

# Information Security Management in the EOSC Future

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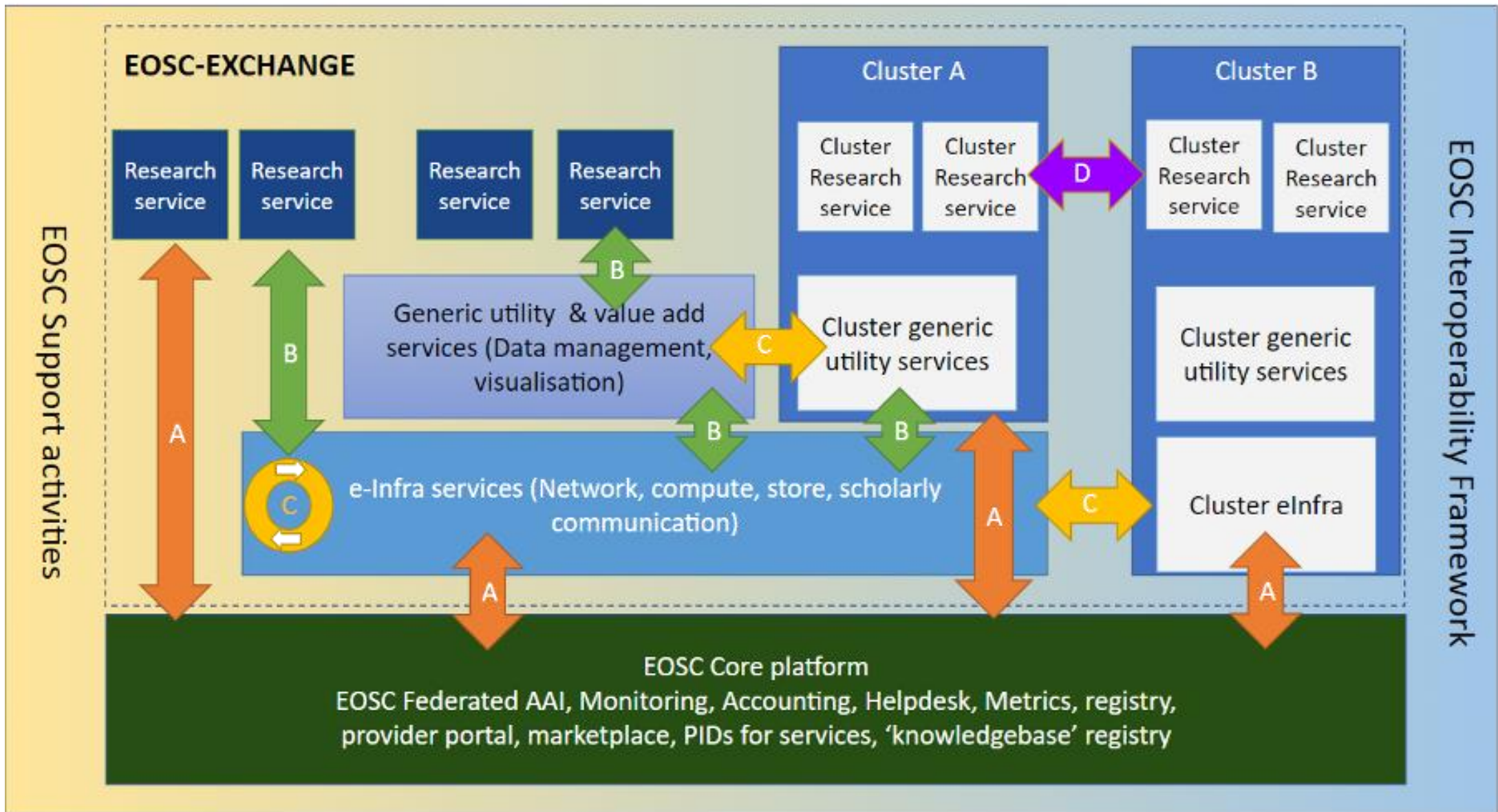
# A challenging landscape

**Entities of all kinds** – diversity in the EOSEC range  
from *data sets* to *storage* to *computing* to *publications & digital objects*

**An open ecosystem** – rules of participation will favour low barrier to entry regarding operational maturity, service management quality, &c

**A diverse ecosystem** – providers will come from e-Infrastructures, from member states, from research infrastructures, and private sector

**An *interdependent* ecosystem** – aiming for composability and collective service design through an open, core AAI federation



