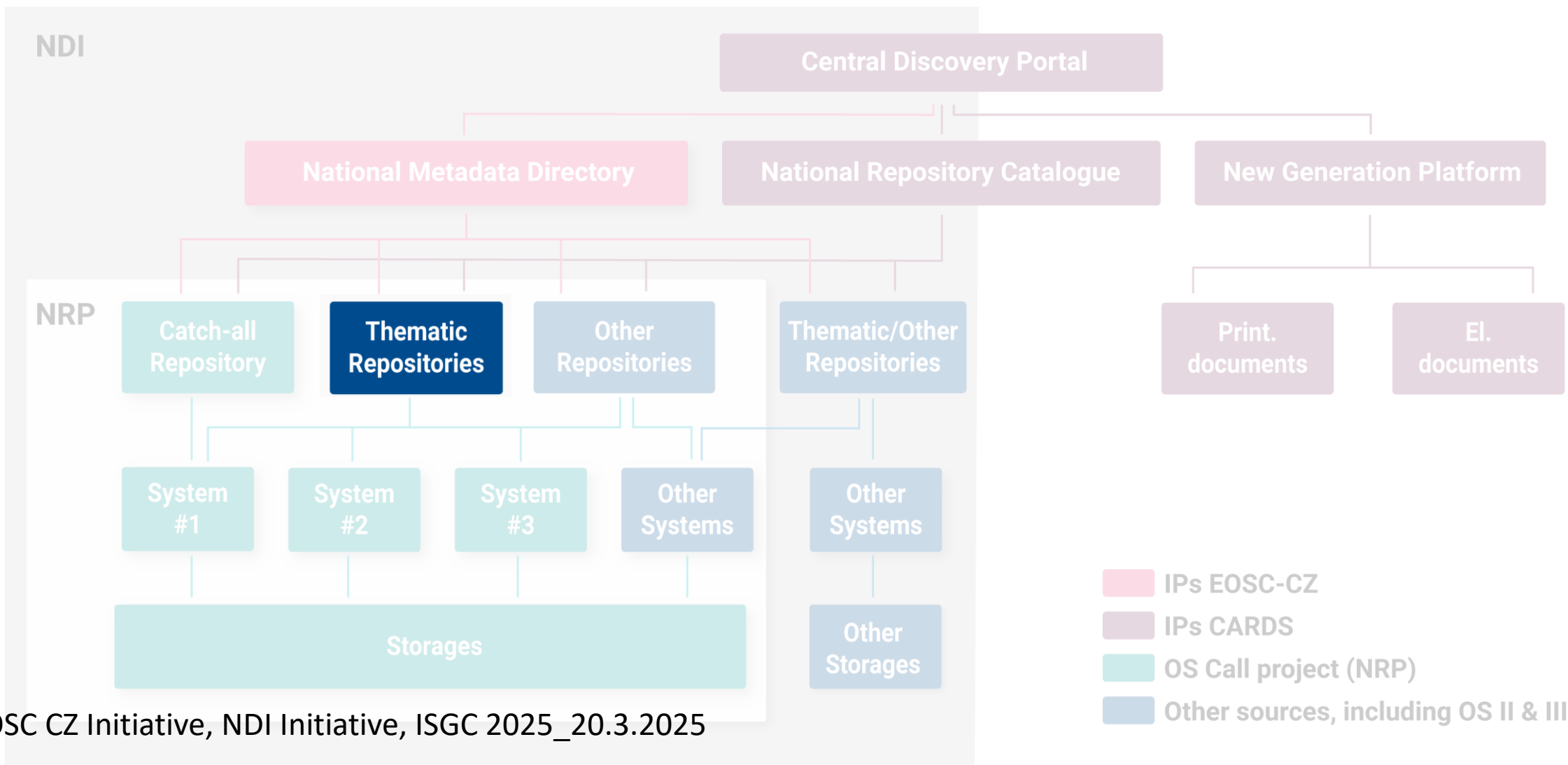
EOSC CZ Initiative, NDI Initiative, ISGC 2025\_20.3.2025



# The Czech National Data Infrastructure



# National Data Infrastructure (NDI)



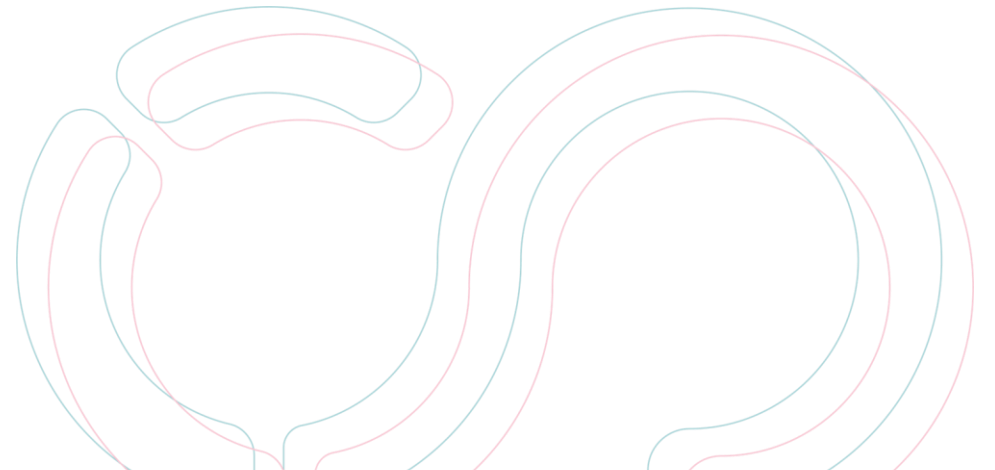
# Infrastructure components

- **Repository platform**

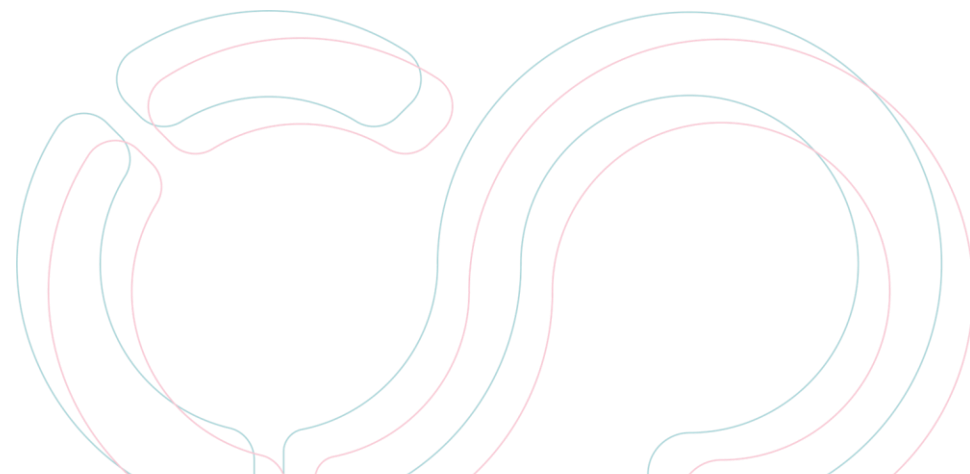
- Number of platforms -- CESNET Invenio, Clarin-DSpace, ASEP ARL
- Total of 50+ PB of user data storage capacity
- Offered to research communities to create and operate specific repositories

- **Services**

- Support for Data Management Planning
- Support for persistent identifiers
- AAI
- FAIRificator
- Interfaces to computing environments for analysis
- Data and objects search and discovery
- Monitoring
- Support for metadata



