THE SWISS EOSC NODE PROTOTYPE PROJECT

SENPro online Update #02

Thursday, 18 December 2025 | 09h30 to 12h30

PUBLIC PROGRAMME	
09h30 – 09h40	*Welcome and introduction public part | Thomas Schulthess SENPro Coordinator*
09h40 – 10h00	*The EOSC Steering Board and Switzerland | Anna Fill, SERI*
10h00 – 10h35	*Towards a National Inventory for Research Infrastructure Visibility | Christina Wyttenbach, swissuniversities & Thomas Trüb, UZH*
10h35 – 11h15	*Galaxy SWISS+. Connecting Disciplines Through Open and Reproducible Science | Rita Gautschy, University of Basel /DaSCH & Severine Duvaud, SIB*
11h15 – 12h00	*SENPro: State of play and next steps (Pillar I, II and III)*
12h05 – 12h30	*Research Data Services Explorer: Discover and access research services across the ETH Domain | Chiara Gabella & Angela Montano Garcia, EPFL*

SENPro online Update #02

The SENPro Online Update #02 marked an important milestone in Switzerland's journey toward establishing a national EOSC Node Prototype. The event brought together representatives from research institutions, governance bodies, and technical partners to review progress, share insights, and outline next steps. The public session, held until 13:00, focused on governance developments, national initiatives for research infrastructure visibility, community engagement results, and technical solutions supporting open and FAIR science.

Strategic Context

Thomas Schulthess (CSCS / ETH Zurich), SENPro Coordinator, opened the meeting by emphasizing the strategic importance of SENPro for Switzerland's integration into the European Open Science Commons rather than "Cloud". He highlighted that the prototype is not merely a technical exercise but a foundational step toward accelerating innovation and enabling federated, interoperable research services across disciplines and borders.

EOSC Steering Board and Switzerland

Anna Fill (State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation – SERI) provided an update on Switzerland's role in EOSC governance. Following Switzerland's full association to Horizon Europe in November 2025, the country now participates actively in EOSC activities as an Associated Country. EOSC governance operates under a tripartite structure involving the

European Commission, the EOSC Association, and the EOSC Steering Board (SB). Current priorities of the EOSC SB include:

- Development of the EOSC Federation as the operational backbone.
- Governance and financing models beyond 2027.
- Alignment with ESFRI and ERA policy actions, particularly "Enabling Open Science."

Anna Fill outlined possible future scenarios for EOSC, ranging from work programme-based partnerships to joint undertakings or less structured models. She stressed the importance of Swiss engagement in shaping these discussions and confirmed that the EOSC White Paper is expected in spring 2026. Swiss representation in the SB ensures that national interests are considered and supports the vision for an EOSSC Node Switzerland.

National Inventory for Research Infrastructure Visibility

Christina Wyttenbach (swissuniversities) and Thomas Trüb (University of Zurich) introduced the *Swiss Portal for Academic Data and Research Infrastructure (SPADRI),* an initiative that aims to create a national digital platform that catalogues research infrastructures and data infrastructures, improving visibility and coordination. (Detailed information will be communicated in early 2026).

Galaxy SWISS+: Connecting Disciplines Through Open Science

Rita Gautschy (University of Basel / DaSCH) and Severine Duvaud (SIB) presented Galaxy SWISS+, a platform designed to enable reproducible workflows and cross-disciplinary collaboration. The initiative demonstrates how domain-specific tools can integrate into a federated environment, supporting FAIR principles and fostering interoperability across life sciences and other research fields.

SENPro: State of Play and Next Steps

The SENPro consortium reported on progress across its three pillars.

- A survey conducted during the December 2 workshop gathered input from 64 participants across diverse disciplines. Respondents expressed strong support for EOSC and SENPro, emphasizing the need for interoperability, legal clarity, and practical usefulness. Key challenges identified include lack of time and resources, insufficient incentives, and fragmented standards.
- Ten institutions documented 34 resources for potential onboarding into EOSC. Compatibility assessments were based on the EOSC Federation Handbook, and a roadmap for integration is being developed.
- Long-term sustainability, clear governance, incentives for data sharing, and strong human support through data stewards were highlighted as essential for success.

Looking ahead, SENPro will focus on iterative testing, onboarding resources, and preparing a White Paper that consolidates governance and sustainability models. The goal for 2026 is to successfully close the prototype phase and elevate SENPro to the next level, connecting it nationally and internationally.

Research Data Services Explorer

Chiara Gabella and Angela Montano Garcia (EPFL) introduced the Research Data Services (RDS) Explorer, a centralized portal that simplifies access to research data management services across the ETH Domain. Public since October 2025, the platform addresses fragmentation by providing a searchable catalog of infrastructures, tools, and services aligned with open and FAIR practices. Future work will focus on refining user experience, strengthening governance, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

Key Takeaways and Next Steps
The public session underscored strong community support for SENPro and Switzerland's active role in EOSC. Participants agreed on the importance of federated, interoperable solutions rather than duplicating existing services. The coming year will be pivotal, with priorities including: • Completing the prototype phase. • Expanding connections nationally and internationally. • Consolidating governance and sustainability through the White Paper. • Onboarding Swiss resources into the EOSC Federation.
The SENPro Online Update #02 demonstrated significant progress toward building a Swiss EOSC Node Prototype. By combining technical innovation, governance alignment, and community engagement, SENPro is positioning Switzerland as a key contributor to the European Open Science Cloud. The next phase will focus on operationalizing this vision and ensuring that Swiss researchers benefit from a robust, interoperable, and sustainable open science infrastructure.

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Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
Education and Research EAER
**State Secretariat for Education,
Research and Innovation SERI**

Swiss representation in the EOSC Steering Board

Dr Anna Fill
SENPro Update #02, 18.12.2025

Agenda

- Status Quo Switzerland
- EOSC Governance
- Status Quo EOSC Steering Board
- Potential future avenues
- Swiss representation in EOSC SB
- Questions?