# The EOSC AAI /Federation

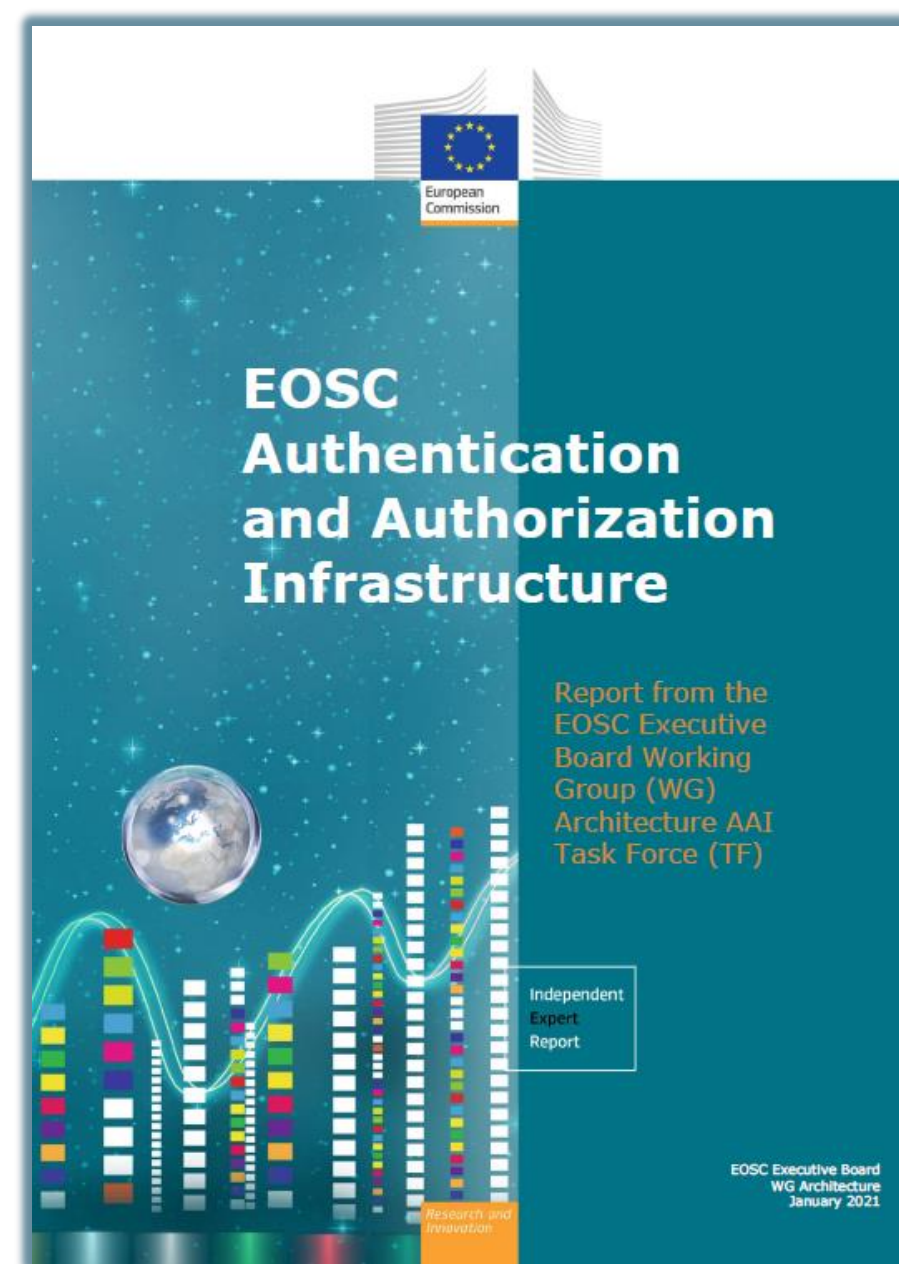
In order to outline a globally viable, scalable and secure EOSC AAI, the group defined the following three core principles, on which to base their work:

- **User experience** is the only touchstone.
- All trust flows from **communities**.
- **There is no centre** in a distributed system.

*“The human element was the starting point of our exploration. We believe that providing a good user experience and making use of the existing trust relations that users already have within their research communities are the key factors for delivering a successful EOSC AAI.” [Klaas Wieringa, EOSC AAI TF chair]*

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# Why is the EOSC AAI important here?

... the new 'EOSC' federation gets policies and a base line at 'onboarding' time

Membership of the EOSC AAI Federation MUST be requested to the Federation Operator by each prospective member. In this request, the applicant MUST:

- declare its intent to join the EOSC AAI Federation;
- declare its participation in the EOSC and adherence to its Rules of Participation;
- commit to adherence to the pertinent technical requirements of the EOSC AAI Interoperability Framework (technical baseline);
- commit to adherence to the security policy baseline of EOSC security operations;
- provide contact information for administrative, technical, and security matters, each of which *Registered Representatives* SHALL have least two contact entry points;

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- leveraging existing trust frameworks
- not repeat earlier mistakes: so implement a baseline at the 'start'