# e-INFRA CZ





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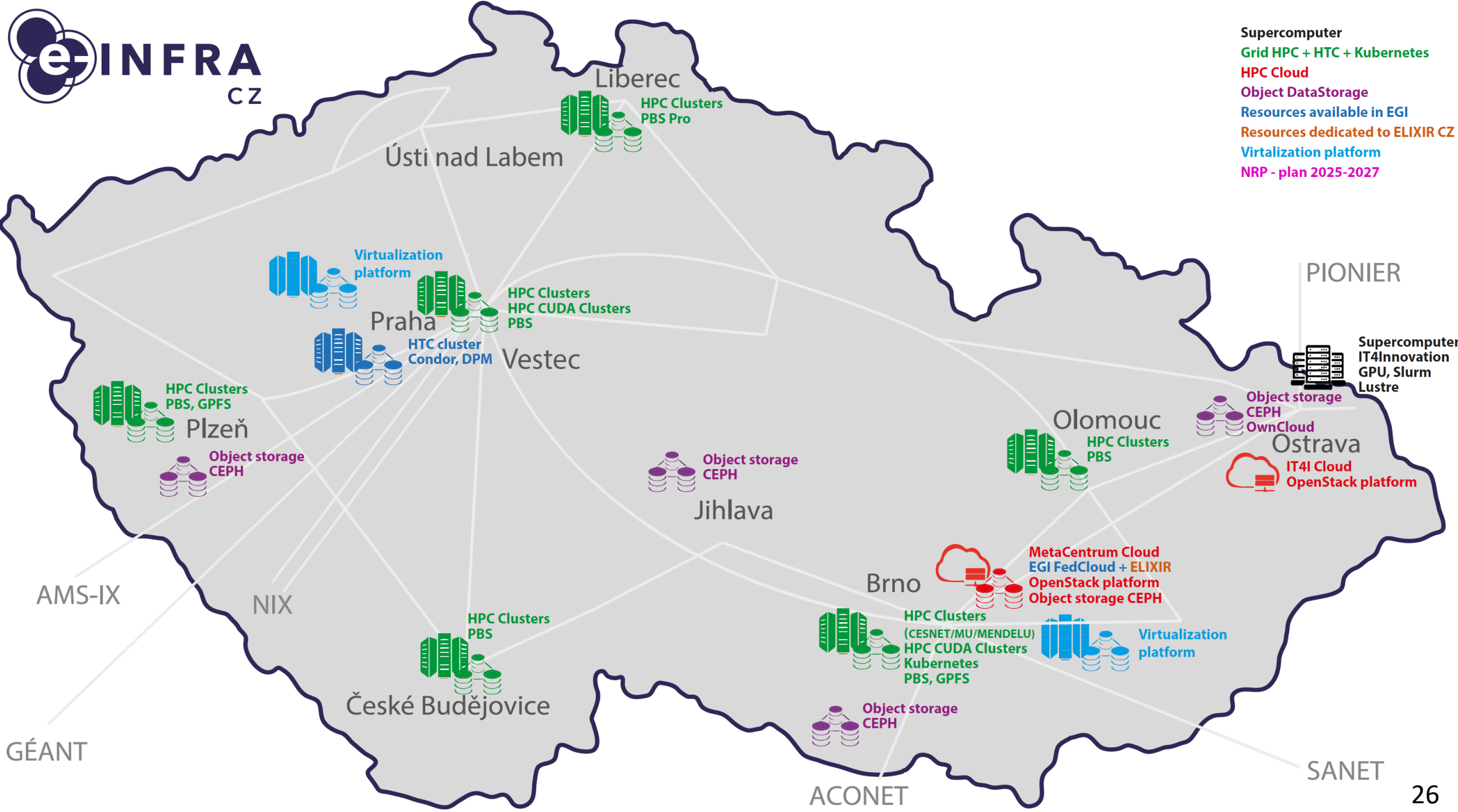
Single national e-INFRASTRUCTURE, consortium of three:

**CESNET** is an association of universities and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, which operates and develops the national e-infrastructure for science, research, and education, including a computer network, computational grids, data storage, collaboration environments, and offers a wide range of services.

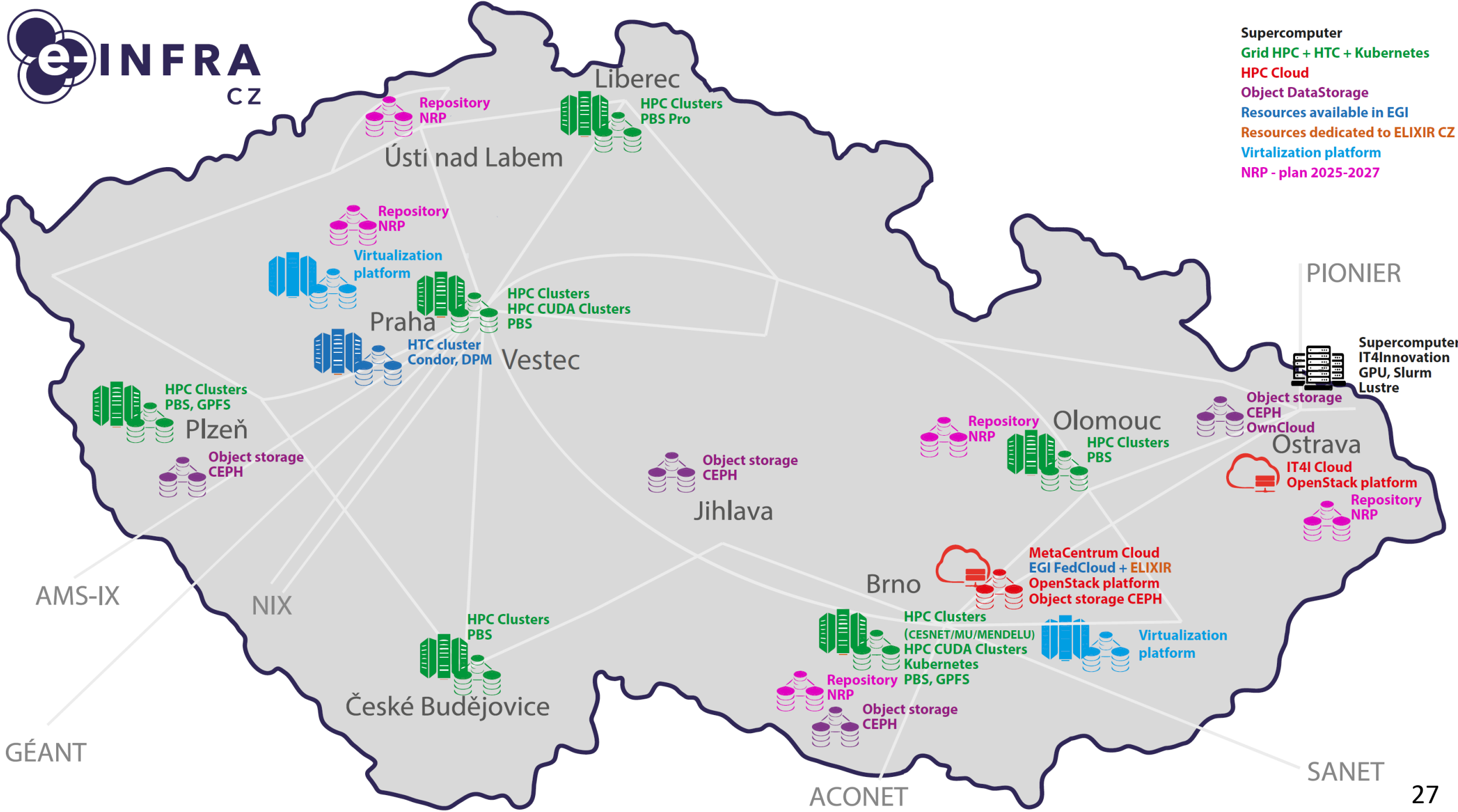
**IT4Innovations National Supercomputing Center** at **VSB – Technical University of Ostrava** is a leading research, development, and innovation center in the field of high-performance computing (HPC), data analysis (HPDA), artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing (QC), and their applications in other scientific, industrial, and societal fields, operating the most powerful supercomputing systems in the Czech Republic.

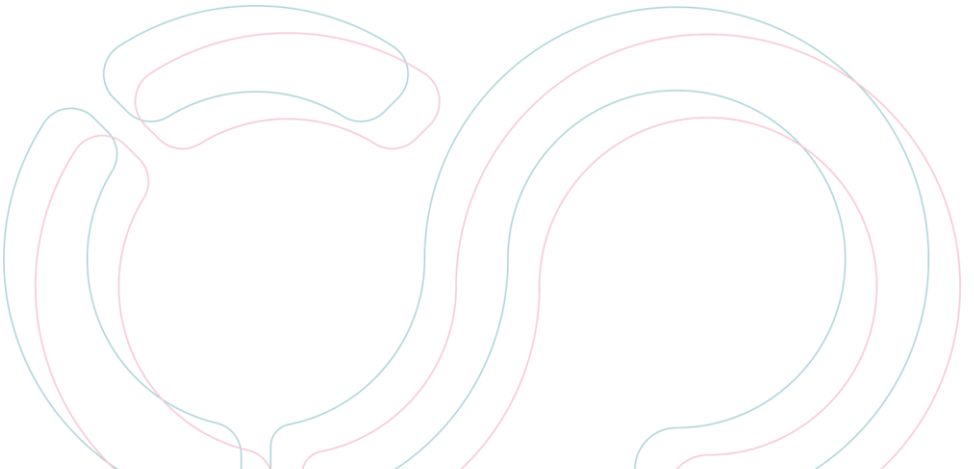
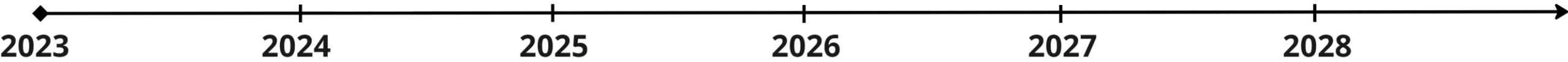
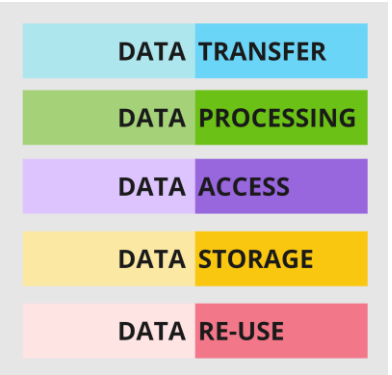
**CERIT-SC** at **Masaryk University** is a national center operating computational and data infrastructure for research and development.

