



**FAIRsFAIR**  
Fostering Fair Data Practices in Europe

# FAIRsFAIR

## Coming together to build a FAIR and functioning EOSC

FAIRsFAIR webinar on Persistence and interoperability in FAIR research data management  
11 February 11:00 AM CET  
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# Our objective

Help **survey the landscape of FAIR activities** in relation to EOSC and identify where dialogue and collaboration can be encouraged.

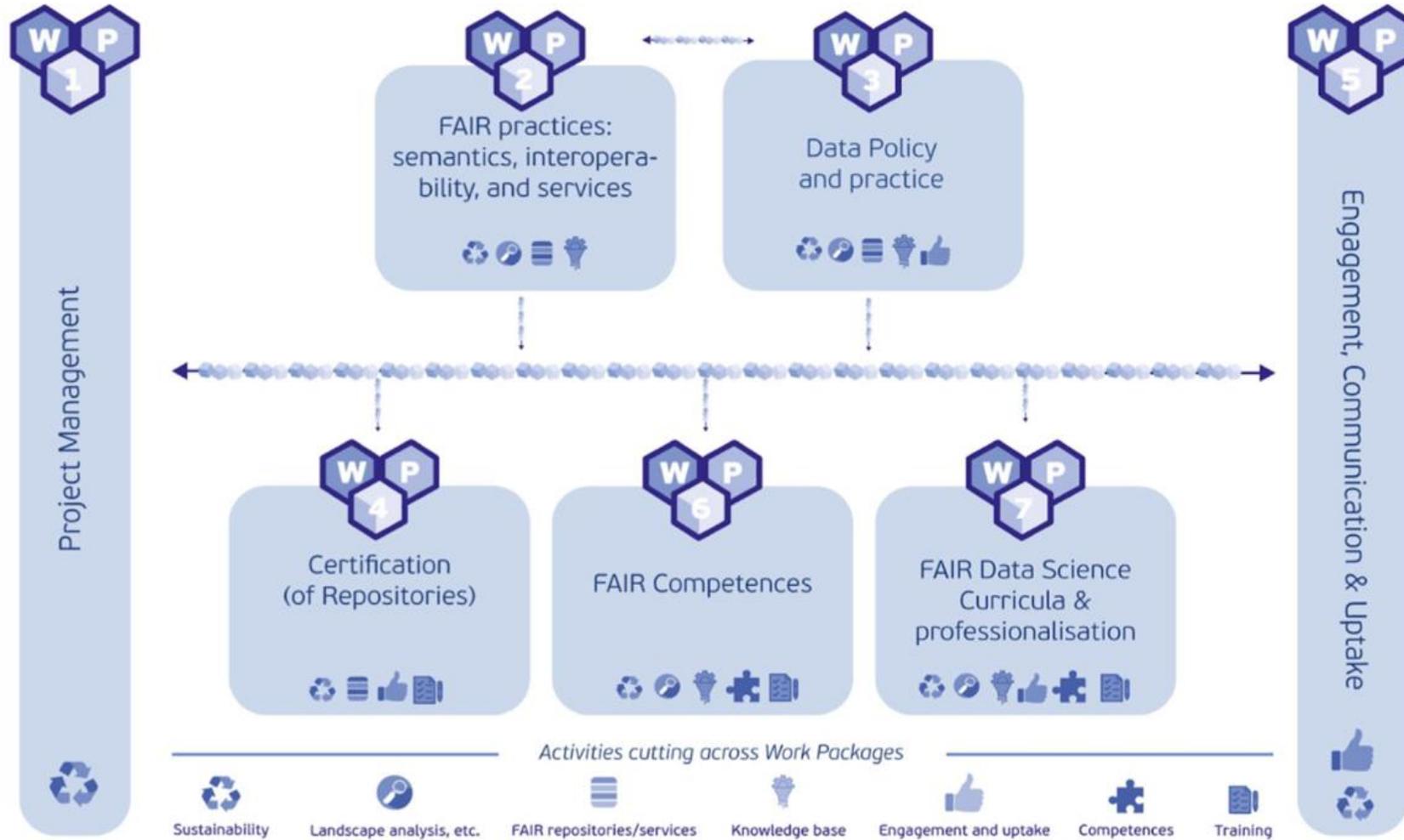
Create a **basis for harmonisation** efforts to bring together the various actors working in the **FAIR ecosystem** and build a **functioning EOSC** and **active community** around EOSC.