Research and Innovation: Switzerland and the EU — Current Situation

Happy end at last (for now)

Association to the 2021–2027 Horizon Package: *Context and next steps*

Overall package: *Elements*

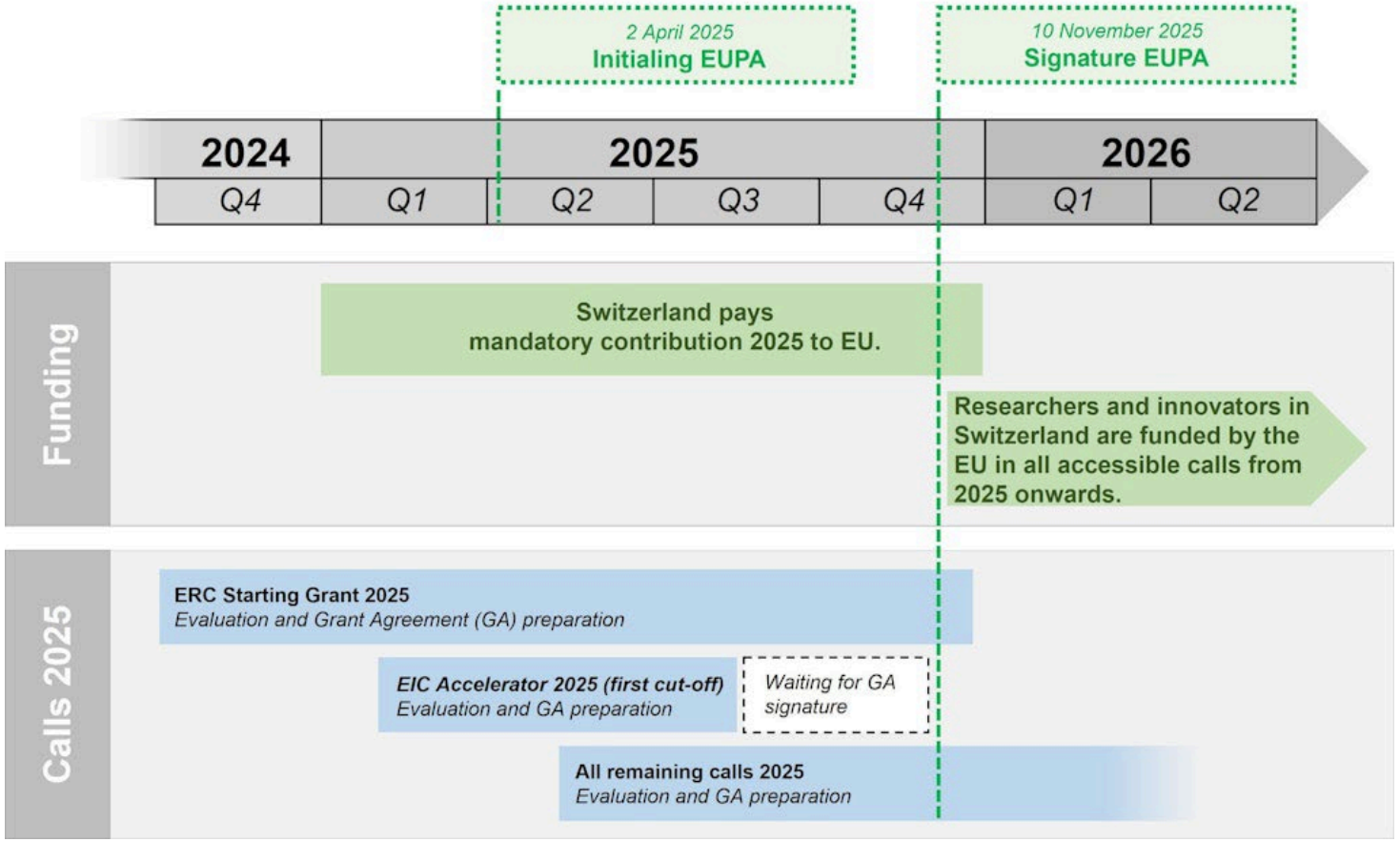
- **New agreements** → *electricity, food safety, and health*
- **Ensure more systematic participation in EU programmes** → *research, innovation, education, culture, space etc.*
- **Institutional elements:** → *dynamic adoption of legislation, uniform interpretation of agreements, monitoring, dispute settlement*
- **State aid** → *Provisions on state aid in the air and land transport agreements and the future electricity agreement*
- **Free movement of persons** → *principles and exemptions with regard to immigration (Citizens' Rights Directive) and wage protection*
- **Recurrent Swiss contribution** → *legally binding agreement*
- **Political dialogue** → *means of steering the bilateral approach*

Overall package: *Next steps*

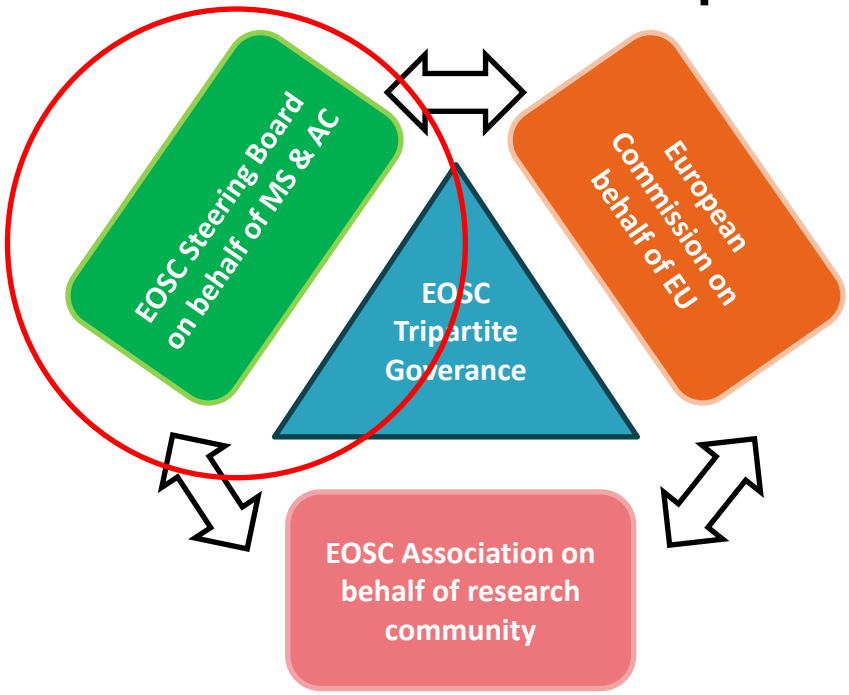
Timeline

	Horizon package 2021–2027: *Further steps*	Horizon package 2021–2027: *Status of participation*
Adoption of the negotiating mandates for the overall package in Switzerland and the EU	Start of exploratory talks on participation in EU programmes	
Start of negotiations on the overall package	Start of negotiations on participation in EU programmes	**Transitional arrangement 2024** Access to ERC Advanced Grant 2024 ✓ *Funding:* EAER / SERI
Material conclusion of negotiations on the overall package	Material conclusion of negotiations on participation in EU programmes	**Transitional arrangement** Access as 'beneficiary' to calls for the following programmes from 2025 onwards: ▪ Horizon Europe (currently excludes strategic areas) ▪ Euratom programme ▪ Digital Europe Programme (excluding SO3 and SO6) ✓ *Funding:* EU (with mandatory contributions from Switzerland)
May 2025 Initialing of the agreements on the overall package	2 April 2025 Initialing of the EU Programmes Agreement (EUPA)	
Presumably 1st quarter 2026 Signature of the agreements on the overall package	10 November 2025 Signature of the EU Programmes Agreement (EUPA)	**Association** ***Retroactive from 1.1.2025 (ITER from 1.1.2026)*** Access to the Horizon package 2021–2027 as 'beneficiary' and to comitology (incl. ERA) ✓ *Funding:* EU (with mandatory contributions from Switzerland)