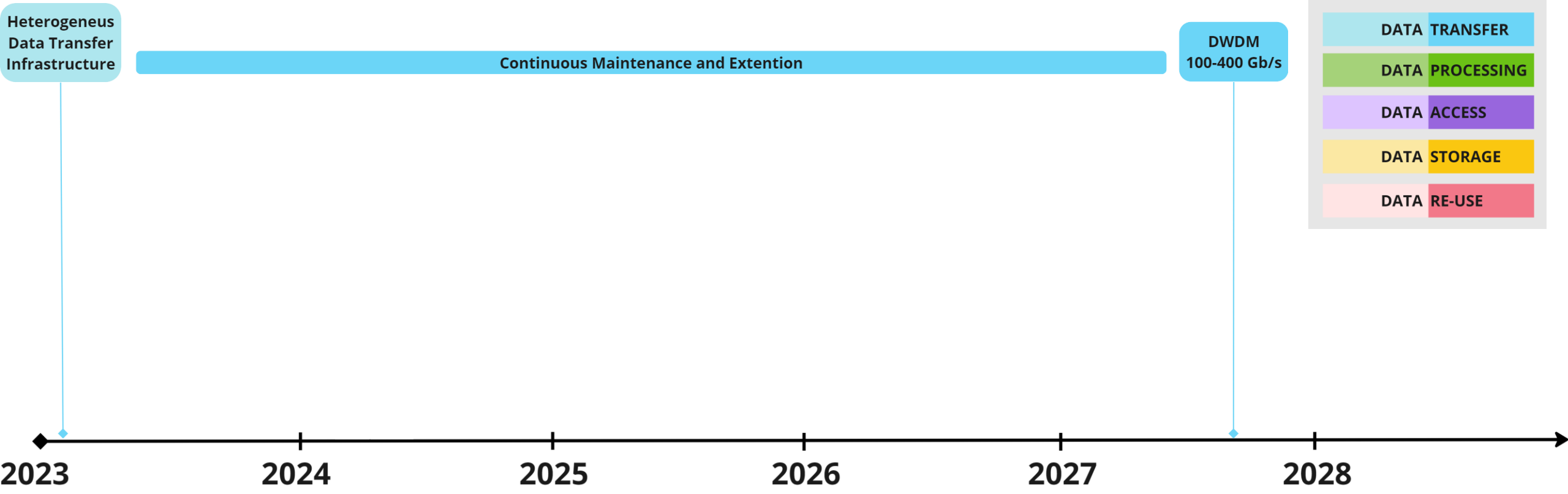
- Supercomputer
- Grid HPC + HTC + Kubernetes
- HPC Cloud
- Object DataStorage
- Resources available in EGI
- Resources dedicated to ELIXIR CZ
- Virtualization platform
- NRP - plan 2025-2027

