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More than 150 representatives from all over Europe gathered for the first National EOSC Tripartite Event in the Czech Republic

The National Technical Library became the first-ever venue for the National EOSC Tripartite Event in the Czech Republic on 1st June 2023. Together with the third Czech Open Science Day, which took place a day later, the event attracted more than 150 participants, including politicians, representatives of funders, scientists, EOSC Association board members, and other actors involved in the implementation of Open Science and the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) at home and abroad.

The event communicated up-to-date information on the European Open Science policy and the status of EOSC-CZ implementation in the Czech Republic. It also deepened the cooperation and coordination of stakeholders in research, development, and innovation toward the transition to Open Science. *"Open Science represents the transformation of the scientific process into the 21st century. I am very pleased that the National Technical Library could co-organize and host such an important event and thus help international cooperation and integration of Czech science into the European research area,"* claimed **Martin Svoboda**, Director of the National Technical Library, on behalf of the host institution.

The first day of the event was about strategic cooperation within the EOSC Tripartite, including the European Commission, the EOSC Steering Board, and the EOSC Association. It aimed to provide resources and support for the EOSC's implementation at the national level. The second day was dedicated to Open Science, exploring the best practices in institutional support at Czech universities. *"The implementation of EOSC in the Czech Republic should be seen as one of the key tools for changing the Czech scientific environment, which will not pass us by together with the future change in the evaluation of science, can move the direction and quality of our science to a higher level. We also support the principles of Open Science and open access to scientific information,"* said **Luděk Matyska**, Representative of the EOSC mandate organization for the Czech Republic.

The event featured several speakers, including Helena Langšádlová, Minister of Science, Research and Innovation of the Czech Republic, and Karel Luyben, President of the EOSC Association. Also, the program included panel discussions, a networking area, and meetings with other experts in the field. The event was organized by the CESNET Association, the so-called mandate organization of the Czech Republic within the EOSC Association, and by the National Technical Library (NTK) and the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports of the Czech Republic (MŠMT). *"I am very pleased that the Czech Republic is an example of good practice in scientific data sharing thanks to the IPs EOSC-CZ project. Collaboration is the key to success, and there is no difference in science. International cooperation and enthusiasm for finding the latest scientific solutions move us forward and develop our society,"* added **Helena Langšádlová**, Minister for Science, Technology, and Innovation.

Since 1st June 2023, Masaryk University has been a part of the national consortium of ORCID and DataCite. During the Prague conference, representatives of the National Technical Library (NTL), and the international organizations ORCID and DataCite, of which MUNI is a new member, signed two memoranda. With this move, the organizations committed to support and further implementation and effective use of ORCID and DataCite persistent identifiers in the research environment of the Czech Republic. Thanks to them, it is possible to progressively link specific projects, publications, and other scientific activities to researchers, further streamlining the research environment. *"The interconnectedness and openness of Czech universities and research institutions will help foster a healthy research environment where collaboration is the moving force for further scientific success. In times of pandemic, we have seen how important sharing digital data is, and, therefore, it is essential not to stop in the efforts in the future. And I am glad that the long-term support of Open Science from our Institute of*

Computer Science is heading in this direction," said Šárka Pospíšilová, Vice-Rector for Science and Research at Masaryk University.

ABOUT EOSC:

The **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)** is a European initiative that aims at developing an infrastructure to support open science practices in research data management. The EOSC-CZ is its Czech branch responsible for the implementation process in the Czech Republic. It works as a national node of the European initiative and promotes good practice in research data management across scientific communities. As part of the EOSC-CZ's implementation, a National Data Infrastructure (NDI) will establish a distributed platform for sharing, managing, and accessing data for research purposes. The NDI will support both scientific and multidisciplinary research activities and cover a wide range of scientific disciplines. Anyone can get involved in the EOSC initiative in the Czech Republic through 12 open working groups.

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