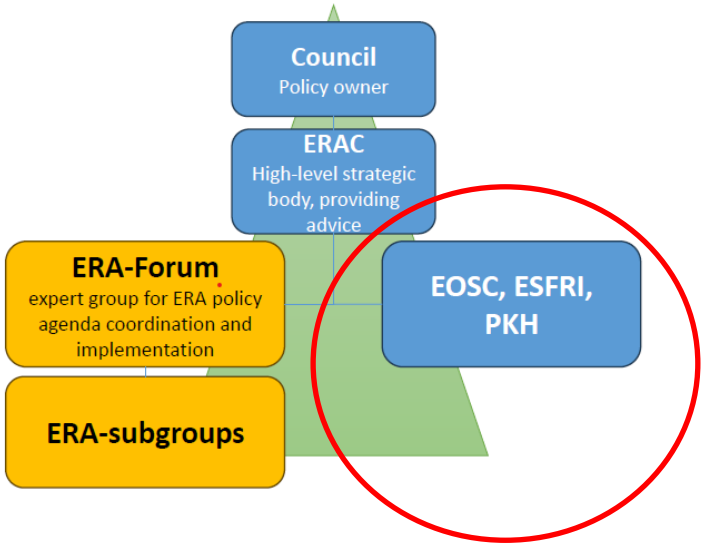
Funding of calls from 2025 onwards



EOSC Partnership



ERA Governance



- **Switzerland currently participates fully in EOSC activities and HEU as AC**
- Governance is organised through a tripartite structure:
  - European Commission, representing the EU
  - EOSC Association, representing the research and innovation community
  - **EOSC Steering Board, representing Member States and Associated Countries**
- EOSC is embedded within the broader European Research Area (ERA) governance framework

EOSC Steering Board: Role and Key Activities

- EOSC SB is a **Commission Expert Group**, representing EU Member States and Associated Countries
- It contributes to implementation of the **ERA Policy Action "Enabling Open Science"**, including the sharing and re-use of research data through EOSC

Current priorities in the EOSC SB include:

- ➢ Development of the **EOSC Federation**
- ➢ Reflections on **EOSC governance and financing beyond 2027** (post-Horizon Europe)

- **EOSC Federation** central operational element of the EOSC ecosystem
- Other dimensions of EOSC remain essential, including:
  - Skills development and training
  - FAIRification of research data
  - Monitoring progress in Open Science
- **Broader policy discussions** also influence EOSC, including ongoing debates on data sovereignty; **new paper publication**
- Research infrastructures play a key role in the provision of data and services within EOSC; more exchange and alignment
- **ESFRI–EOSC Task Force** supports closer alignment in the European research data landscape and by providing **recommendations to ESFRI, EOSC and the EC**

Post-2027 options for EOSC

The structure of the new Horizon Europe

Pillar IV aims to support the development of a unified ERA with a focus on promoting excellence, inclusiveness and impact. It also supports the development and operation of research and technology infrastructures.

Indicative budget: **EUR 16.2 billion,** of which
•EUR 5.4 billion for 'Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence'

EOSC Beyond 2027: Partnership Options (Under Discussion)

Several options for the future organisation and financing of EOSC are currently being discussed, including:

1. **Work Programme–based partnership**, involving co-funding (potentially national fund. Agencies and implementation through EU programmes & governance)
2. **Joint Undertaking–type model**, with shared governance and co-funding
3. **No dedicated partnership**, implying limited or no structured EU-level funding

*Broad recognition between **EC, MS & AC***:

- **Tripartite governance, some investment necessary (?)**
- Clarification of the future role of the **EOSC Association**
- Further reflection on **management** of the EOSC Federation

Swiss representation in EOSC-SB

- Represents interests of **Swiss community (AC perspective)**
- Given possible future scenarios, including a situation in which Switzerland may no longer be associated, also promote cooperation between aligned partners (EOSC Federation)
- Support for an EOSC Node Switzerland
- Final approval and publication of **EOSC White Paper** in spring 2026
- EOSC-related discussions are ongoing and not closed
- Engagement from institutions and the research community is important, as community interest plays a role in these processes

Thank you.

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Some links:

- Monitoring: all dimensions of Open Science — providing a complete picture through the EOSC Open Science Observatory
- EOSC Policy (e. g. The European Open Science Cloud as a cornerstone of a “Fifth Freedom” in Research and Innovation)
- ERA policy Agenda
- ESFRI - EOSC task force: strong link to research infrastructures >>> recommendations and actions
- Opinion Paper EOSC: Data Sovereignty

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Galaxy SWISS

What is Galaxy?

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Source: https://gxy.io/GTN:S00072

Data Analysis Platform

- Web-based, free and easy-to-use
- Mature project (~20 years)
  - ~250 contributors per year
- Running public instances: 135+
- Popular
  - 13,000+ publications
  - 500,000 registered users
- Cross-domain: bioinformatics, chemistry, ecology, climate science, digital humanities, etc.