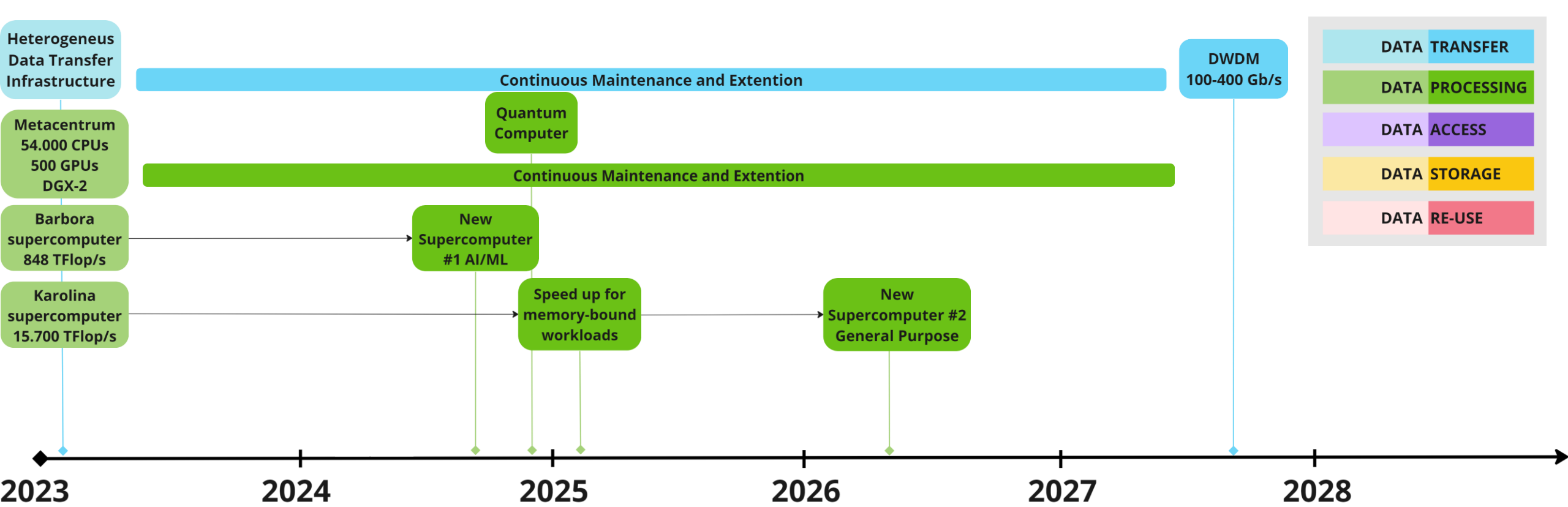


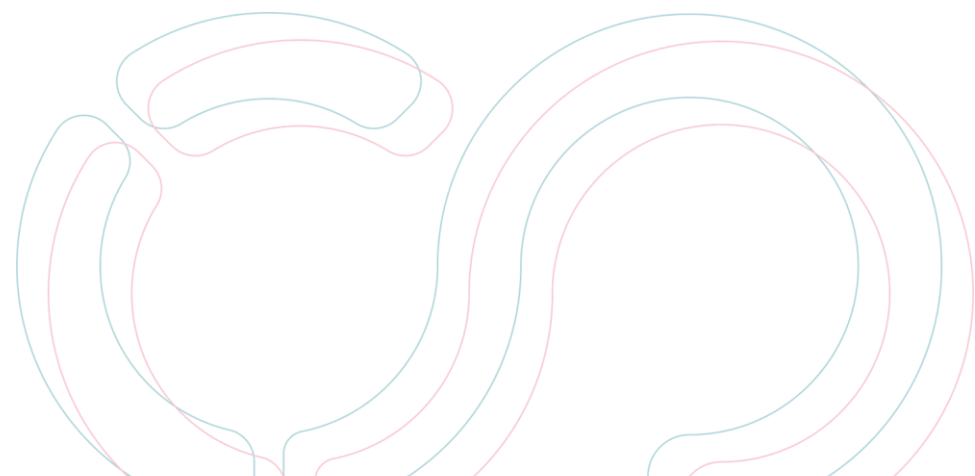
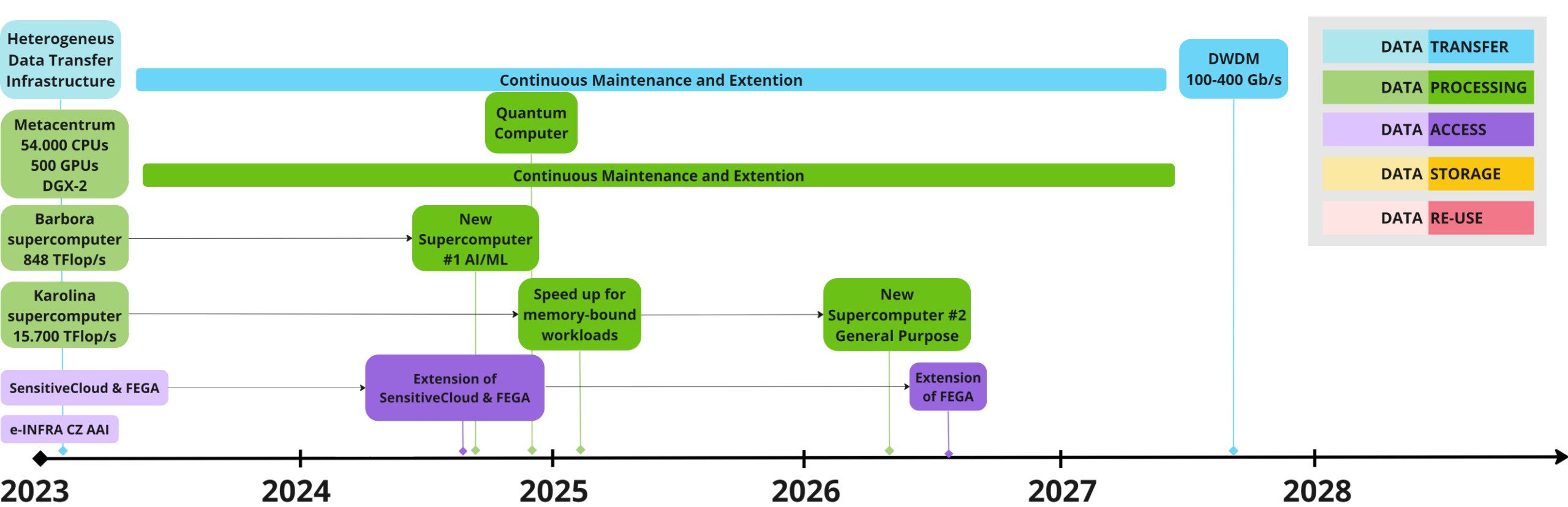
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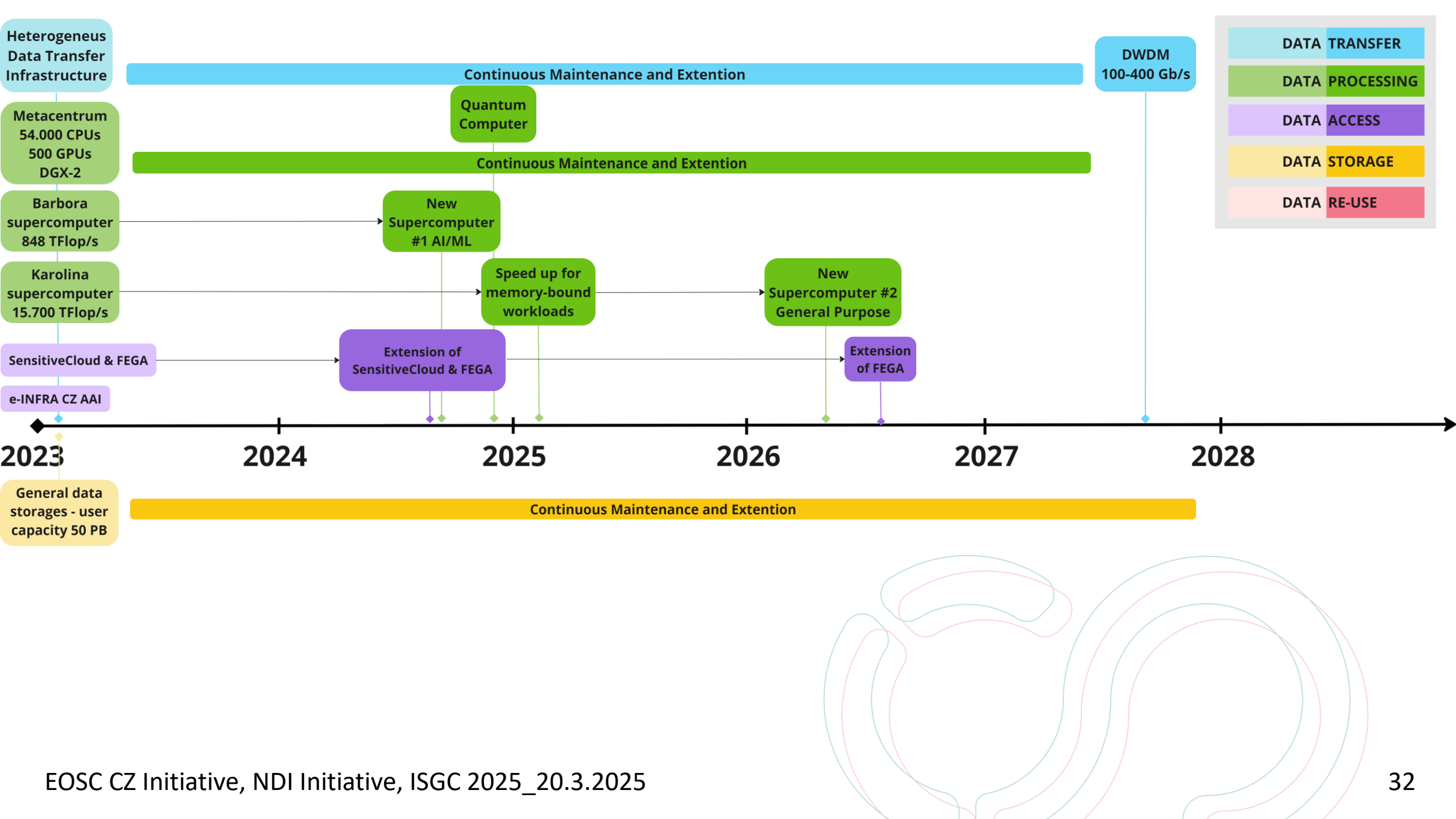




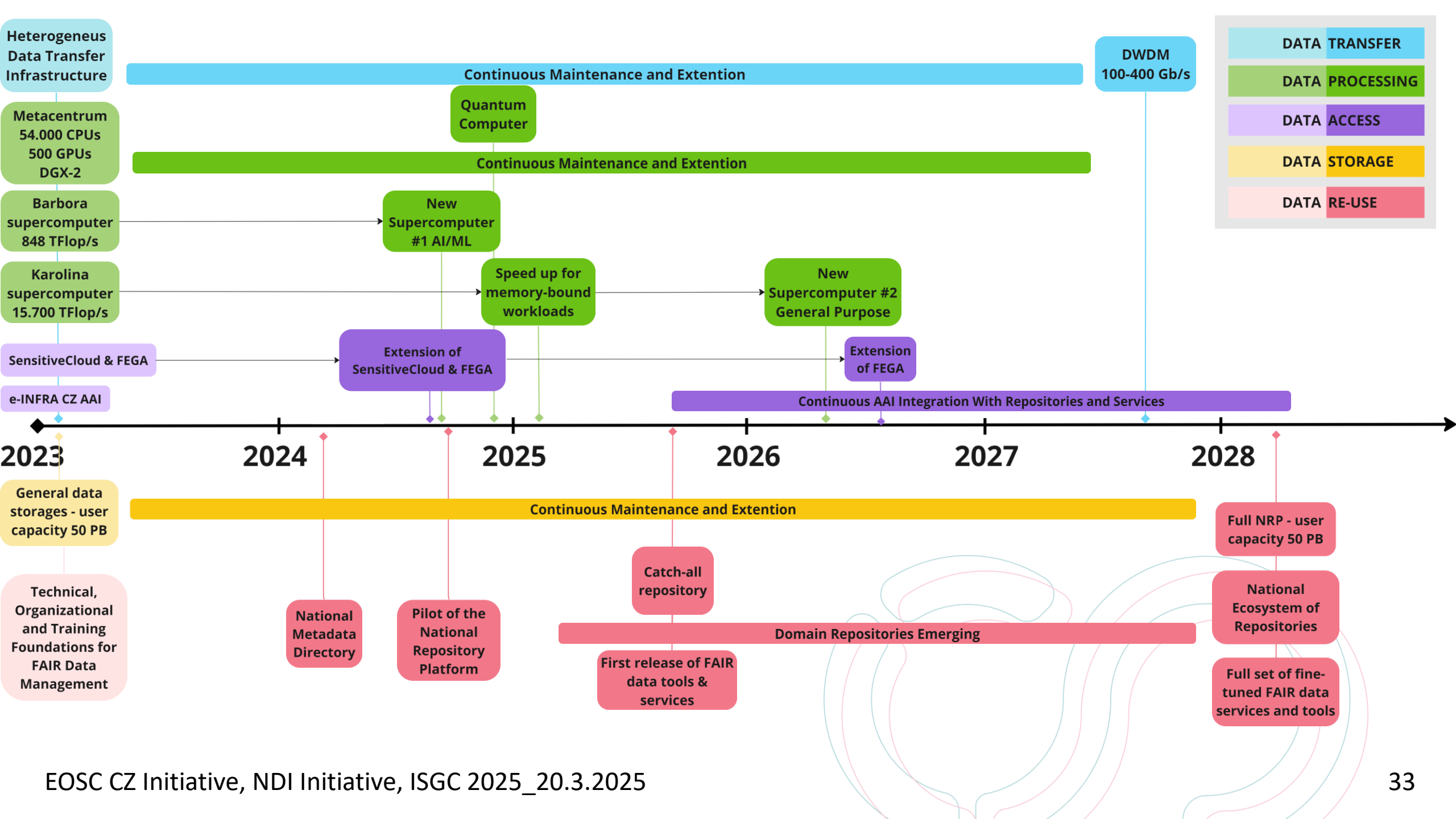








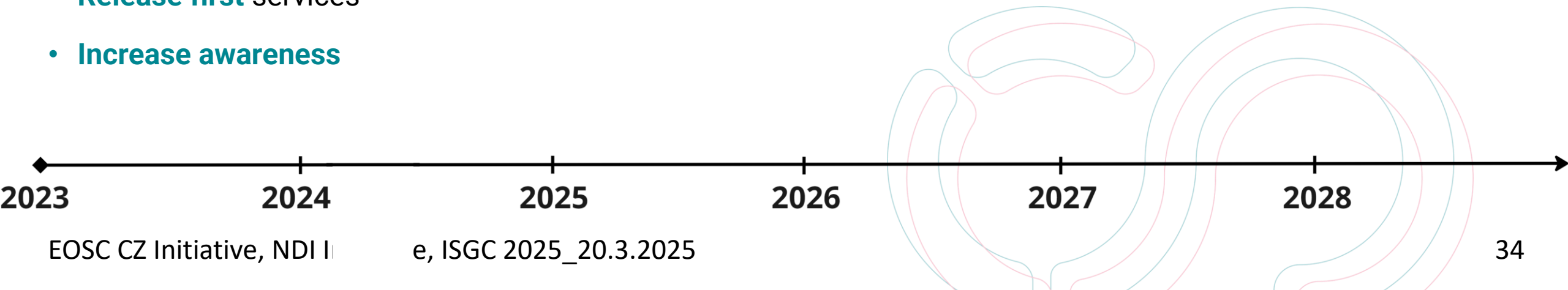




# Nearing the end of the first phase

## Phase 1

- **Engage Czech researchers** and professionals
- **Organize** the work groups and communities
- **Kick-off 3 major projects**
- **Design** the core infrastructure and services
- **Release first** services
- **Increase awareness**