Specifically we aim to **identify overlaps, divergences and challenges** related to FAIR within the EOSC framework, with a special focus being given to the **interaction between FAIRsFAIR and the FAIR related initiatives, including the EOSC Cluster projects.**

## FAIRsFAIR Key facts

- Starting date: March 1, 2019
- Duration: 36 months
- 22 partners from 8 Member States (MS)
- 6 core partners: DANS (project coordinator), CSC, DCC, Trust-IT, STFC, EUA

# Work Packages



## WP2: FAIR Practices: Semantics, Interoperability, and Services

- Create the bases for continued work on sustainable technical implementation of the FAIR principles on a broad level and improve the understanding of the **current variety in FAIR data standards**
- Improve the **semantic interoperability** of research resources by specifying FAIR metadata schemas, vocabularies, protocols, and ontologies
- Provide solutions for **interoperability requirements and machine accessibility** for FAIR repositories
- Define the extent to which the FAIR concept can be applied to data services (including software)
- **Identify gaps regarding semantic interoperability, metadata and PIDs**

# D2.1 Report on FAIR requirements for persistence and interoperability 2019

<http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3557381>

This document is the first iteration of three annual reports on the state of FAIR in European scientific data by the FAIRsFAIR project. The interpretation of the FAIR data principles and their implications for services are now under intense scrutiny across Europe with multiple possible outcomes. The report is based on studies of public information, especially EOSC infrastructure efforts, and on limited surveying and interviews. The focus has been on understanding the usage of persistent identifiers and semantic interoperability. This study highlights the rapidity of change in technical solutions and wide variation across scientific domains in the uptake. More efforts are needed to guide researchers in best practices.

## Request for comments:

► We are seeking wide feedback on this draft which will inform other areas of work within the FAIRsFAIR project. Comments and suggestions can be added at

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LPMpuDSylhzYT6S3bG2KPecdDXn-af4bJxzX2r\\_xLIs/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LPMpuDSylhzYT6S3bG2KPecdDXn-af4bJxzX2r_xLIs/edit)



# WP3: FAIR Data Policy and Practice

WP3 aims to increase the production and use of FAIR data by **guiding necessary changes in policy and practice** at funder, repository and organisational levels.

## Under community review:

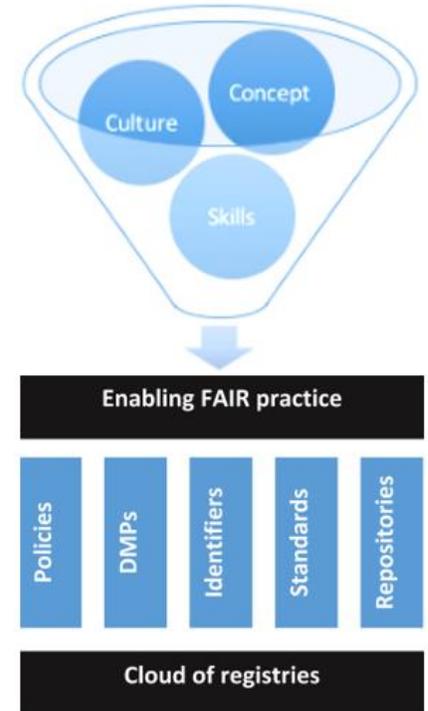
**D3.1 FAIR Policy Landscape Analysis** <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3558173>

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### D3.2 FAIR Data Practice Analysis

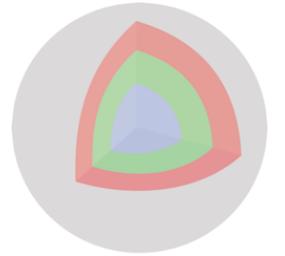
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FAIRsFAIR version of the Turning FAIR into Reality Components of a FAIR ecosystem