# Goal of Information Security Management (ISM)

***“ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability”***

***“protecting sensitive data from threats and vulnerabilities”***

In our heterogeneous EOSC at large, founded on subsidiarity, this translates to

- *primum non nocere*: do no harm to interests & assets of users
- not expose other service providers in the EOSC ecosystem to enlarged risk *as a result of their participation in EOSC*
- be transparent about infosec maturity and risk to its customers and suppliers



# Structuring security for the EOSC

1. Information security **risk assessment framework** based on SCI and a maturity model – targeting connected services as well as data, and correlated risks
2. Coordinate security policies for a **baseline** aligned with the Rules of Participation of the EOSC, and the EOSC AAI federation – ensuring transparency for the ‘risk appetite’ of the participants
3. Mechanisms for **coordination** and resolution of incidents through Information Security Management (ISM) **processes** – leveraging WISE community and Sirtfi, and enabling the (tested) framework for information sharing
4. Security **operations and incident response capabilities** related to or affecting the EOSC Core (in relatively broad sense) - with content and service providers



# Information Assets in the EOSC

## Subsidiarity

- core service providers are subject to the EOSC Core Agreement, but the operating entities are the primary responsible for their own services
- exchange service providers bring their own (existing) services, and join based on the EOSC *Rules of Participation*, the *On-boarding Agreement*, and the *AAI*

**Hence the *assets* that the EOSC Security sees are *services*, including the data and digital objects they manage, but not their hardware, service components, middleware, or people**

this provides the touchstone for the ISM policies, following the *EOSChub* model





# The ISM policies and processes

## **EOSC ISM differentiates between Core and Exchange**

- both are in scope for all security policies
- Core: mandatory adherence (and pro-active support from the security team)
- Exchange: based on Interoperability Framework and the AAI  
(and 'RFC2119-RECOMMENDED' pressure)

## **Participants are autonomous**

- but subscribe to shared commitment of maintaining trustworthy & secure EOSC

## **With everyone expected to participate in incident response and 'drills'**

- for the Core services, expert forensics support is provided for if desired
- in the Exchange, coordination and liaison are the primary tasks of the CSIRT



# ISM SMS structure

- **start with just 2 policies**
- **and 5 procedures**

Supported by

- a 'comms challenge' as a KPI that we can track (~2x per year)
- standing CSIRT response team
- security 'events' monitoring & triage (to align with FitSM)

## ▼ ISM Policies

- EOOSC Acceptable Use Policy and Conditions
- EOOSC Security Operational Baseline

## ▼ ISM Procedures

- ISM1 Security Incident Response
- ISM2 Information assets and threats
- ISM3 Security Risk Management
- ISM4 Controls
- ISM5 Security Events



# Important roles

The key role is the CSIRT at [abuse@eosc-security.eu](mailto:abuse@eosc-security.eu)

Of course there are real people, but for long-term stability and tracking only generic addresses should be used for communication

- CSIRT central team: Pau, Daniel, DavidC
- ISM processes and (public) procedures: Alf, DaveK, SvenG, DavidG
- ISM Policies: DavidG, DaveK, Ralph, Alf, IanN,
- ISM Risk Assessment process: Urpo, Linda, DaveK, IanN, JoukeR

# Policy – a baselining approach

**EOSC Acceptable Use Policy and Conditions of Use (Template)**

Document control

Area	ISM
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Policy owner	David Groep
Approval status	<b>APPROVED</b>
Approved version and date	v9 19 May 2022
Next policy review	together with process review

Policy reviews

The following table is updated after every review of this document.

Date	Review by	Summary of results	Follow-up actions / Comments
2022-02-28	David Groep	Scope and terminology must be updated to reflect EOSC structure	formally approve the revised text
2022-02-28		adoption compliance status by core services unknown	disseminate and verify implementation status in core services

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- Contact points
- Copyright statements (which also must be included in any AUP based on this template)

Scope

**For EOSC Core services**, a policy based on this template must be applied to all users of any EOSC Core Service.

**For EOSC Exchange listed services**, a policy based on this template should be applied to all users of the listed service, if that service can be used in a composed EOSC service. It may be used by any EOSC service.

The EOSC uses the template AUP, from the WISE Community: the "WISE Baseline Acceptable Use Policy and Conditions of Use", template version 1.0, dated 25 Feb 2019. Any Service, Authentication system (AAI), or community membership management system, which presents the AUP to a user during their first use and registration must adopt this template for their particular use case; specifically, it must insert the name of its provider, as well as the purpose-binding of the AUP to the service, in the first paragraph of the template. Further guidance on how to use the AUP template is available from the AARC EU H2020 project at <https://aarc-project.eu/guidelines/aarc-044/>.