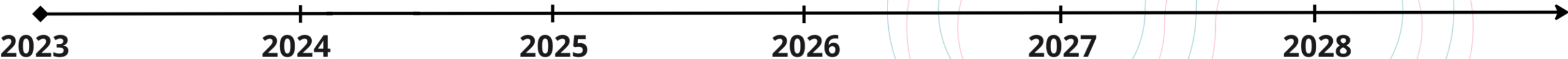
# Beginning the second phase

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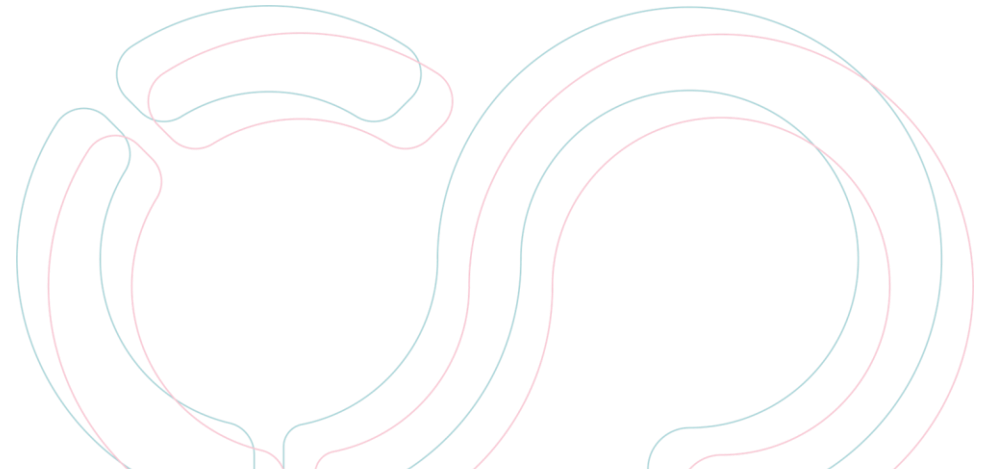
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## Phase 2

- Deploy the infrastructure
- Deploy all the core services
- Integrate and deploy first repositories
- Support the uptake of data management skills and know-how
- Integrate the national and international ecosystem
- Propose the sustainability model



# Glimpses at the first operational services for FAIR research data management and how to deal with automatization within the NDI



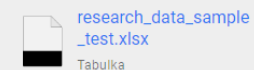
# National “catch-all pilot” Repository

## 🔗 Měření průměrné teploty v Praze: vzorový detailní záznam

Licence:



Soubory:



Identifikátor objektu:

DOI: 10.48700/datst.7n287-zc761

Stav záznamu:

Veřejný

V komunitě:

General community

Překlad názvu: [angličtina](#) Average temperature measurement in Prague: example of detailed record

Tvůrci: [Vyčítalová, Hana](#) [Černošlávková, Petra](#) (manažer dat)

Datum zveřejnění: 2022-01-03

Datum vytvoření datové sady: 2018-07-01/2018-07-25

Datum sběru dat: 2018-04-01/2018-06-30

Jazyk: čeština, angličtina

Vydavatel: [Národní technická knihovna](#)

Klíčová slova: [cs](#) teplota [cs](#) klima [cs](#) Praha [cs](#) Česká republika

Oborové kategorie: [Přírodní vědy](#) || [Vědy o Zemi a související environmentální vědy](#) || [Meteorologie, vědy o atmosféře](#) || [Výzkum klimatu](#)

Abstrakt: [čeština](#) | [angličtina](#)

Měření průměrné teploty v Praze (hlavní město České republiky) během dubna, května a června 2018.

Metodologie: [čeština](#) | Teplota byla měřena každou hodinu a z hodnot byla vypočítána průměrná denní teplota.

Technické informace: [čeština](#)

K zaznamenání byl použit měřicí přístroj, hodnoty byly zaznamenány ve stupních Celsia. Hodnoty byly zpracovány pomocí excelové tabulky. Zobrazení dat nevyžaduje speciální software.

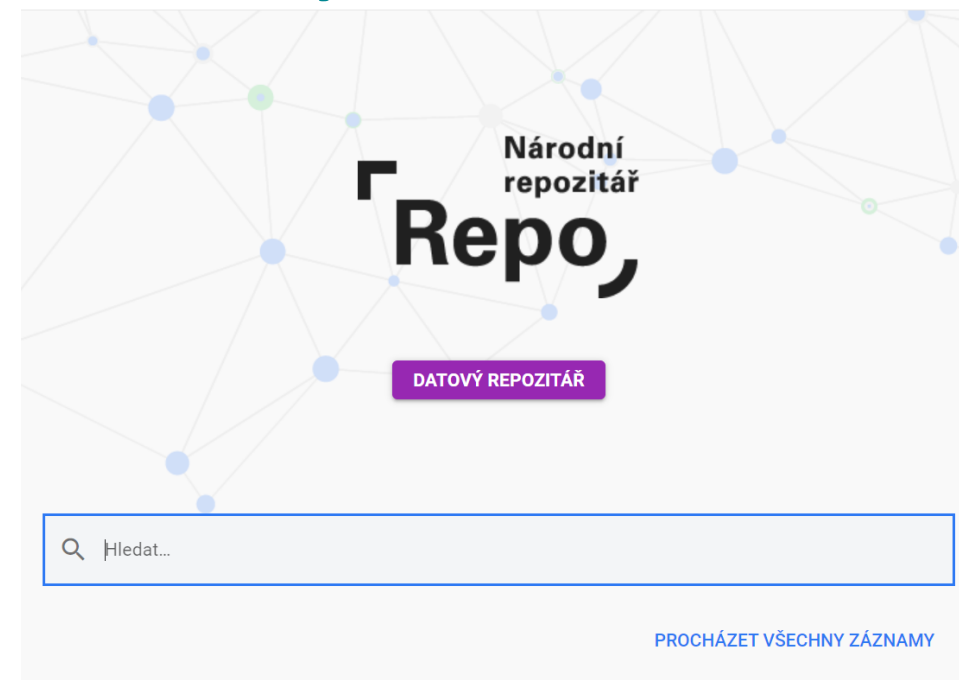
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Vazby na/z dalších zdrojů:

**Název:** Collecting Grey Literature – Institutional Repository versus National Aggregator | **Autoři:** Černošlávková, Petra; Vyčítalová, Hana | **Rok:** 2018 | **DOI:** [10.26069/greynet-2018-000.009-gg](#)

Projekt: ID34F57 | Evropská agentura pro životní prostředí

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# National Metadata Directory

- **Single point of contact** for research data – uniform format and metadata

[← ZPĚT NA VÝSLEDKY HLEDÁNÍ](#)

Vydáno: 15. 12. 2011

## Air Traffic Control Communication

Lidé	Šmíd, Luboš
Vloženo	None
Jazyk	eng
Vydavatel	University of West Bohemia, Department of Cybernetics
Typy zdroje	Other , corpus
Témata	<input type="text" value="speech corpus"/> <input type="text" value="acoustic model"/>
Alternativní identifikátory	<b>ID</b> ZCU_CZ_ATC <input type="text" value="http://hdl.handle.net/11858/00-097C-0000-0001-CCA1-0"/> <b>HANDLE</b> <input type="text" value="http://hdl.handle.net/11858/00-097C-0000-0001-CCA1-0"/>
Abstrakt	Corpus contains recordings of communication between air traffic controllers and pilots. The speech is manually transcribed and labeled with the information about the speaker (pilot/controller, not the full identity of the person). The corpus is currently small (20 hours) but we plan to search for additional data next year. The audio data format is: 8kHz, 16bit PCM, mono.

**Identifikátory objektu**  **Originální záznam**

**Exportovat**  **JSON**

**API Odkazy**  **API souborů**  
 **Tato položka**

**Citace**

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Style



# Identifikátory CZ – Portal for Persistent Identifiers

 **identifikatory.cz**

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## Persistent Identifiers

Learn more about each persistent identifier (PID). Persistent identifiers are tools that are used to uniquely identify people, organisations, and other objects (e.g., books, articles, datasets) in a scholarly communication system.