## WP4: FAIR Certification

- **FAIR Objects** → FAIRness evaluations of individual datasets
  - use case based iterative approach building on existing work: researchers and data repositories
- **FAIR-enabling repositories** → to support the co-development and implementation of certification schemes for data repositories, building on existing frameworks
- Through [two Open Calls](#) run between July and August 2019, FAIRsFAIR selected **22 Data Repositories** - out of 73 applications - which **will get specific support** for achieving CoreTrustSeal certification ([www.coretrustseal.org](http://www.coretrustseal.org)) & improving the FAIRness and interoperability of data



Images:  
<https://doi.org/10.2777/54599>  
and <https://icon-library.net/icon/data-repository-icon-5.html>

# FAIRsFAIR 1st Certification Support Workshop for Data Repositories

The first FAIRsFAIR training workshop for data repositories selected to receive assistance in achieving CoreTrustSeal certification took place in The Hague on Thursday **6 February 2020**.



# WP6: FAIR Competence Centre

## Competence Centre Support

- Provide **overview of research communities' needs** for a competence centre.
- Establish a **core competence centre for developing FAIR skills** incl a help centre and a “FAIR forum” to provide online help
- Develop a **knowledge base of training materials in FAIR skills** for the above competence centre.

## Training Programme

- Build on CODATA-RDA Research Data Science schools to run **annual series of schools in FAIR skills**.
- Run **five train the trainer events** (run in parallel with CODATA-RDA schools).
- Franchise the schools to specific research communities.
- Provide materials for competence centre.

## Under community review:

**D6.1 Overview of needs for competence centres** <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3549791>

### Request for comments:

▶ Comments and suggestions can be added until 17 April 2020 at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c-KFgFWXr3d9f93lZiAIMsH0W7-g547X/view?usp=sharing>

# WP7: FAIR Data Science and Professionalisation

- Realisation of EOSC requires more data scientists/data stewards and researchers with FAIR competences
- RDM mandates (e.g. in H2020 and other European funding programmes) will mainstream FAIR even further and increase competence needs
- Data-sharing and re-use needs also a cultural change among researchers

## WP7 overview/objectives

- Develop a **Competence Framework** for FAIR to support professionalisation, recognition and uptake of FAIR data science and data stewardship
- Develop **model courses, curricula, training** documents to support uptake in university curricula
- **Train universities** in using the Framework and model curricula to speed up adoption



# The High Level Advisory Committee



**Jaana Bäck**  
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Jaana Bäck, University of Helsinki (UHEL), Institute for Atmosphere and Earth System Research INAR. Prof. Jaana Bäck's field is forest-atmosphere interactions and feedback processes. She has contributed to the conceptual understanding on how biosphere-eco-physiological processes, e.g. biogeochemical cycles, trace gas exchange and soil processes, are affected by environmental factors. In particular, she is interested in how ecosystems act as sinks and contribute to atmospheric aerosol formation and this way slow down the climate change especially in arctic and boreal regions. She has been involved in Arctic research for 30 years, and has studied e.g. the effects of atmospheric pollutants on forests in Lapland.

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**David Carr**  
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David Carr is Programme Manager for Open Research at the Wellcome Trust, and helps drive the Wellcome efforts to maximise the availability and use of research outputs (including publications, software and materials), in ways that will enrich the research enterprise and accelerate the delivery of health benefits. Prior to this, David was a Policy Advisor at Wellcome where he led on work to develop and communicate Wellcome's policy in various areas, including research data sharing, open access publishing, biosecurity and genetic data.

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Dr. Clarke is Programme Manager, Policy and EU Funding, at the Health Research Board (HRB) in Ireland and a National Delegate in H2020 Societal Challenge Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing. Dr. Clarke has a particular interest in open research and is responsible for the HRB Open Research publishing platform. She is also co-chair of the National Research Forum with the Higher Education Authority, and a member of the EU Commission expert group on National Points of Reference on Scientific Information.

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Rūta Petrauskaitė is a professor at Vytautas Magnus University and a proponent of data-driven research, Open Access and data sharing initiatives. With research interests ranging from corpus and computational linguistics to discourse analyses, she has initiated and supervised compilations of the first big corpora of the Lithuanian language and performed corpus-based research in most fields of linguistics.