EU Galaxy instance

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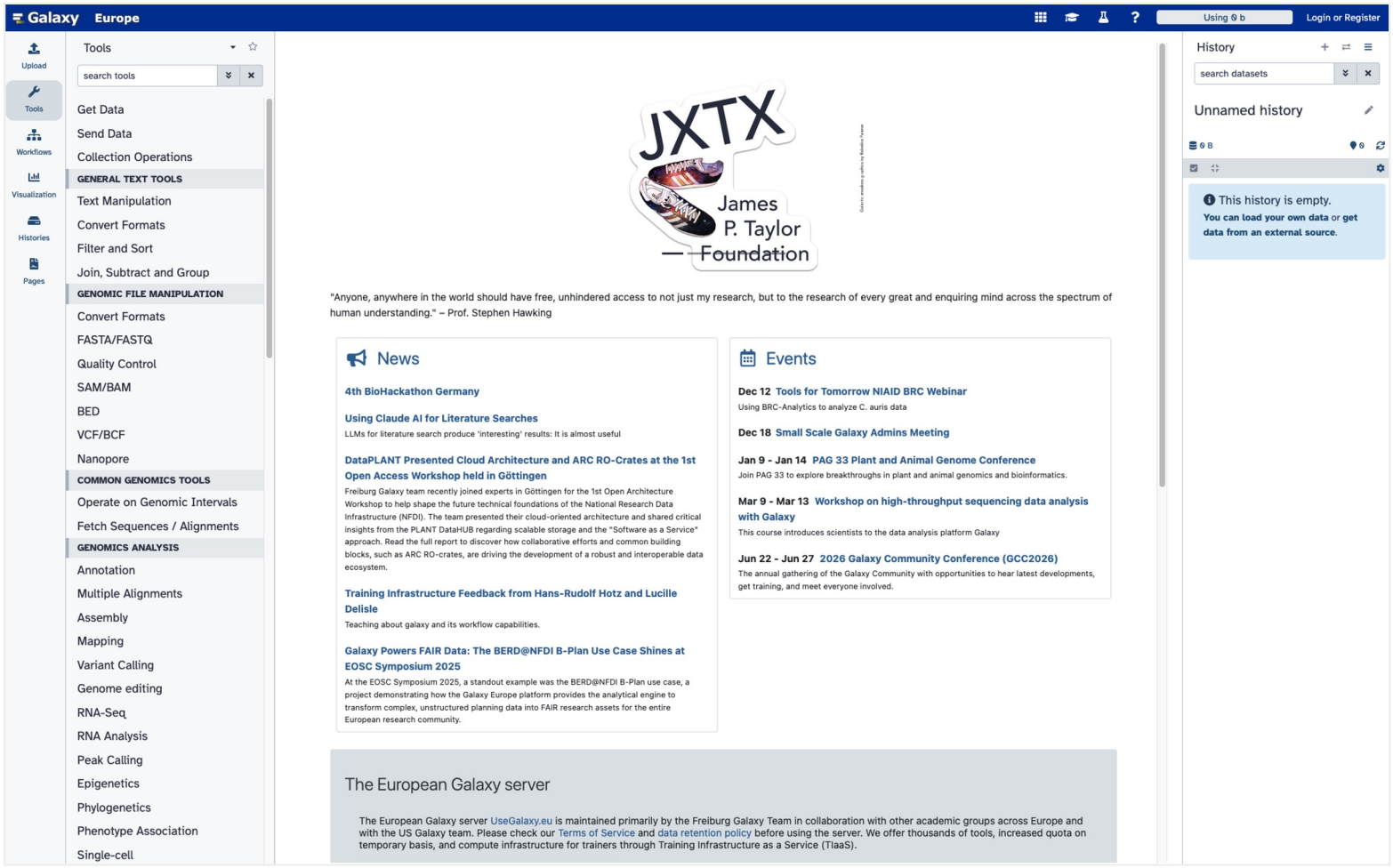

EU Galaxy instance

Source: Smitesh Jain (EGI Foundation) - Galaxy Sustainability Report

Vibrant Community

- Robust governance
- Special Interest Groups and Working Groups for bottom-up approach
- Events
  - European Galaxy Days
  - Galaxy Community Conference
  - Monthly Small Scale Galaxy Admin meetings
  - Dozens of events around the world.

Galaxy Community Hub

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Training Network

- Collection of free, FAIR, open-source, reusable
- Community-reviewed
- GTN website = 28,000+ visits per month in average.

Galaxy Training!

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https://eosc.eu

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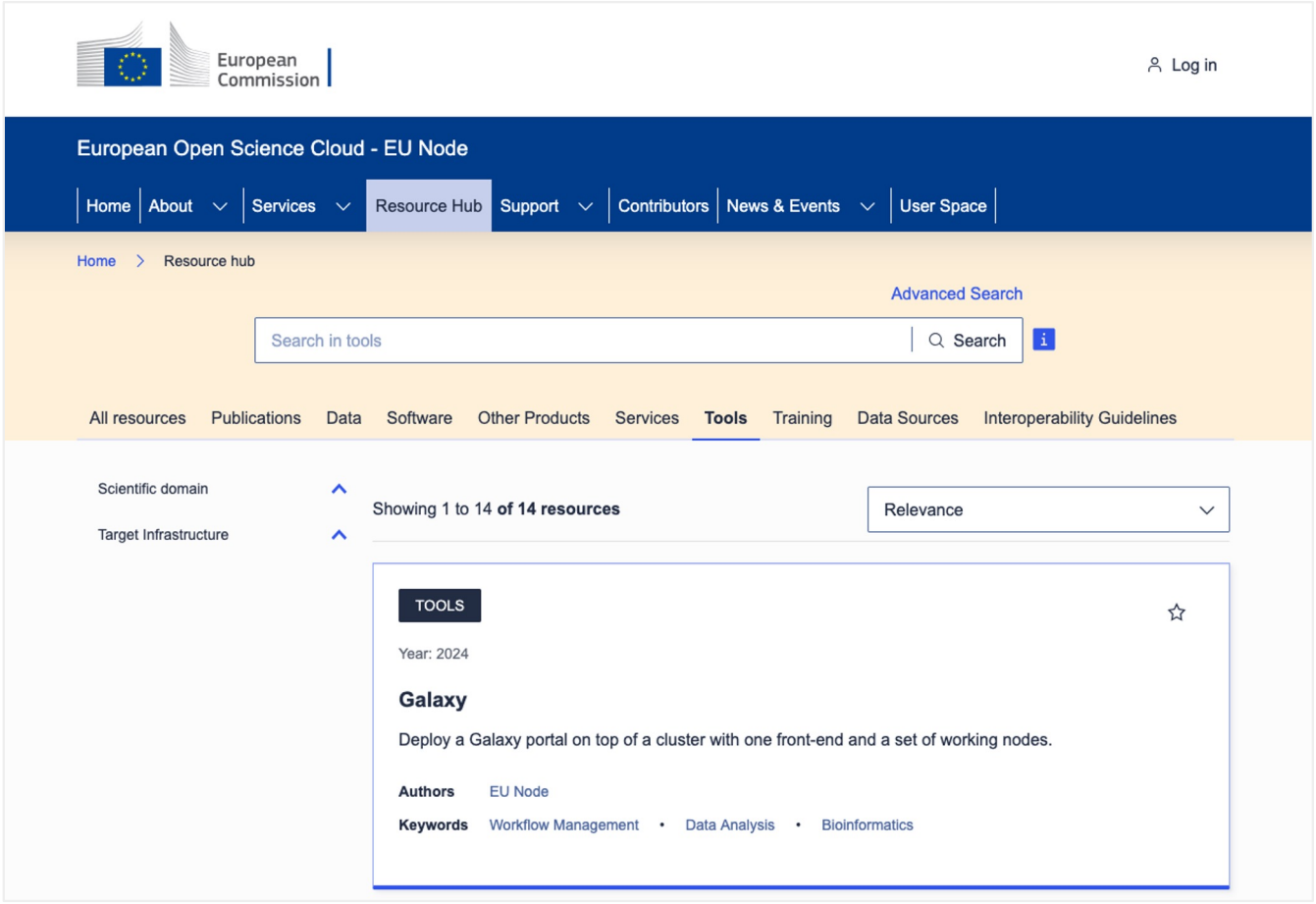