When using the baseline AUP text below, curly brackets "}" (coloured blue) indicate text which should be replaced as appropriate to the community, agency or infrastructure presenting the AUP to the user. Angle brackets "< ->" (coloured green) indicate text which is optional and should be deleted or replaced as indicated. Other text should not be changed.

Introduction

This Acceptable Use Policy and Conditions of Use ("AUP") defines the rules and conditions that govern your access to and use (including transmission, processing, and storage of data) of the resources and services ("Services") as granted by (community, agency, or infrastructure name) for the purpose of (describe the stated goals and policies governing the intended use).

<To further define and limit what constitutes acceptable use, the community, agency, or infrastructure may optionally add additional information, rules or conditions, or references thereto, here or at the placeholder below. These additions must not conflict with the clauses 1 to 10 below, whose wording and numbering must not be changed.>

- AAI Proxy - any service, Community authentication/authorization infrastructure (AAI), or Infrastructure Proxy that augments, translates, or transposes authentication and authorization information, including the connected sources of access (AAI) attributes, as detailed in the AARC BPA 2019.
- Infrastructure Proxy for the EOSC Core Services - the AAI proxy to which EOSC Core Services are connected
- User - an individual that primarily benefits from and uses a service
- IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS - respectively Infrastructure, Platform, or Software provided 'as-a-service'

This document is accompanied by an FAQ providing implementation suggestions.

Scope

This Baseline applies to all service providers participating in the EOSC as well as to all authentication providers, i.e. AAI proxies and directly-connected Identity Providers, participating in the EOSC AAI Federation. It thus also applies to the EOSC Core services and the Infrastructure Proxy for the EOSC Core Services. These requirements augment, but do not replace, any other applicable security policies and obligations, or more specific security arrangements between EOSC participants. Transfer, processing or storage of confidential information, or specific categories or accumulations of personal data, may require more specific security arrangements.

Baseline Requirements

All EOSC Service Providers, directly connected Identity Providers, and AAI Proxies, must

- comply with the SIRTFI security incident response framework for structured and coordinated incident response
- ensure that their Users agree to an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) or Terms of Use, and that there is a means to contact each User.
- promptly inform Users and other affected parties if action is taken to protect their Service, or the Infrastructure, by controlling access to their Service, and do so only for administrative, operational or security purposes.
- honour the confidentiality requirements of information gained as a result of their Service's participation in the Infrastructure.
- respect the legal and contractual rights of Users and others with regard to their personal data processed, and only use such data for administrative, operational, accounting, monitoring or security purposes.
- retain system generated information (logs) in order to allow the reconstruction of a coherent and complete view of activity as part of a security incident (the 'who, what, where, when', and 'to whom'), for a minimum period of 180 days, to be used during the investigation of a security incident.
- follow, as a minimum, generally accepted IT security best practices and governance, such as pro-actively applying secure configurations and security updates, and taking appropriate action in relation to security vulnerability notifications, and agree to participate in drills or simulation exercises to test Infrastructure resilience as a whole.
- ensure that they operate their services and infrastructure in a manner which is not detrimental to the security of the Infrastructure nor to any of its Participants or Users.
- collaborate in a timely fashion with others, including the EOSC Security Team, in the reporting and resolution of security events or incidents related to their Service's participation in the EOSC Infrastructure and those affecting the EOSC infrastructure as a whole.
- honour the obligations security collaboration and log retention (clauses 1, 9, and 10 above) for the period of 180 days after their Service is retired from the Infrastructure, including the retention of logs when physical or virtual environments are decommissioned.
- not hold Users or other Infrastructure participants liable for any loss or damage incurred as a result of the delivery or use of their Service in the Infrastructure, except to the extent specified by law or any licence or service level agreement.
- maintain an agreement with representatives for individual service components and suppliers that ensures that engagement of such parties does not result in violation of this Security Baseline.

Providers should name persons responsible for the implementation of, and the monitoring of compliance to, this Security Baseline in the context of the Service. They shall promptly inform the EOSC Security Team of any material non-compliance with this Baseline should such occur.

The EOSC Security Team can be contacted at <abuse@eosc-security.eu>.

Acknowledgements

This 'EOSC Security Operational Baseline' is based upon multiple sources used under CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 license, including the UK "IRIS Service Operations Security Policy" (<https://www.iris.ac.uk/security/>) and the "Service Operations Security Policy" from the AARC Policy Development Kit (<https://aarc-community.org/policies/policy-development-kit/>) owned by the authors, used under CC BY-NC-SA 4.0. This EOSC Security Operational Baseline is licensed under CC BY-NC-SA 4.0 by the contributing partners in the EOSC Future consortium.

