Adopted Minutes of the third Meeting of the Open Science Policy Platform, 20 March 2017

Absent

Kurt Deketelaere

Carthage Smith (observer OECD)

0. General

- Jan van den Biesen: will remain a member on behalf of Business Europe until end of the year or till earlier notice.
- EC reminds the OSPP members that their task is also to mobilise their stakeholders

1. Operations

1.a Minutes OSPP December 2016 adopted without change

1b Developments

Overview on behalf of EC:

- EOScience Cloud: EC works on a roadmap to build up and make operational the EOSC by end 2019. There will be a Cloud Summit on 12 June in Brussels.
- Commissioner aims at 100% compliance with the mandatory Open Access to Publications requirements.
- Commissioner is investigating the option to launch a EC Open Research Platform (comparable to Wellcome Open Research), initially as a pilot. OSPP views are important.
- G7 preparatory meeting today on Open Science, topics: Rewards & Research Infrastructures
- The EC pilot Open Science Monitor is now online. A Full monitor is expected to be operational early 2018.
- EC will do new effort to have an interactive website for OSPP
1c Agenda and Meetings- operational aspects

- The fourth meeting will be in Estonia on 13 October 2017.
- Agendas for the 13 October meeting: a presentation of the Expert Group on Rewards, the Expert Group on Skills, discuss the Code of Conduct on Research Integrity (publication on April 6 2017). OSPP members are invited to sent email to EC for membership of the following three OSPP Working Groups: 1.Rewards 2. Skills and 3. Altmetrics

2. Feedback by WG on European Open Science Cloud

Sergio Andreozzi presented the report of the WG.

There was a productive discussion, notably on sustainability of funding of the EOSCloud and ethical rules. The current working group report will be updated in light of this discussion.

DG RTD:

- invites WG report as an input to the new Expert Group on EOSC that starts before the summer.
- invites OSPP member to present WG report at the EOSC summit on 12 June in Brussels.
- please reinforce your stakeholders recommendations in the final document

Chair: next iteration to be sent to the EC as early as possible, so the EC can take this as advice to Moedas.

The 'final' working group document will become a living document.

2b Demo on EC Open Science Monitor

EC representative gave a demonstration of the EC Pilot Open Science Monitor.

https://ec.europa.eu/research/openscience/index.cfm?pg=home&section=monitor

2c Decision Process at OSPP

- Explanation by EC representative was given on Role of OSPP in the co-shaping of OS policy.
- Tables with planning of the issues on which the OSPP will work on (predominantly the 8 Moedas ambitions and the EU objective on default OA by 2020) were distributed prior to the meeting.
- OSPP needs to take up 'stakeholder' role to help Member States to achieve OA objective.
2d Feedback by WG on definition Open Science

Review and discussion on 'Open science' definition was by provided by the Working group. It was agreed not to endorse a particular definition but work on the basis of open science as a continuously evolving practice.

3. Feedback by WG on Citizen Science

Manuela Epure gave a presentation of the report of the WG on Citizen. A new version of the document will be made in the light of the discussion at OSPP.

4. Feedback by WG on Open Access Publishing as a default by 2020

a. Commissioner Moedas attends the OSPP meeting

- Commissioner opens the discussion with an invitation to express views on how to better involve citizens in EU policy, following up to Junckers White Paper.
- OSPP expresses the relevance of Citizen Science which was acknowledged by Commissioner Moedas.

- Moedas subsequently invites OSPP members to discuss the possible launch of an Open Research Platform and his objective to increase the compliance with Open Access requirements to 100 percent.
- There was broad support (or acceptance) for introducing monitoring, early warning, and compliance measures (sanctions) for open access.
- Mixed views on the idea of setting up an open science platform; the main objection from some OSPP members refer to the fact that many low cost open access publishing options already exist, but they are not used as they are not core/high profile within scientific communities.

b. Sabina Leonelli presented the report of the Working Group on Open Access. The main findings seem to be consensual among member so that a final version can be sent to the Commission shortly after the meeting.
5. Discussion on Expert Group Report on Altmetrics

- Isabella Peters, member of the Expert Group gave short presentation of the recommendations of the Expert group, followed by an initial assessment of OSPP members which was presented by Rebecca Lawrence.
- The initial assessment of OSPP converges largely with the finding of the Expert Group. Notably the 'headline findings' that qualitative assessments should always accompany the responsible use of metrics' and that there is a need to develop a next-generation metrics that can give indications on the engagement with open science were consensual.
- A working Group will be set up to continue the work of the initial assessment provided at the 20 March meeting and the group will report with proposals for actions on altmetrics prior to the October 2017 OSPP meeting.

6. Conclusions

1. OSPP to agree on final versions of Working groups reports(which then become OSPP agreed documents for advice to DGRTD) within two weeks: on Open Access Publishing, the EOSCloud.
2. OSPP Open Access report should feed in the next expert Group on future of Publishing.
3. OSPP EOSCloud report should feed in next expert group report on funding/governance of the EOSCloud. A representative of OSPP(Sergio) will be invited for Stakeholder meeting on EOSCloud in Brussels (12 June)
4. Minutes to be agreed and published on our website on short-term
5. Planning next meeting: includes issues on Roadmap EOS Cloud, Rewards and Education and Skills and underpinning of Scientific Integrity code by Open science as well as actions on Altmetrics.
6. Members should express interest for to participate in the working groups shortly.