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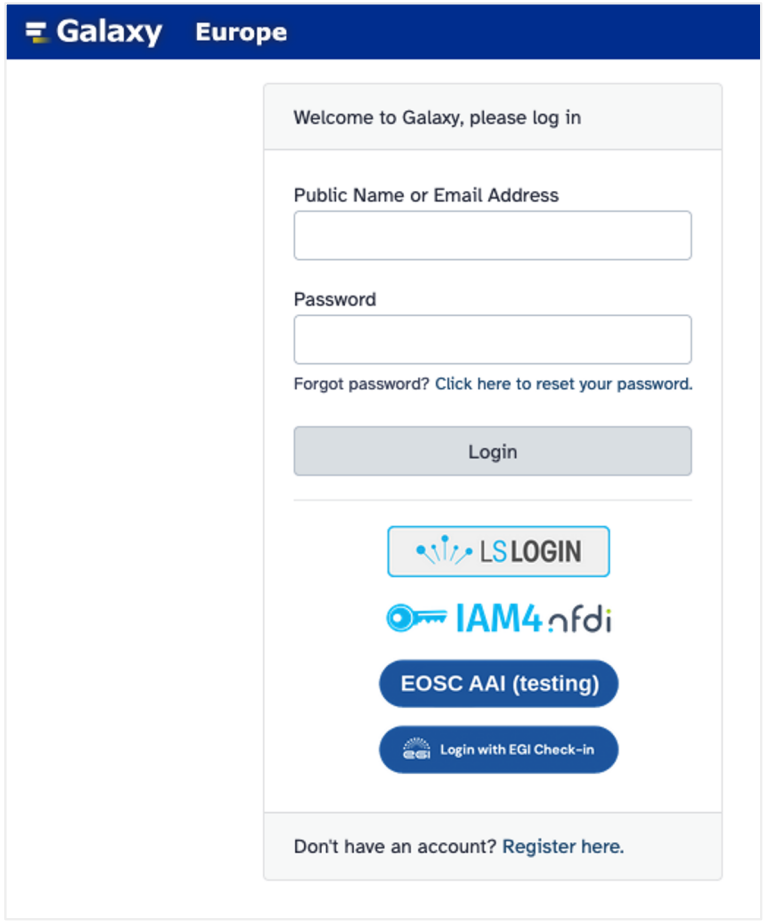
Galaxy EU & Cross-node workflow



How to count and segment objects in images from different communities

Watch demo

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https://eosc.pl/

Galaxy & EOSC Poland Node

Predict harmful cyanobacterial blooms in the Baltic Sea using the Galaxy environment and resources provided by EOSC-PL and other European nodes (EMODnet, Copernicus Marine Service, EEA WISE, and eCUDO)

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https://www.data-terra.org/eosc/

Galaxy & EOSC Earth Science Thematic Node

On January 15, 2022 took place an explosive eruption of Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcano (later called Hunga Tonga HT) which represents one of the most explosive eruption since the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1991.

Some studies suggest that a phytoplankton bloom followed the eruption, others disagree, and additional biogeochemical findings add new perspectives on the impact of the HT eruption on the ocean chemistry.

Watch demo

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Galaxy for Open Reproducible Science

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ORD and FAIR promotion

- Galaxy enables FAIR-aligned data handling and publishing
- Supports sharing of datasets, histories, workflows, and metadata
- Supports open, collaborative, interdisciplinary research
- Lowers barriers:
  - no local installation required
  - provides facilities such as HPC or LLMs not necessarily easily accessible for researchers in all disciplines
- Acts as a key infrastructure for modern data-driven science

Galaxy SWISS

Shareable workflows

- Graphical workflow builder – no coding skills are required
- Workflows and histories are exportable and shareable
- Promotes standardization and collaborative research
- Galaxy Training Network supports reuse and education
- No need to change the platform for use of different tools (e.g. for data visualization)

See https://workflowhub.eu/workflows?filter%5Bworkflow_type%5D=galaxy

Galaxy SWISS

Reproducibility of science

- Full provenance captured: data, parameters, tools, outputs
- Standardized, containerized tool environments
- Public Galaxy servers provide stable compute & reference data
- Enables rerunning and verifying complex analyses
- Strengthens transparency and trust in scientific workflows

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The Galaxy SWISS+ project

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Leading house:

ETH zürich

Project partners:

Universität Basel

UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE

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DaSCH
Swiss National Data and Service Center for the Humanities

SIB
Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics

Switch

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Acknowledgement: Hans-Rudolf Hotz and Lucille Delisle

Building on a solid ground: Galaxy in Switzerland

- Existing Galaxy instances in Switzerland:
  - FMI since 2007
  - ETH Zurich since 2016 galaxy.ratschlab.org (public instance since 2009)
  - University of Geneva – test instance
  - University hospital Zurich
- 958 users registered with *.ch email addresses on EU Galaxy (Dec 2025)
- Galaxy Switzerland SIG to connect Swiss Galaxy users: https://galaxyproject.org/community/sig/switzerland/
- Teaching (e.g., Galaxy introduction for life scientists in November 2025) and tool development (e.g., pyGenomeTrack)