Common AUP (based on WISE AUP) – required for core services to ensure consistency, strongly recommended for all services and for community AAI proxies

EOSC Security Operational Baseline a mere 12 points that make you a trustworthy provider organisation towards your peers and the EOSC



# EOSC Security Operational Baseline



## Co-development of EOSC Future & AARC Policy Community

- version based on UK-IRIS evolution of the AARC PDK
- specifically geared towards the looser EOSC ecosystem
- mindful of urgent need for collective coherent response

## EOSC consultation together with AEGIS, AARC, and GEANT EnCo

- complemented by an 'FAQ' with guidance and references, but no new standards: 'there is enough good stuff out there'
- leverages Sirtfi framework
- connects to the Core Security Team
- part of the EOSC SMS and Core Participation Agreement

## Joint input to the new WISE AARC Service Operational Policy work in SCI



# EOSCSMS – EOSC Security Operational Baseline & FAQ

## Baseline Requirements

<https://wiki.eoscfuture.eu/display/EOSCSMS/EOSC+Security+Operational+Baseline>

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7. follow, as a minimum, generally accepted [IT security best practices and governance](#), such as pro-actively applying secure configurations and security updates, and taking appropriate action in relation to security vulnerability notifications, and agree to participate in drills or simulation exercises to test Infrastructure resilience as a whole.
8. ensure that they operate their services and infrastructure in a manner which is not detrimental to the security of the Infrastructure nor to any of its Participants or Users.
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## What are 'IT security best practices' in item 7?

On a global scale there are myriad different documents and sources of well known recommendations that fit your needs. This can depend on requirements derived from for example certifications like ISO 27000 or It is important that you take these into consideration, as well as add them to you, especially if there are no written security policies or recommendations.

### Generic information security

1. ISO standardisation, for example ISO 27000 which covers information processes. Closed standard.
2. National standards, offered by for example national public offices covering various security aspects. These can also address local level individuals.
3. NIST (<https://www.nist.gov/cybersecurity>) and CISA (<https://www.cisa.gov/cyberessentials>) for example CISA's Cyber Essentials Starter Kit and NIST's cyber security framework.
4. CIS (<https://www.cisecurity.org/cybersecurity-best-practices/>), such as CIS Critical Security Controls.
5. SANS (<https://www.sans.org>) provides guidelines and trainings on various security aspects.

### Cloud platforms

1. Cloud security alliance (<https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/>) provides a set of best practices for cloud security.
2. BSI C5, Cloud Computing Compliance Controls Catalogue ([https://www.bsi.com/Cloud\\_Computing-C5.pdf](https://www.bsi.com/Cloud_Computing-C5.pdf))
3. Several nations provide their standards, which may be targeted to specific cloud services.

### Software development

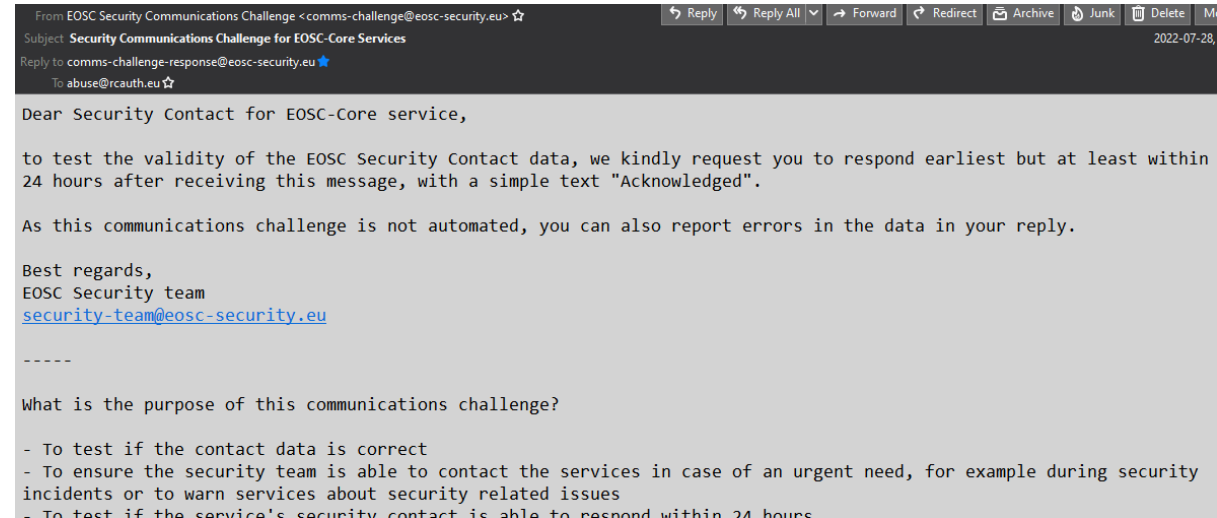
1. OWASP (<https://owasp.org/>) provides extensive documentation on various security aspects to ensure that your software has capabilities to defend against common web vulnerabilities.
2. Microsoft SDLC (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/securitydevops>)



# Communications challenges (~ 2x per year)

You already got the mail with the simple question for contact data fixes

- response can be done by email
- verifies the security contacts (and proved useful already)



The request to join as a “volunteer for tabletop exercises ” will come

– a great way to get prepared for the future multiplayer RPGs

Participation in drills or simulation exercises to test Infrastructure resilience as a whole is necessary (and part of the Baseline ...)

