

Outcomes of the EPOS SP Project Workshop, March 25, 2021



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On January 25, 2021, the EPOS SP project annual meeting was organised as a remote workshop and welcomed 90 participants.

The project Executive Board agreed to organise the Annual meeting with a different format: "instead of presenting in details what the achieved results and what we plan to do within the project programme and discuss achievements and challenges with the community, we decided to organise an event structured in open sessions to discuss on topics, relevant for the sustainability of the EPOS Delivery Framework, and at the same time, of interest for a wider audience" explains the EPOS SP Coordinator, Lilli Freda.

The Executive Board of the project consulted the EPOS [ERIC](#) Service Coordination Committee (SCC), where representatives of the EPOS Core Services seat, agreeing on the following topics to be explored:

- Stakeholder Strategy
- International Cooperation
- EPOS and Private Sector partnerships
- Societal relevance

Each session was coordinated by one project Work Package (WP) leader, also supported by the Service Coordination Committee (SCC) with a bottom-up approach.

Each session was organised with one or two short presentations introducing the topic, followed by an open discussion.

After the welcome message of the EPOS SP coordinator Lilli Freda, Massimo Cocco, the EPOS [ERIC](#) Executive Director, presented the actual EPOS Pilot Operational Phase (POP) and EPOS [ERIC](#) harmonisation with national strategies and EPOS priorities; Lilli Freda then introduced the EPOS SP project followed by the talks of Kuvvet Atakan, on behalf of WP7 (Outreach and Training), and Karin Karlzen, on behalf of WP8 (Impact on Long Term Sustainability), who presented the WP activities having an impact on the community at large.

During Session 1 (Stakeholder Strategy), chaired by Matt Harrison (BRGM, France), Christelle Loiselet and Michele Manunta presented and discussed the strategy for engaging with EPOS stakeholders.

In Session 2 (International Cooperation), the chair Helen Glaves (UKRI, UK) with the panellists Andreas Petzold (ENVRI) and Richard Moreno (GEO) described the EPOS strategy for fostering international cooperation with other environmental research infrastructures, Earth science and e-science initiatives at the European and global level.

The morning sessions concluded with a plenary discussion, highlighting criticalities and priorities on enlarging the EPOS stakeholders.

The afternoon started with Session 3 (EPOS and Private Sector partnerships), chaired by Beata Orlecka-Sikora (IG

PAS, Poland) presenting the current practices in [TCS](#) Anthropogenic Hazards. Stanisław Lasocki presented the experience of the Anthropogenic Hazards Thematic Core Service ([TCS](#)); Christophe Maisons reported on the [TCS](#) Innovation Advisory Committee; Fabrice Cotton presented experiences from EFEHR, the Pillar of [TCS](#) Seismology, and Sara Barsotti the VAAC Service of the [TCS](#) Volcano Observations.

The plenary session then focused the discussions on the EPOS interactions with the Private Sector leading to the unification of EPOS-branded offerings to the Private Sector utilising the Integrated Core Services ([ICS](#)).

The workshop ended with Session 4 (Societal Relevance), chaired by Michèle Marti (ETHZ, Switzerland), who organised an interactive session to learn more about the participants' ideas and visions towards enhancing the social value of EPOS products and services.

More than a classic annual meeting, the workshop has been an important occasion for participants to discuss topics relevant to the EPOS Delivery Framework's sustainability and set new targets and goals to strengthen the EPOS community.