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Vision

01
Swiss-hosted, unified platform

02
Interdisciplinary by design

03
Swiss made tools

04
Community Hub

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Target users

01
Researchers from various disciplines

02
Tool developers

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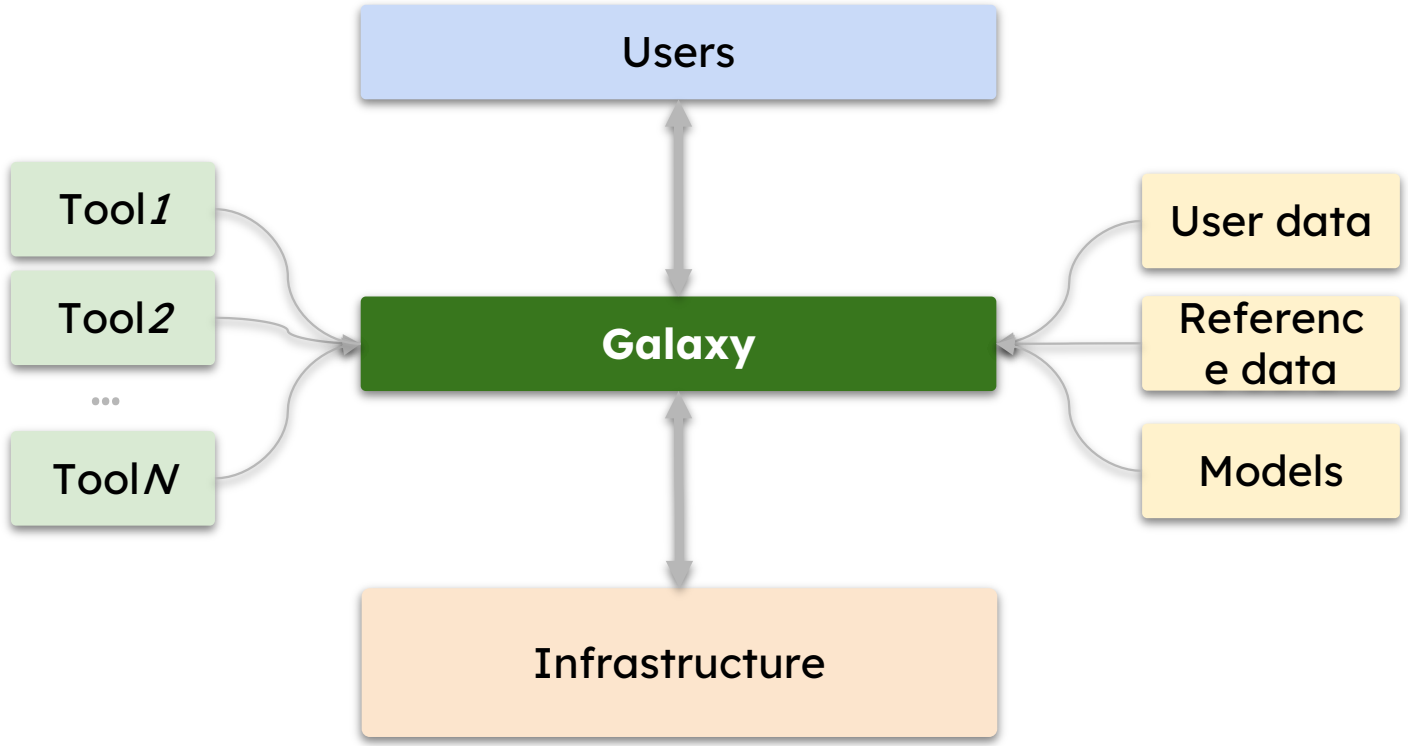
Galaxy overview



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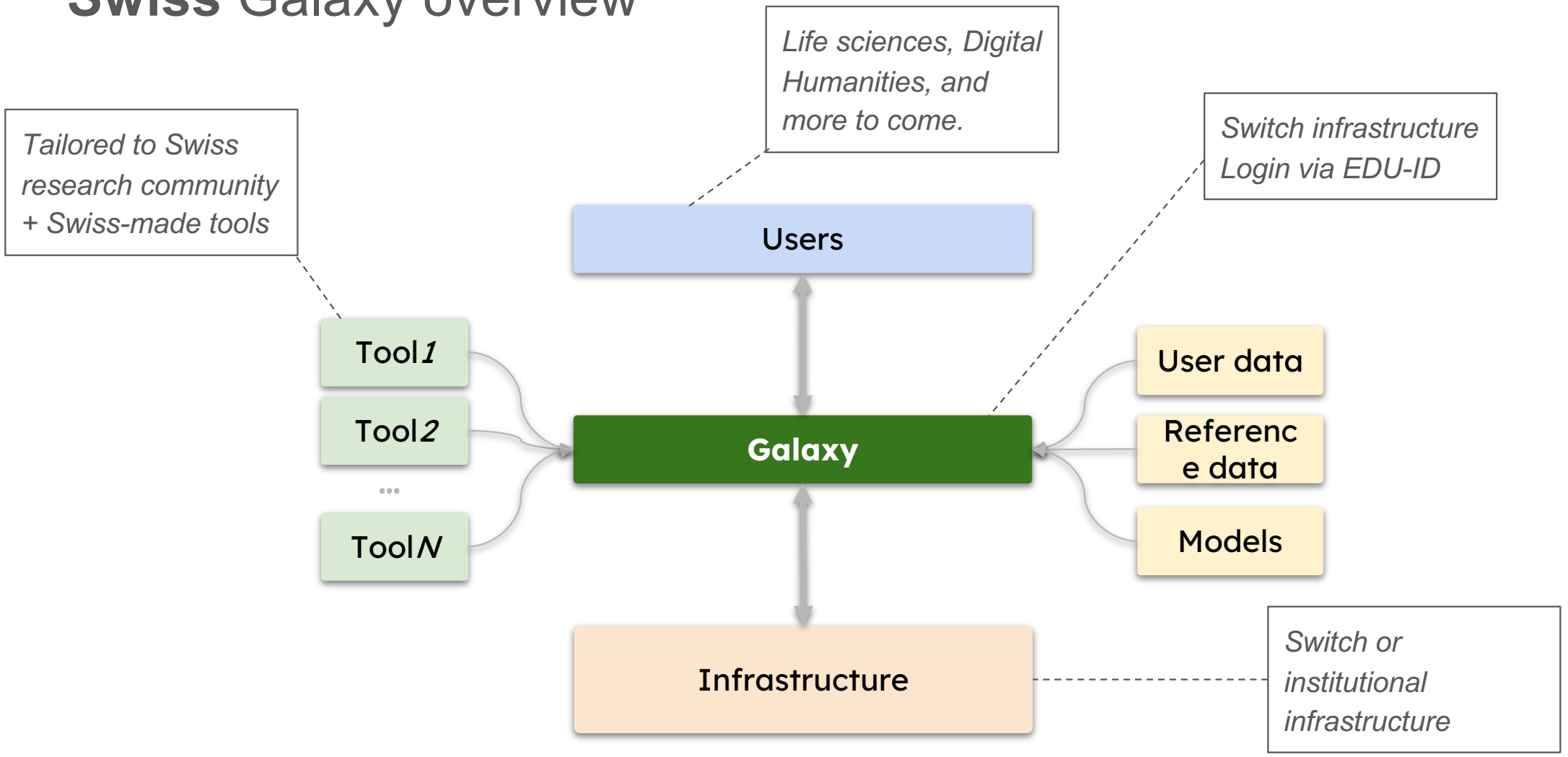

