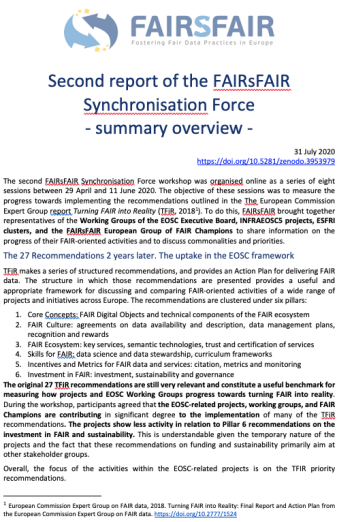


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The 27 Recommendations 2 years later. The uptake in the EOSC framework

TFiR makes a series of structured recommendations, and provides an Action Plan for delivering FAIR data. The structure in which those recommendations are presented provides a useful and appropriate framework for discussing and comparing FAIR-oriented activities of a wide range of projects and initiatives across Europe. The recommendations are clustered under six pillars:

1. Core Concepts: FAIR Digital Objects and technical components of the FAIR ecosystem
2. FAIR Culture: agreements on data availability and description, data management plans, recognition and rewards
3. FAIR Ecosystem: key services, semantic technologies, trust and certification of services
4. Skills for FAIR: data science and data stewardship, curriculum frameworks
5. Incentives and Metrics for FAIR data and services: citation, metrics and monitoring
6. Investment in FAIR: investment, sustainability and governance

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Overall, the focus of the activities within the EOSC-related projects is on the TFiR priority recommendations.

[1] European Commission Expert Group on FAIR data, 2018. Turning FAIR into Reality: Final Report and Action Plan from the European Commission Expert Group on FAIR data. https://doi.org/10.2777/1524

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On 3 September 2020 Ingrid Dillo and Marjan Grootveld presented a report on the workshop outcomes at the EOSC FAIR Working Group meeting. The document was well received by the WG, and will be taken it into consideration in the writing of the Interim recommendations for FAIR metrics and service certification report, currently in its final phase.

Download the summary overview of the Synchronisation Force Second Report ►

Additional resources:

► Second Report of the FAIRsFAIR Synchronisation Force - full report

► Full suite of workshop recordings and presentations.

► How FAIR is Research in Europe today? Blog post by Marjan Grootveld, DANS, FAIRsFAIR Synchronisation Force

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