**ORCID iD for  
researchers**

**DOI for objects**

**ISBN for books**

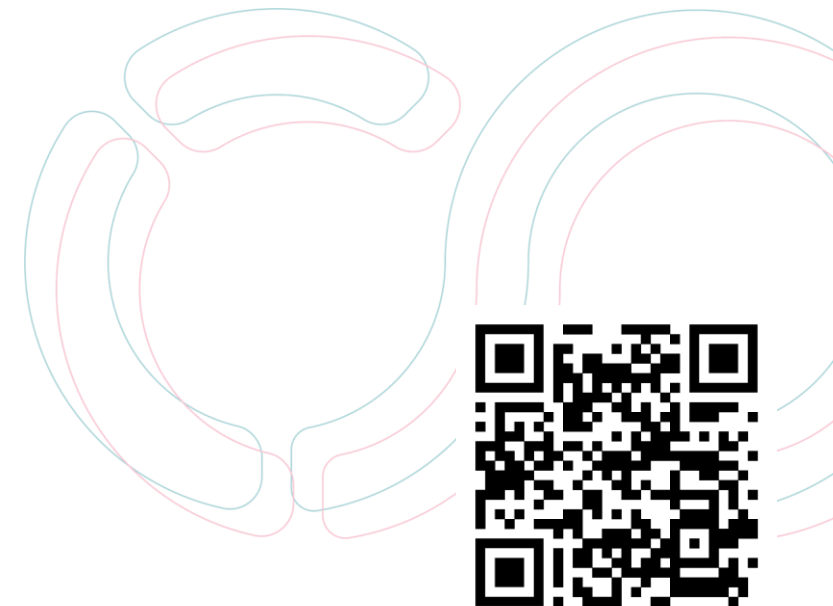
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**ISMN for notated  
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**ROR for  
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**IGSN for samples**

**Other PIDs**



# SensitiveCloud

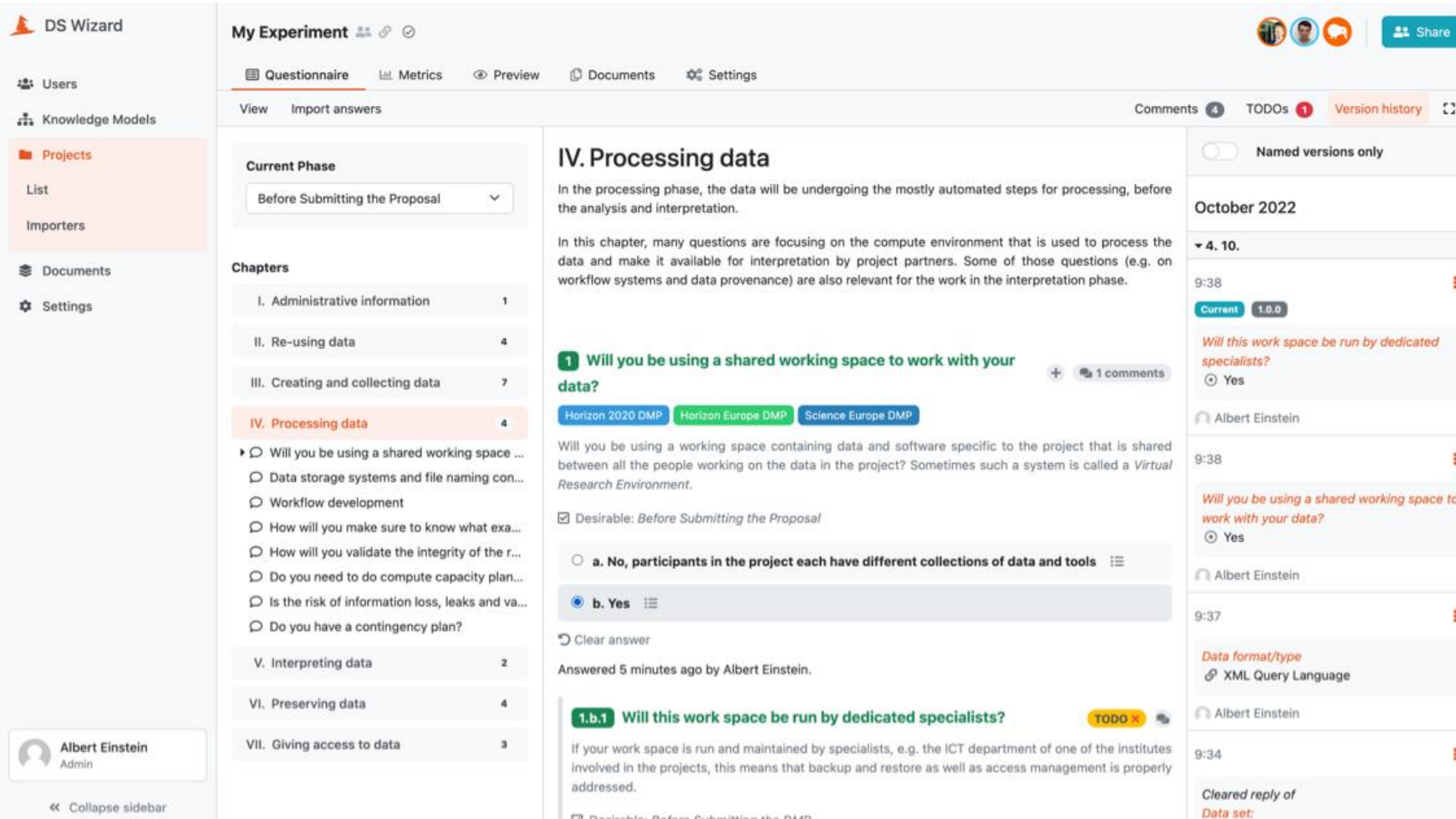
## Environment for processing sensitive data

- Virtual desktop
- Computing resources
- Secure applications
- Storing, sharing and cooperation
- VPN, Kubernetes