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**Carthage Smith**  
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Dr. Smith joined the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in June 2014 as head of the Global Science Forum Secretariat. His work with national members to define the overall strategy and priorities for the Forum, includes defining policy on research infrastructures, Open Science, research funding mechanisms, and science advisory processes.

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**Shelley Stall**  
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Shelley Stall is the Senior Director for the American Geophysical Union's Data Leadership Program. She works with AGU's members, their organizations, and the broader research community to improve data and digital object practices with the ultimate goal of elevating how research data is managed and valued. Better data management results in better science.

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**Françoise Genova**  
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Ms. Genova is one of the founders of the astronomical Virtual Observatory initiative, chaired the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) Executive Board in 2006-2007, and has led operations in France since 2004. She has also coordinated several related European projects on behalf of CNRS. Director of the Strasbourg astronomical data centre from 1995 to 2015, Ms Genova led the Data Access, Discovery and Interoperability Work Package of the European ASTERICS Cluster, the aim of which was to optimise the use of data coming from the astronomical and astroparticle physics ESFRIs and other large projects.

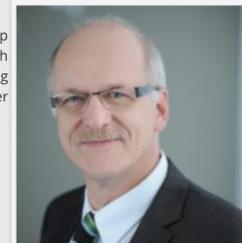
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**Stan Gielen**  
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Dr. Gielen holds a PhD in biophysics and worked at Northwestern University, UCLA, and University Utrecht before being appointed as Full Professor of Biophysics at Radboud University Nijmegen (1988) with a chair in both the science and medical faculties. From 2010 to 2016 he served as dean of the Faculty of Science.

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**Thomas Hahn**  
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Thomas Hahn has been Chief Software Expert at Siemens AG since 2011. After studying computer science at Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen he joined the company in 1985 and worked as a product developer in the field of industrial networks in Erlangen. In 1993 he moved to Nuremberg, where he worked in product management for SIMATIC and as a project manager responsible for development of SIMATIC STEP 7. From 1997 he worked as Head of Development at Traffic Control Systems in Munich for two years.

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Establishing a dialogue among the various projects and actors in the EOSC Ecosystem whose work touches on FAIR in order to:



- Maximise coordination & minimise unnecessary overlap or duplication;
- Encourage the dovetailing of projects' and actors' activities with EOSC governance;
- Promote mechanisms to collaborate on turning FAIR into reality.
- 1st meeting organised in Budapest on 25 November 2019, during the EOSC Symposium, **second meeting scheduled on 29-30 April 2020, Den Haag**

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EOSC  
secretariat eu  
Setup and management of the EOSC Secretariat  
supporting the EOSC Governance

Regional Nodes / Thematic  
Projects (5b)

NI4OS Europe






EOSC SYNERGY  
EOSC-Pillar  
EOSC NORDIC  
ExPaNDs  
European Open Science Cloud Photon  
and Neutron Data Services

FAIR (5c)





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Fostering Fair Data Practices in Europe  
Synchronisation  
Force  
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European Group of FAIR Champions

**EOSC  
Governance Board**

**EOSC  
Executive Board**

Landscape WG

Rules of Participation WG

Architecture  
WG

FAIR  
WG

Sustainability WG

INFRAEOSC-5 Cross Project Collaboration  
Board

INFRAEOSC-5 Task Forces

'Horizontals'








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eInfra Central  
RDA  
RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE  
OpenAIRE  
OCRE  
Open Clouds  
for Research  
Environments  
EOSC-hub

ESFRI Clusters







FAIR ENVRI  
panosc  
photon and neutron  
open science cloud  
ESCAPE  
SSHOC  
EOSC-Life

Other FAIR initiatives






FAIR4Health  
GO FAIR  
FAIRsharing.org  
standards, databases, policies  
FAIRplus

# European Group of FAIR Champions

## Current Members



### Alastair Dunning

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### Andreas Rauber

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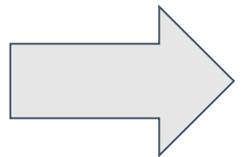
### Susanna-Assunta Sansone

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New Champions to be announced by  
the end of February 2020

# FAIRsFAIR First Deliverables on Landscape Analysis, FAIR Requirements & Competence Centre Call for feedback open!

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- FAIR Ecosystem Components: Vision <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3565428>
- D6.1 Overview of needs for competence centres  
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<https://www.fairsfair.eu/fairsfair-deliverables-community-review>

# Ten things you can do to support the FAIR data culture

FAIRsFAIR is organising a half-day workshop at [IDCC2020](#) on how to support FAIR data culture.