# Procedures for incident response

## Two parts to the incident process

- This (public) ISM1 response procedure
- Focussing on interaction between central CSIRT and the provider organisation
- Ingress from Zammad and by mail

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> element ...

*an internal detailed technical note, focussing on the team interaction within the CSIRT (how to use RT, mail templates)  
The internal note is private, as it contains quite a lot of confidential address information*

## ISM1 Security Incident Response

### Document control

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Procedure status	<span style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px;">FINALISED</span>
Procedure owner	Pinja Koskinen
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Approved version and date	v 1419 May 2022
Statement	This procedure is aimed at minimizing the impact of security incidents by encouraging post-mortem analysis and promoting cooperation between Service Providers and Infrastructures
Next procedure review	together with process review

### Procedure reviews

The following table is updated after every review of this procedure.

Date	Review by	Summary of results	Follow-up actions / Comments
19.11.2021	Pinja Koskinen	Updated to EOSC Future	
28.02.2022	David Groep	Scope applicability for EOSC types unclear	Clarify status of document for service types, and update contacts location information
10.05.2022	Pinja Koskinen	Updated according to exercise feedback	
11.05.2022	Pinja Koskinen	Moved incident analysis guideline	

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### Overview

This procedure is aimed at minimising the impact of security incidents by encouraging post-mortem analysis and promoting cooperation between Service Providers and EOSC.

This is a high level procedure, aiming at complementing any service specific, institutional and infrastructure security procedures, which should contain more detailed steps.

Unless specified otherwise in separate service level agreements, all times in this document refer to normal local working hours.

This document is intended for service security contacts and administrators and is primarily aimed at reporting, investigating and resolving security incidents.

### Definitions





# Security Frameworks

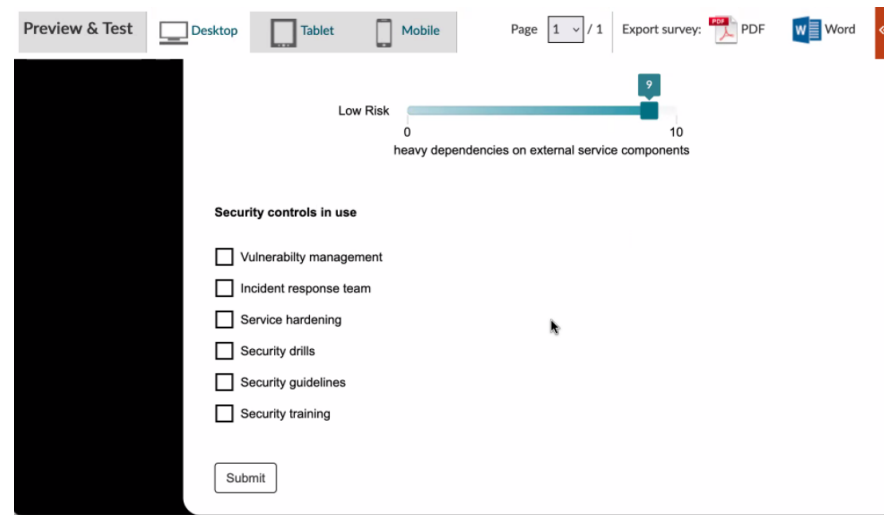
There are many of these out there:

NIST Cyberframework (<https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework>),  
mapping to ISO27k2, NIST SP800-53, and others

ISO27k10 (multi-domain messaging and information exchange)  
builds strongly on 27k2, so is not quite the 'light weight' option we look for

# Risk Management Framework

We *do have* the framework based on SCLv2 and the Risk Assessment WG Simple risk assessment questionnaire almost complete (on webropol), and core service providers will be requested to answer (and discuss) the questions



The screenshot shows a web-based questionnaire interface. At the top, there are navigation options: "Preview & Test", "Desktop", "Tablet", and "Mobile". To the right, it indicates "Page 1 / 1" and "Export survey:" with icons for PDF and Word. The main content area features a horizontal risk scale from 0 to 10, with "Low Risk" at the 0 end. A blue bar indicates a score of 9, with a question mark icon above it. Below the scale, the text "heavy dependencies on external service components" is visible. Underneath, there is a section titled "Security controls in use" with a list of checkboxes: "Vulnerability management", "Incident response team", "Service hardening", "Security drills", "Security guidelines", and "Security training". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of this section.