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Objectives

01
Expand Galaxy's offerings with Swiss open data analysis tools

02
Define and develop domain-specific and transdisciplinary workflows

03
Establish a sustainable Swiss Galaxy instance

04
Strengthen the Swiss Galaxy community

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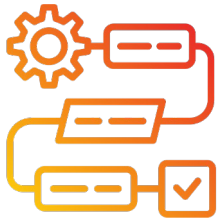

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Expanding and enhancing Galaxy Tool offerings

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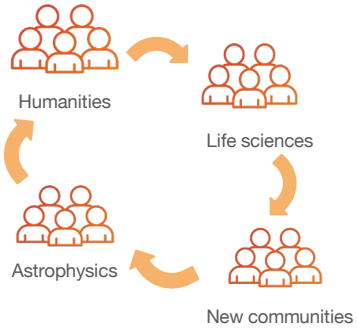

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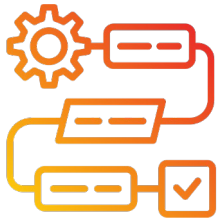

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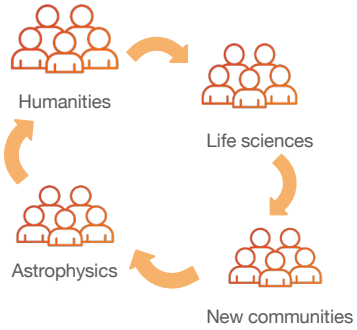

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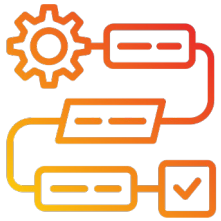

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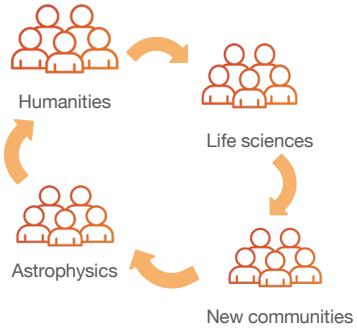

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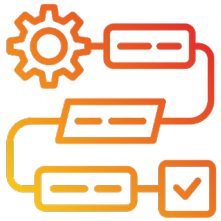

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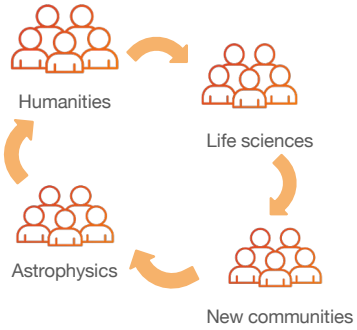

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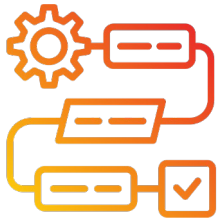

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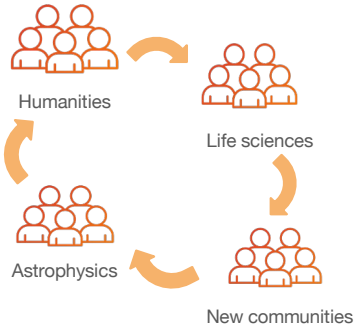

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Project achievements

Tool developer hackathon on September 24, 2025 in Bern

- Introduction to Galaxy
- Overview of tool integration in Galaxy
- Workflow training session
- Full use-case walkthrough
- Hands-on session

Since then:

- *Continuous support of WP4 members to onboard Swiss tools of project members*

Galaxy SWISS

Project achievements

Integration of Swiss tools (ongoing)

- First Swiss tools already onboarded on the Galaxy EU instance
  - Biology/Bioinformatics: OMArk, BUSCO
  - Digital Humanities: file format identification and converter
- Further Swiss tools intended to be onboarded (examples)
  - SWISS-MODEL, ModelArchive
  - OrthoDB-API, OrthoLoger, FastOMA
  - Read2Tree, FoldTree
  - Bgee, TopAnat
  - MetaGraph

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Project achievements

Workflows workshop on November 6, 2025 online

- General introduction to Galaxy
- Introduction to workflows (Digital Humanities)
- Introduction to workflows (Biology / Bioinformatics)
- Small selection of tools for the Humanities on Galaxy
- Tools for Biology / Bioinformatics on Galaxy
- Brainstorming and designing interdisciplinary workflows with Galaxy