# Data Stewardship Wizard

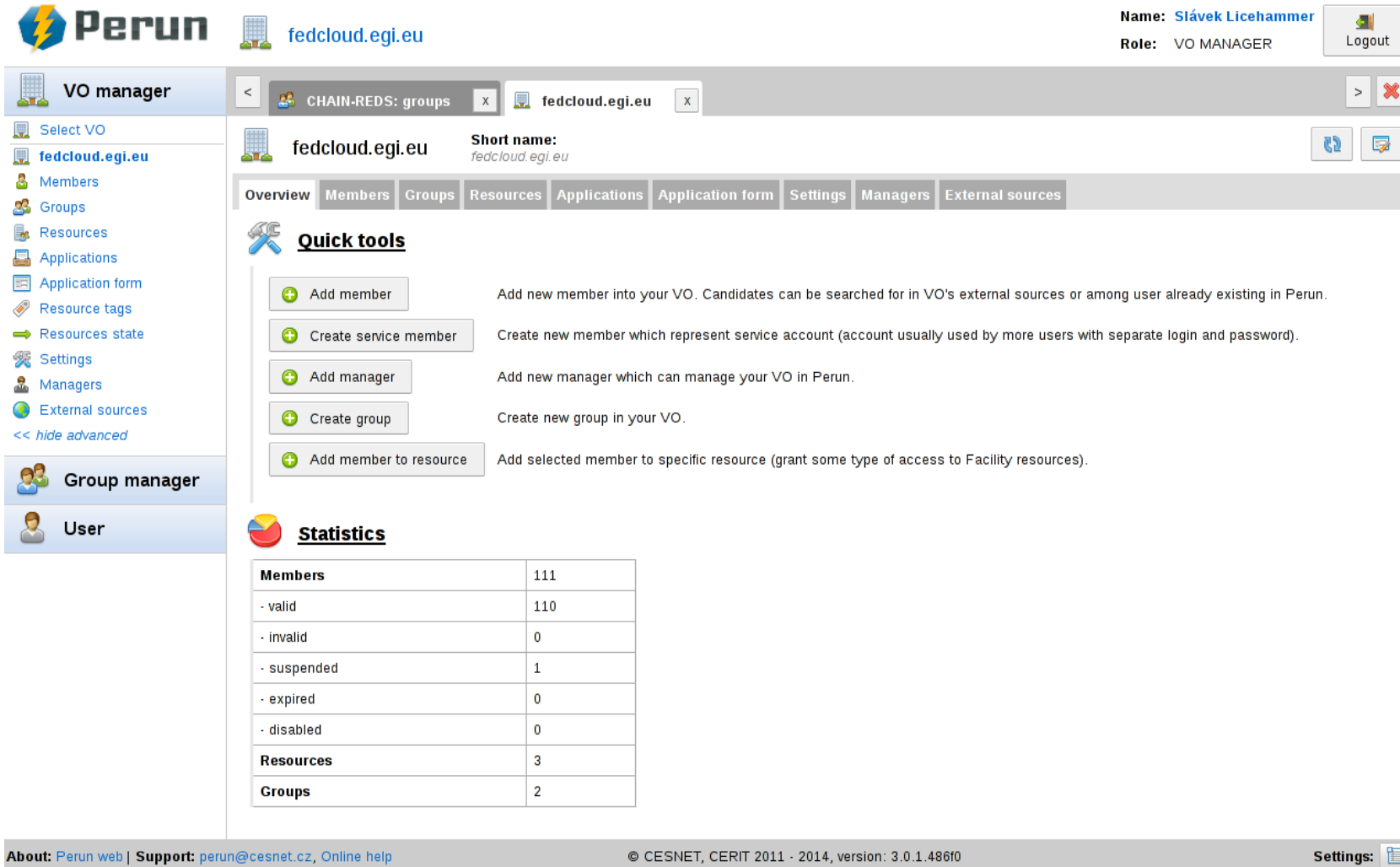


The screenshot displays the 'My Experiment' interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: DS Wizard, Users, Knowledge Models, Projects (List, Importers), Documents, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'My Experiment' and includes tabs for Questionnaire, Metrics, Preview, Documents, and Settings. Below these are 'View' and 'Import answers' options. The 'Current Phase' is set to 'Before Submitting the Proposal'. A 'Chapters' list on the left shows 'IV. Processing data' selected. The main content area displays the 'IV. Processing data' questionnaire, including a question: '1 Will you be using a shared working space to work with your data?' with options 'a. No, participants in the project each have different collections of data and tools' and 'b. Yes'. A '1.b.1 Will this work space be run by dedicated specialists?' question is also visible. The right sidebar shows a 'Comments' section with a toggle for 'Named versions only' and a list of comments from 'Albert Einstein'.

- Comprehensive Tool for Data Management Planning



# Authentication and authorization infrastructure (AAI)



**Perun** fedcloud.egi.eu

Name: **Slávek Licehammer** Logout  
Role: VO MANAGER

VO manager

CHAIN-REDS: groups x fedcloud.egi.eu x

fedcloud.egi.eu Short name: fedcloud.egi.eu


Overview Members Groups Resources Applications Application form Settings Managers External sources

**Quick tools**

- + Add member Add new member into your VO. Candidates can be searched for in VO's external sources or among user already existing in Perun.
- + Create service member Create new member which represent service account (account usually used by more users with separate login and password).
- + Add manager Add new manager which can manage your VO in Perun.
- + Create group Create new group in your VO.
- + Add member to resource Add selected member to specific resource (grant some type of access to Facility resources).

**Statistics**

<b>Members</b>	111
- valid	110
- invalid	0
- suspended	1
- expired	0
- disabled	0
<b>Resources</b>	3
<b>Groups</b>	2

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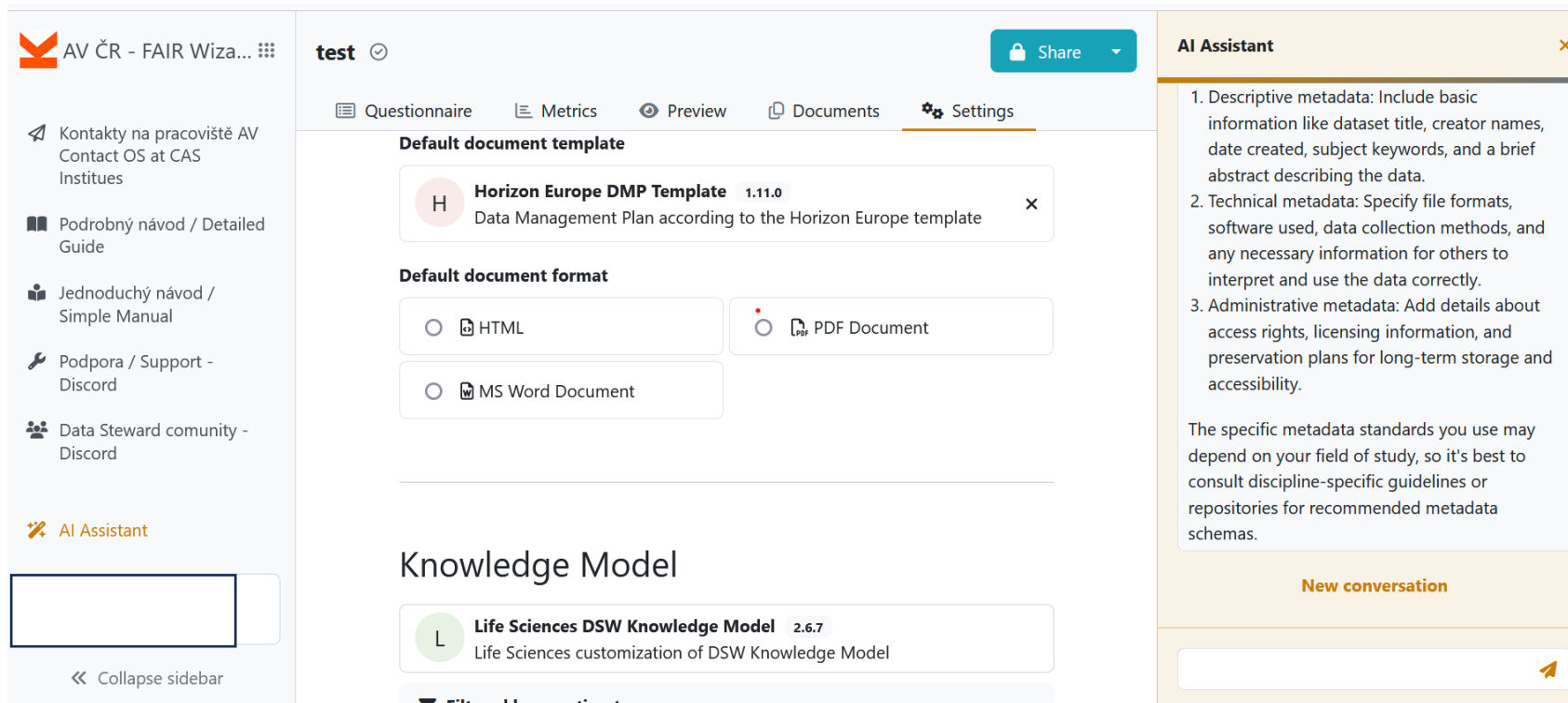
To allow users from different institutions easy access to data and services.

- Access and identity management
- Management of groups and roles
- Rights' delegation
- System integration



# Automatization within the e-INFRA CZ/NDI (now)

- e-INFRA CZ - Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) [AI agent used for e-INFRA CZ documentation](#)
- Machine Actionable Data Management Planning Tool – [Data Stewardship Wizard \(DSW\)](#) with AI Assistant
- Connection of MA DMP Tool with institutional project management systems...