We will use a reference community to evaluate the risk-assessment approach for the EOSC Exchange (using SKA as a 'fresh' example community)

# Evolving Security and Trust for attribute sources & proxies

Beyond the baseline:  
supporting interoperable trust for the EOSC Federation

## Community membership management directories and attribute authorities

- integrity of membership
- identification, naming and traceability
- site and service security
- protection on the network
- assertion integrity

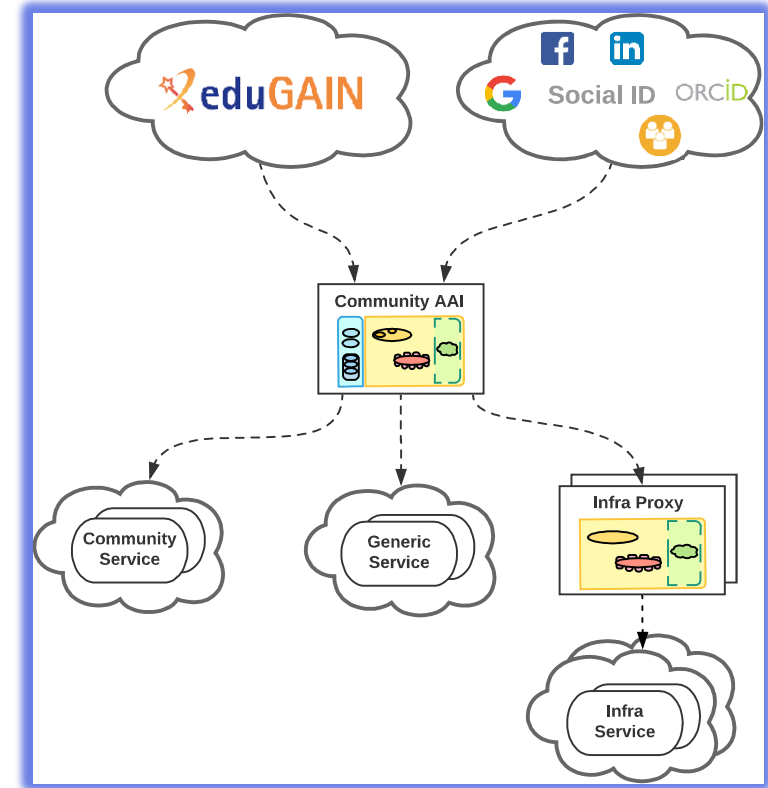
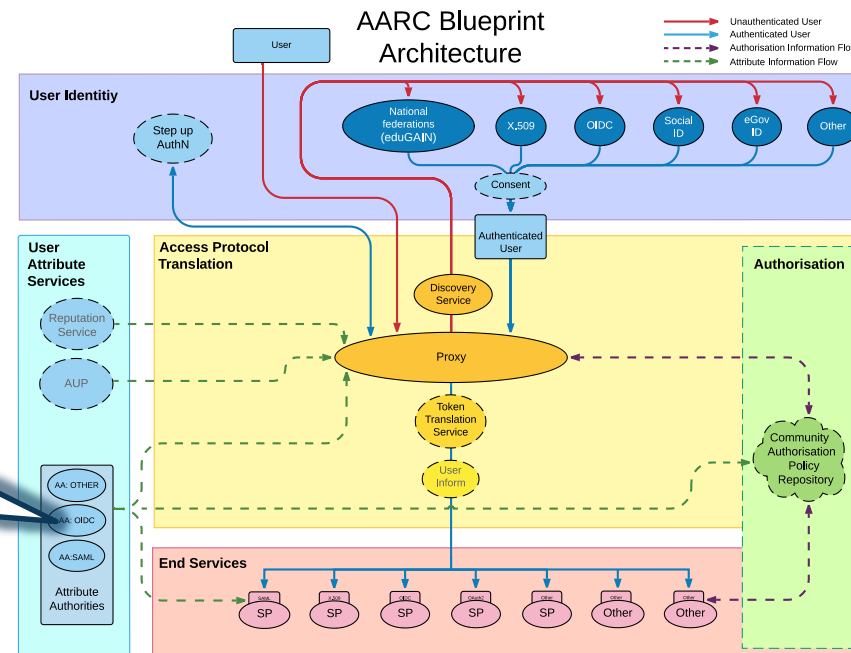


Image source: AARC Community  
<https://aarc-community.org/architecture/>

# Specific guidance and implementation recommendations

Following the IGTF “Annotated Requirements” model, each statement is accompanied by implementation guidance.  
Technology neutral, i.e. both push and pull\* models are in scope

the risk of cross-compromise. In all cases, the environment itself must be protected according to current best practice, and a risk assessment of the environment should be performed [e.g. based on the WISE SCI [SCI] and Sirtfi [SIRTFI] requirements], taking into account both the integrity of the AA as well as the requirements of the communities hosted on the AA and the Relying Parties receiving attributes.