Topics for discussion:

- Improving the interoperability of FAIR objects
- Increasing the production and use of FAIR data
- Building networks of Trusted Digital Repositories and supporting their certification
- Fostering data stewardship skills development
- Embedding FAIR data education into university programmes



**17 February 2019 - 9:00**



# FAIRSF AIR 2020

28-20 April, Den Haag, The Netherlands

- 28 April - parallel WP meetings
- 29 April - WP2 workshop + *2nd Synchronisation Force Workshop*
- 30 April - All-hands meeting

**Stay tuned!**



Thank you and enjoy the webinar!

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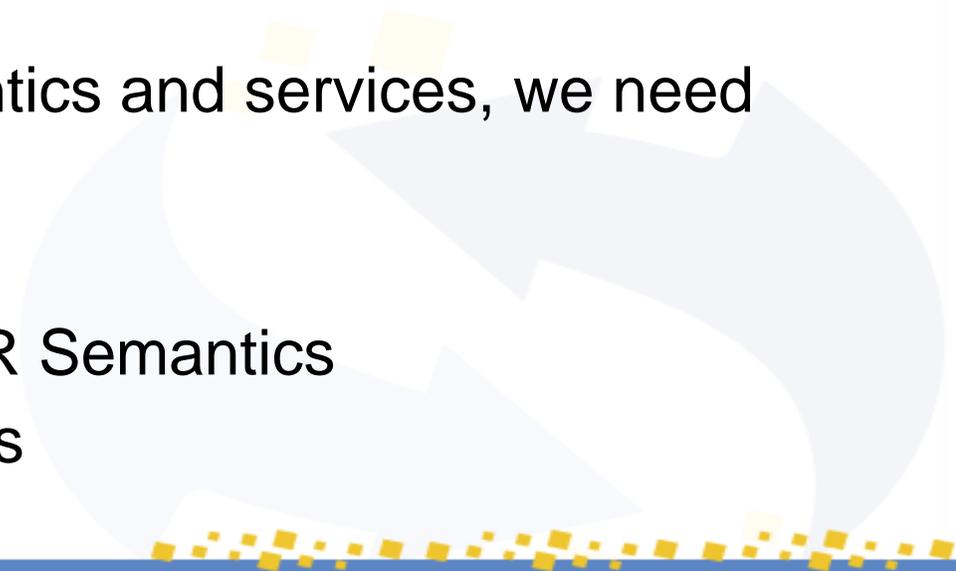


# Annex - Ongoing work and initial deliverables (Until Q2 2020)



## WP2: Ongoing work and initial deliverables (Until Q2 2020)

- D2.1 Report on FAIR requirements for persistence and interoperability
  - Report <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3557381>
  - Data <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3518922>
  - Reviews the landscape and stakeholders
  - Diversity in maturity within domains
  - Need for context sensitive solutions based on researchers' needs
  - Semantic interoperability needs attention
- Intense work in WP on FAIR regarding semantics and services, we need engagement and community input
- Upcoming:
  - D2.2 1st set of Recommendations for FAIR Semantics
  - D2.3 Set of FAIR data repositories features



## WP3: Upcoming milestones and deliverables (Until Q2 2020)

### T3.2 - Work with stakeholders to enhance and/or develop data policies

- M3.3 [Draft recommendations](#) on policy enhancement [M11]
- M3.4 Workshop with policy makers [M11]
- D3.3 Recommendations on policy to support FAIR practice [M12]

### T3.3 - Embedding FAIR data practice in research culture

- D3.4 Recommendations on practice [M15]

### T3.4 - Support transition to FAIRer data providers, stewards and repositories

- M3.5 Draft of D3.5 for consultation with repositories [M15]
- M3.6 Identification of initial group of repositories [M16]
- D3.5 Description of transition support for repositories [M18]