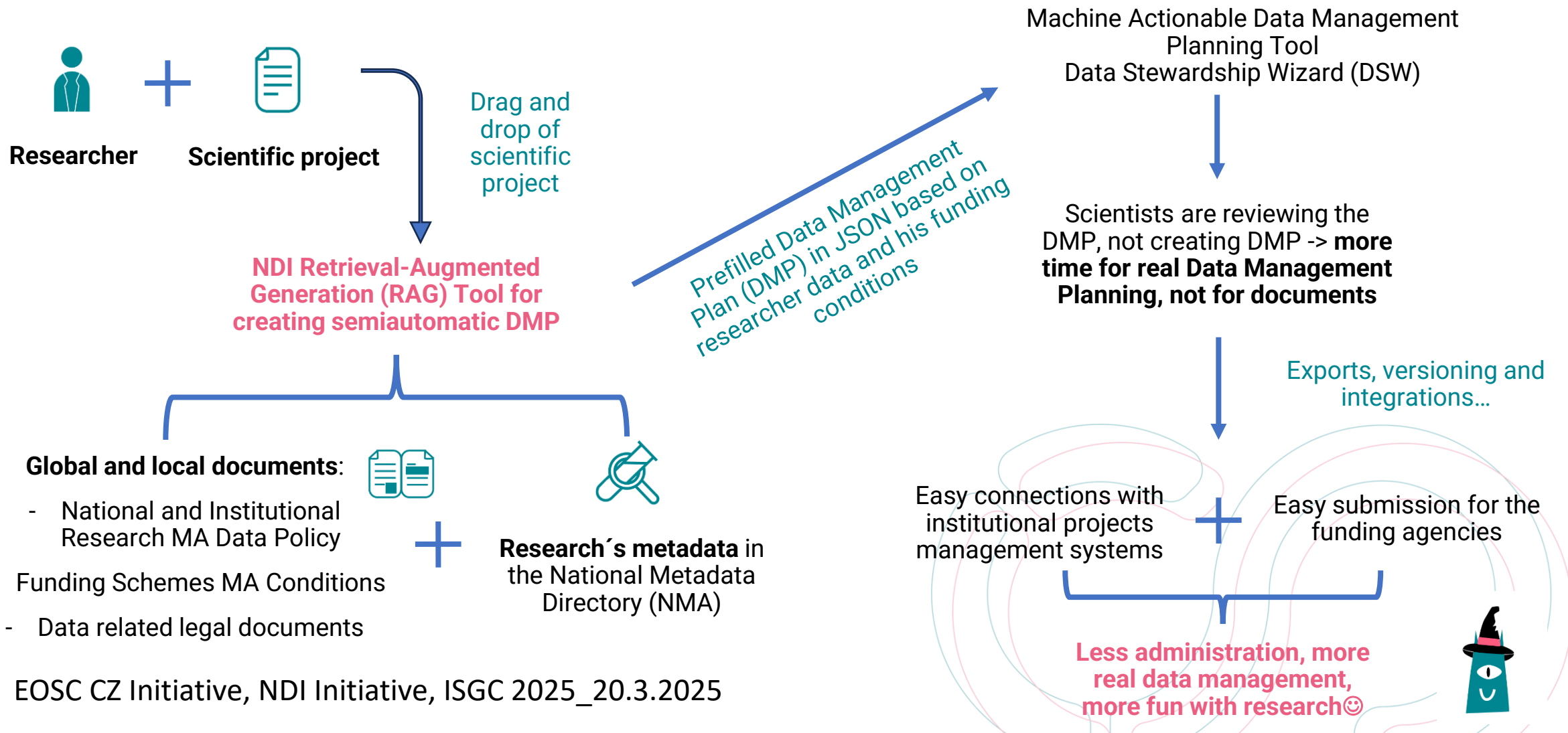


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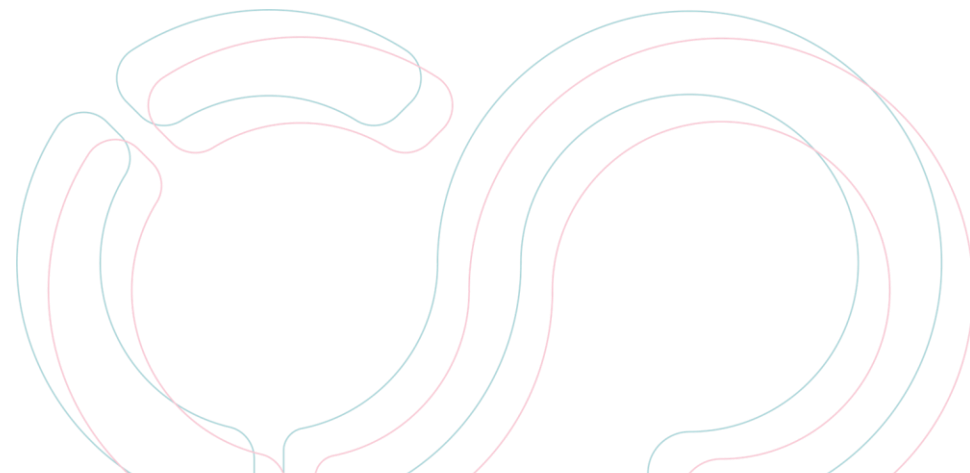
1. Descriptive metadata: Include basic information like dataset title, creator names, date created, subject keywords, and a brief abstract describing the data.
2. Technical metadata: Specify file formats, software used, data collection methods, and any necessary information for others to interpret and use the data correctly.
3. Administrative metadata: Add details about access rights, licensing information, and preservation plans for long-term storage and accessibility.

The panel also includes a note: 'The specific metadata standards you use may depend on your field of study, so it's best to consult discipline-specific guidelines or repositories for recommended metadata schemas.' At the bottom of the panel, there is a 'New conversation' button and an input field with a send icon.

# Automatization within the NDI (vision)



# What's next



# In 2025...

## Infrastructure

- Installation of **first hardware for repositories**
- Emergence of **first and pilot repositories**
- National Repository Catalogue

## Services

- First versions of all major core services, including
  - Repository platforms
  - FAIR Implementation Profile Wizard
  - Data Stewardship Wizard
  - License management
  - AAI for repositories
  - ... and more

## Events

- National Tripartite Event
- Data Steward Summer School
- ... trainings, workshops, seminars, conferences, ...



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## EOSC CZ: Towards the development of Czech national ecosystem for FAIR research data

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**Abstract**—This short paper presents a compact overview of the Czech approach to implementing the European Open Science Cloud and plans for developing a Czech national infrastructure for FAIR research data. Its purpose is to provide an all-encompassing summary of the near future of research data management in Czechia. As such, we deliberately attempt to explain complicated concepts in minimum words, sacrificing the precision of expression for compactness.

**Index Terms**—EOSC, EOSC CZ, FAIR data, National Data Infrastructure, National Repository Platform, Open Science

### I. INTRODUCTION

The importance of data in research is continuously rising, while approaches to store, manage and share these data seem to fall behind. The value of the data is reduced by their considerable heterogeneity and lack of structure, which leads to low reproducibility and hinders scientific progress. Open Science (OS) [1] seeks to address some of these current issues, focusing on data availability and sharing, urging for more collaboration and emphasising research integrity. European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) [3], [4] is an international initiative that builds on the Open Science principles. EOSC seeks to create a common European research environment [5] to store, share and re-use research data and other digital objects without barriers. We call such data and objects FAIR [2] (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable).

### II. EOSC CZ – INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FOR FAIR RESEARCH DATA

The establishment of fundamental principles for the Czech national EOSC implementation took place in 2021, resulting in the document called *Architecture of EOSC Implementation in the Czech Republic* [6]. The document represents the official start of the EOSC CZ initiative [7]. The primary tangible outcome of this initiative will be a National Repository Platform (NRP) – a core component of the National Data Infrastructure (NDI). NRP will be a federated ecosystem of distinct technological layers (see Fig. 1) and associated services (see below).

The data infrastructure will complement the existing Czech national e-infrastructure e-INFRA CZ [11] with all its services. NDI will be fully integrated at the European level [12]. NRP will interconnect with the already running parts of NDI: data repositories and services held at universities, Czech Academy

of Sciences and Research Infrastructures. Examples are environments such as LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ [13] for natural language processing, Czech-BioImaging [14] for biological and medical imaging or EIRENE RI [15] for human exposure.

Next to the repositories themselves, the initiative plans to deploy and integrate several FAIR data-related services designed for NDI users. Notably:

- Central Discovery Portal (CDP) integrated into the New Generation Platform (PNG) will ensure the searchability and availability of all types of resources (electronic, digitized and printed) and research results.
- National Metadata Directory to search in NDI metadata.
- Single Authentication and Authorization Infrastructure (AAI) solution Perun [16] to guarantee data accessibility.
- Support for data management planning via Data Stewardship Wizard [17].
- Support for Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) [18].
- Support for data FAIRification.
- Data mgmt. tools such as OneData [19] or iRODS [20].
- Training [21] and university courses on data management.

### III. ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Researchers' engagement is vital for the EOSC CZ's success. Since 2021, as a reaction to the EOSC CZ Architecture document, 12 EOSC CZ working groups [22] have been established through a self-organizing community effort. These groups will be operational during the entire EOSC CZ initiative, and registration is continuously open to new potential members. A list of their members is publicly available. Currently, the initiative is in its initial implementation phase, and the active participation of scientists in the working groups

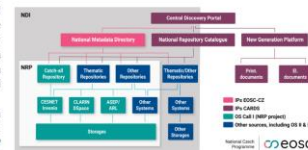


Fig. 1. NDI and NRP blueprint with five abstraction layers. Bottom-up: hardware infrastructure dedicated across Czechia; three initial repository systems – CERIT-SC Invenio [8], CLARIN-DSpace [9] and ASEP/ARL [10]; specific domain and other repositories, metadata directory and on top, Central Discovery Portal.

is the main guarantor for the NDI ecosystem to encompass and support all relevant research data management needs of research communities.

- The initiative is also closely connected with the National Open Science coordination team within the National Library of Technology. On top of that, collaboration is being established with the already existing national Open Science communities:
- Open Science working groups of the Association of Libraries of Czech Universities,
- national Data Steward Community and
- members of the institutional Open Science centres within Czech academic institutions.

### IV. HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE EOSC CZ OUTCOMES

The NDI's ecosystem of services will be offered to the whole research community regardless of their active participation in the EOSC CZ initiative. The EOSC CZ Secretariat [23] and Training Centre [21] are already operational, providing consultancy, seminars and workshops for the Czech research ecosystem. The National Metadata Directory will be deployed in 2024, followed by the NRP with a portion of core services in 2025. By this time, the first domain and other repositories should also be emerging. This first phase will be completed in 2026, with an entire NRP and its services available. The initiative will concurrently foster the development of data management and other related skills for all Czech academia members. It will also encourage the systemic formation of data steward and curator roles across the academic ecosystem.

With this infrastructure, any reasonably interested Czech scientist should have sufficient information, know-how, skills, institutional support, and services to store, share, and reuse research data efficiently. These ambitions summarize the main objective of the EOSC CZ initiative.

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- OS Call II, with an allocation of 36 mil. EUR to support domain-specific data management, repositories and related services over the NRP.
- OS Call III, scope of which is currently under discussion.

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