## 4.5. Key Management

### KM-1

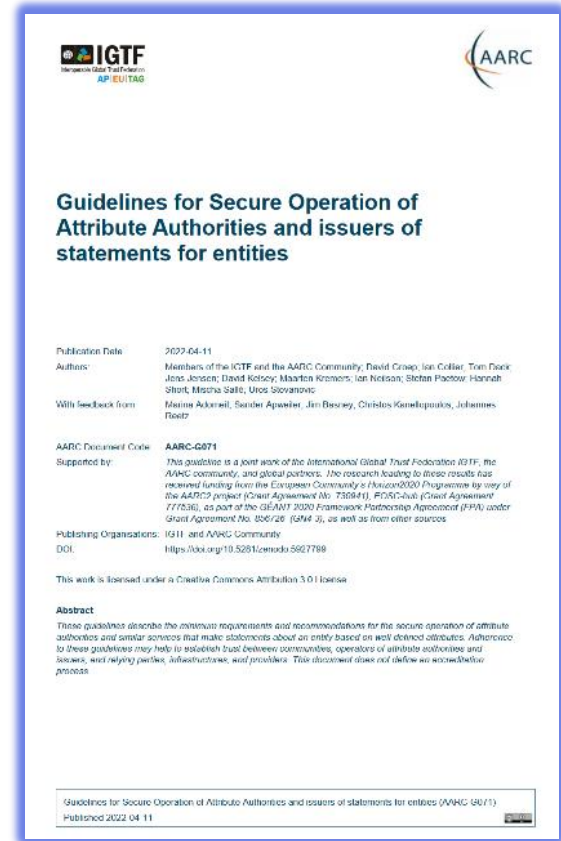
A key used to protect assertions should be dedicated to assertion protection functions.

If the AA both signs assertions and provides functionality over protected channels, the keys used to sign assertions shall be different from those protecting channels.

If the assertions conveyed over the channel are to be independently protected, this protection should then use another key.

Guidelines for Secure Operation of Attribute Authorities and issuers of statements for entities (AARC-G071)  
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[aarc-community.org/guidelines/aarc-g071](https://aarc-community.org/guidelines/aarc-g071)  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5927799>  
\* see RFC2904 for the model descriptions



# For incident response

<https://wiki.eoscfuture.eu/display/EOSCF/D7.5a+Evaluation+of+EOSC+Security+Baseline>

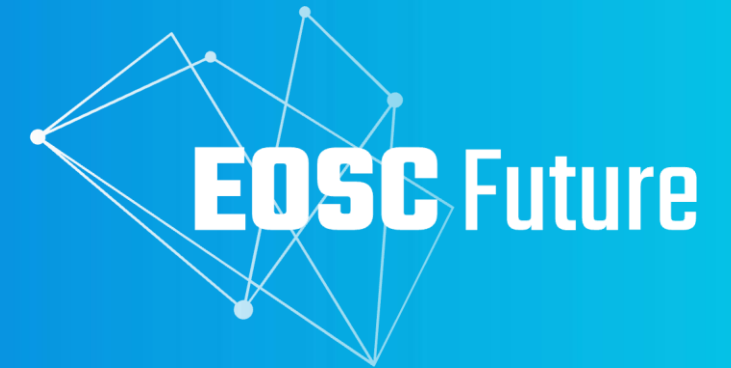
## 7.5 Incident mitigation and resolution

A key part of the development of incident response, mitigation and resolution is ensuring that the entire EOSC constituency that is in scope for the EOSC Security Team is aware of the team's existence, and familiar with the relevant procedures and processes. This can be approached through arranging ongoing discussions between the security team and the EOSC-Core service providers along with regular communication challenges and tabletop exercises as outlined above.

Once the incident procedure for EOSC-Core services is adopted, it will then be appropriate to develop appropriate metrics - learning from experience and reviewing those developed for EOSC-hub - for EOSC security. These should focus on maximising the opportunities for applying lessons learned for the community and empowering EOSC-Core Services and the EOSC Security Team to work most effectively. The EOSC Security Team currently benefits from personal overlap and acquaintance with the security teams from all horizontal e-Infrastructures. These links will be strengthened based on joint incident resolution work as and when such incidents affect the EOSC (the incidence thereof naturally depends on the incidents that occur, and to which extent EOSC resources are involved). Standard operating procedures, guiding the internal operation of the team, will be developed based on both real and mock incidents, and the feedback based on the metrics defined.

Collaborative incident response and resolution is essential in the current security landscape: it is vital that the

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# Discussion time!

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