# WP4: Ongoing work, Deliverables and Milestones until the end of Q2 2020

- WP4 **delivered** outputs:
  - **Open Call for repository involvement**
    - 10 repositories selected for in-depth FAIR-aligned repository certification support (WP4)
    - 19 repositories selected for technical FAIRification/interoperability support (WP2)
  - **Generic evaluation reference model**, for considering different, standard, evaluation and certification solutions
- WP4 **upcoming** output:
  - **Feb 2020** - M4.1 : initial set of proposals for repository evaluation including assessment of maturity towards enabling long-term FAIR objects
  - **Feb 2020** - D4.1: **draft recommendations on requirements for FAIR datasets in trustworthy repositories**
  - **May 2020** - D4.2: **initial version of a repository certification mechanism**. Open to iterations afterwards.
  - **Aug 2020** - M4.9: first prototypes of FAIR data assessment tools. Further testing through pilots.



# WP6: Ongoing work and initial deliverables (Until Q2 2020)

Training &  
skills

## WP6 - Competence centre

- Delivery of first school in August 2019. Development of additional curriculum with focus on FAIR.
- Workshop at RDA Helsinki on school to improve curriculum.
- Discussions initiated on franchising.
- Paper accepted for IDCC 2020 in Dublin on schools.
- Landscape Survey and interviews on Competence centre requirements (Aug-Nov 2019)
- Defining structures for Competence Centre

MS38: Research communities surveyed and prioritised for competence centres (Nov 2019)

D6.1: Report: Overview of needs for competence centres (Nov 2019) <https://zenodo.org/record/3549791>

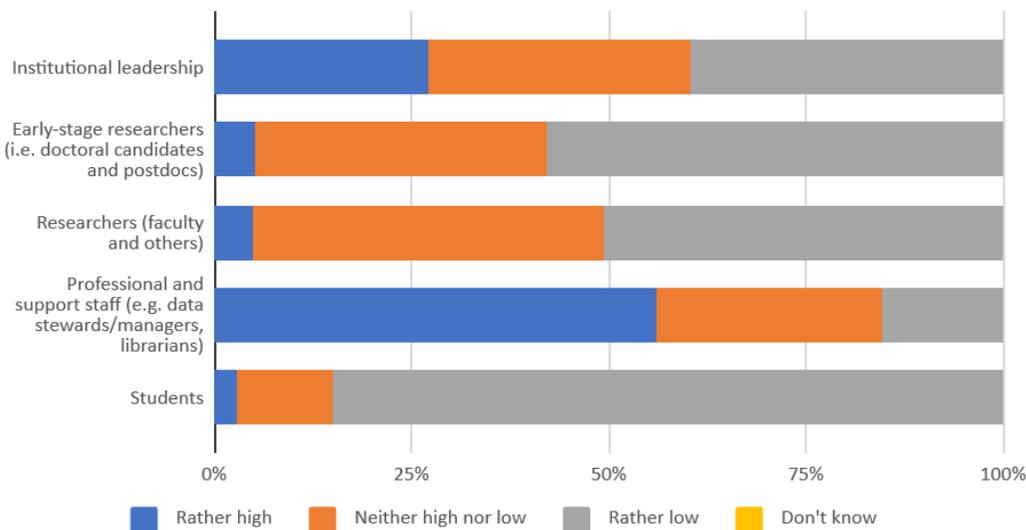
### *Upcoming*

- D6.2 : Report : Initial core competence centre structures (Feb 2020)

# WP7: Ongoing work and initial deliverables (Until Q2 2020)

- Focus Groups: ~55 participants
  - Universities, Research Data Management and the FAIR Principles (UC3M, 30 October) - together with WP3
  - Teaching (FAIR) Data Management and Stewardship (UvA, 19 November)
- Survey on FAIR data aspects in Higher Education Institutions (Sep-Nov 2019): 90 responses including partial ones
- Results are being analysed, report due in February 2020 (Deliverable 7.1, M12)
- Work on FAIR Competence Framework is in progress (Deliverable 7.3, M24, but with iterations)

7 How would you rate the awareness of the FAIR principles within your institution? (n=66-84)



31 How can FAIRsFAIR support your institution in teaching research data management competences and the FAIR principles to students and early-stage researchers?