Further workshops will follow when the Swiss Galaxy instance is ready

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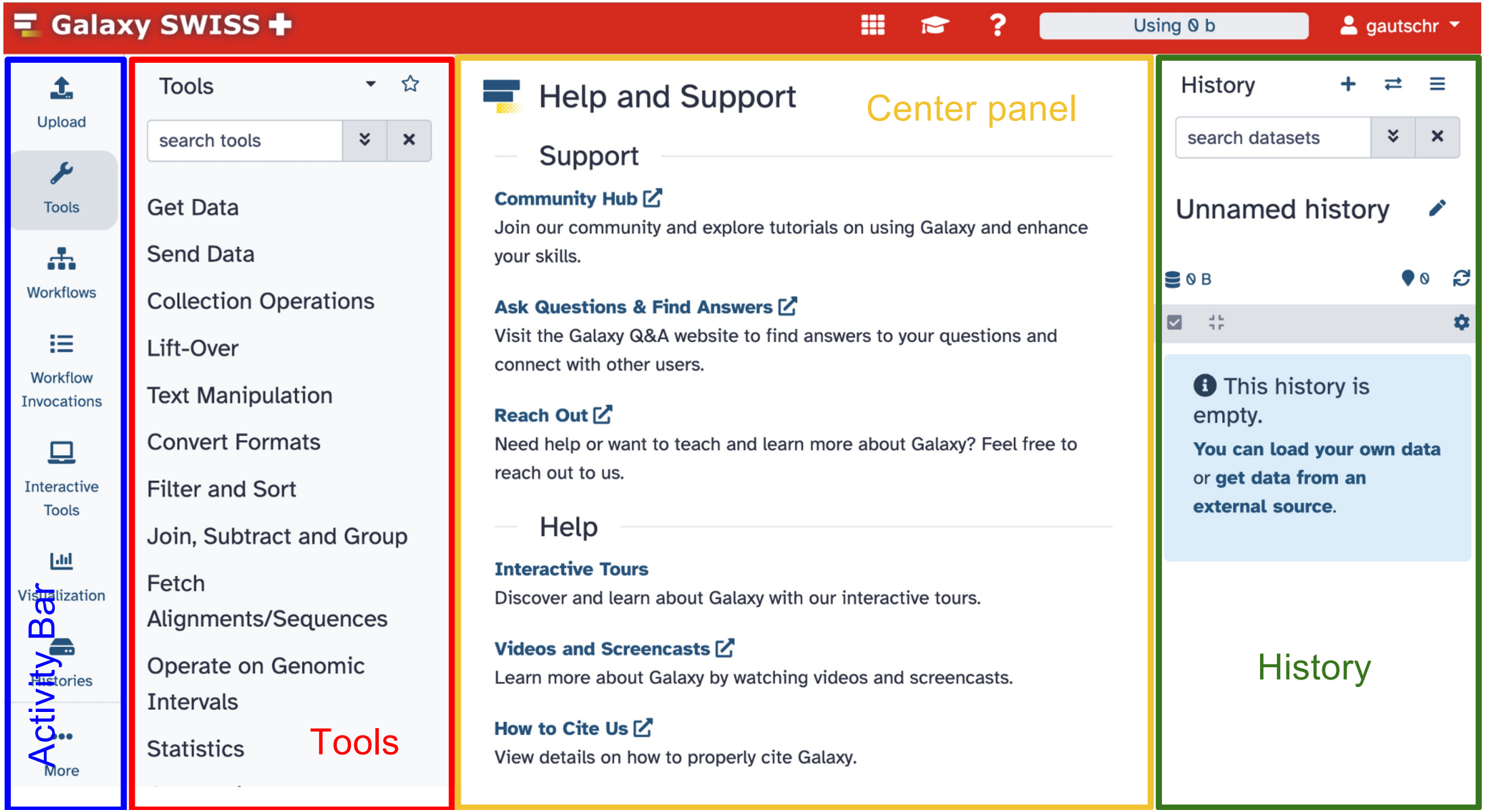
Project achievements

Test instance ready since December 2025

- Visit our website: http://usegalaxy.ch/
- You may try our test instance: http://galaxy-ch.inf.ethz.ch/
- It contains several useful tools from the Galaxy toolshed so far – in total 10820 valid tools available on the Galaxy toolshed (07.12.2025)
- Access to Galaxy Training material / tutorials
- Access to workflows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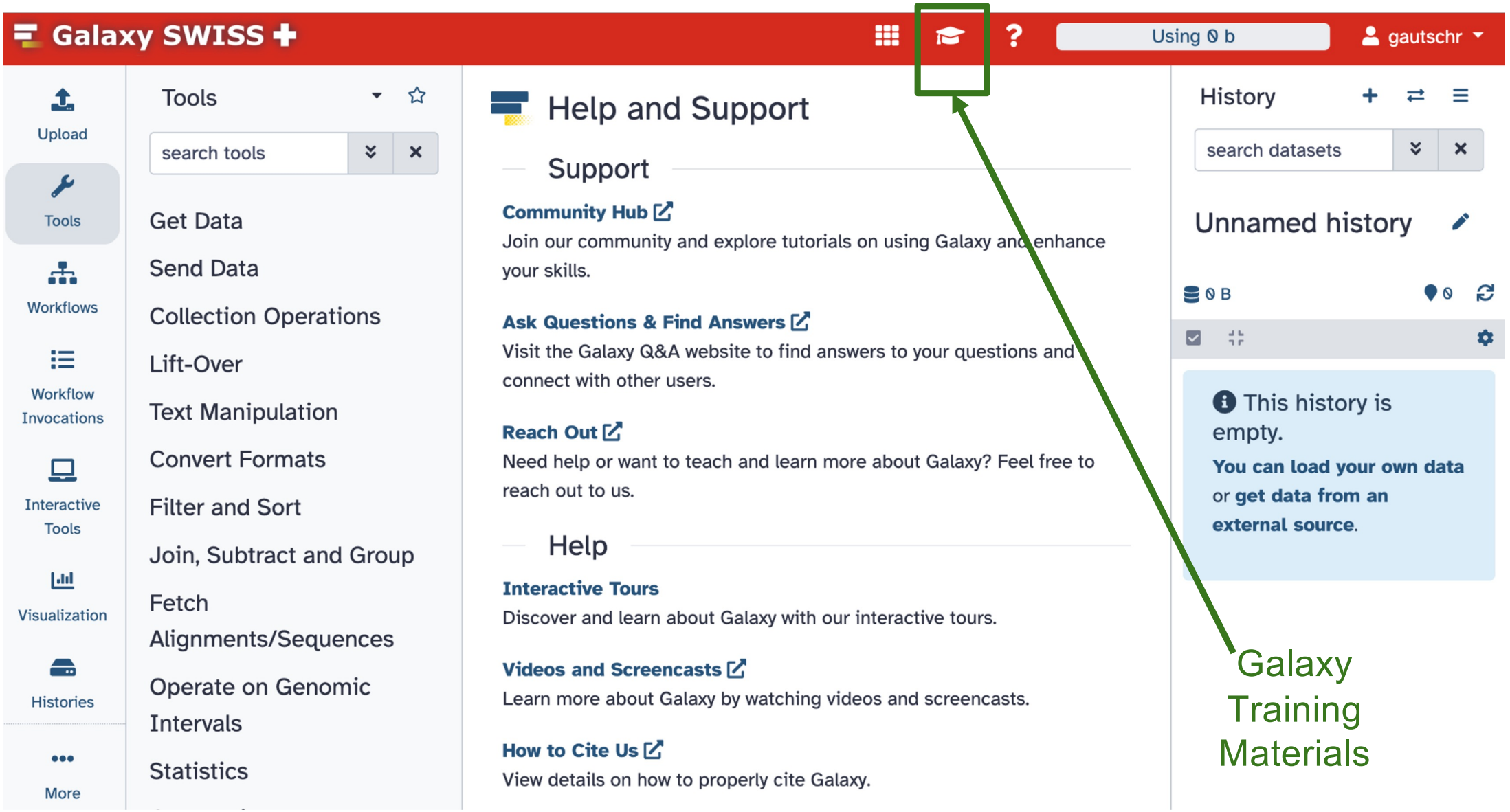
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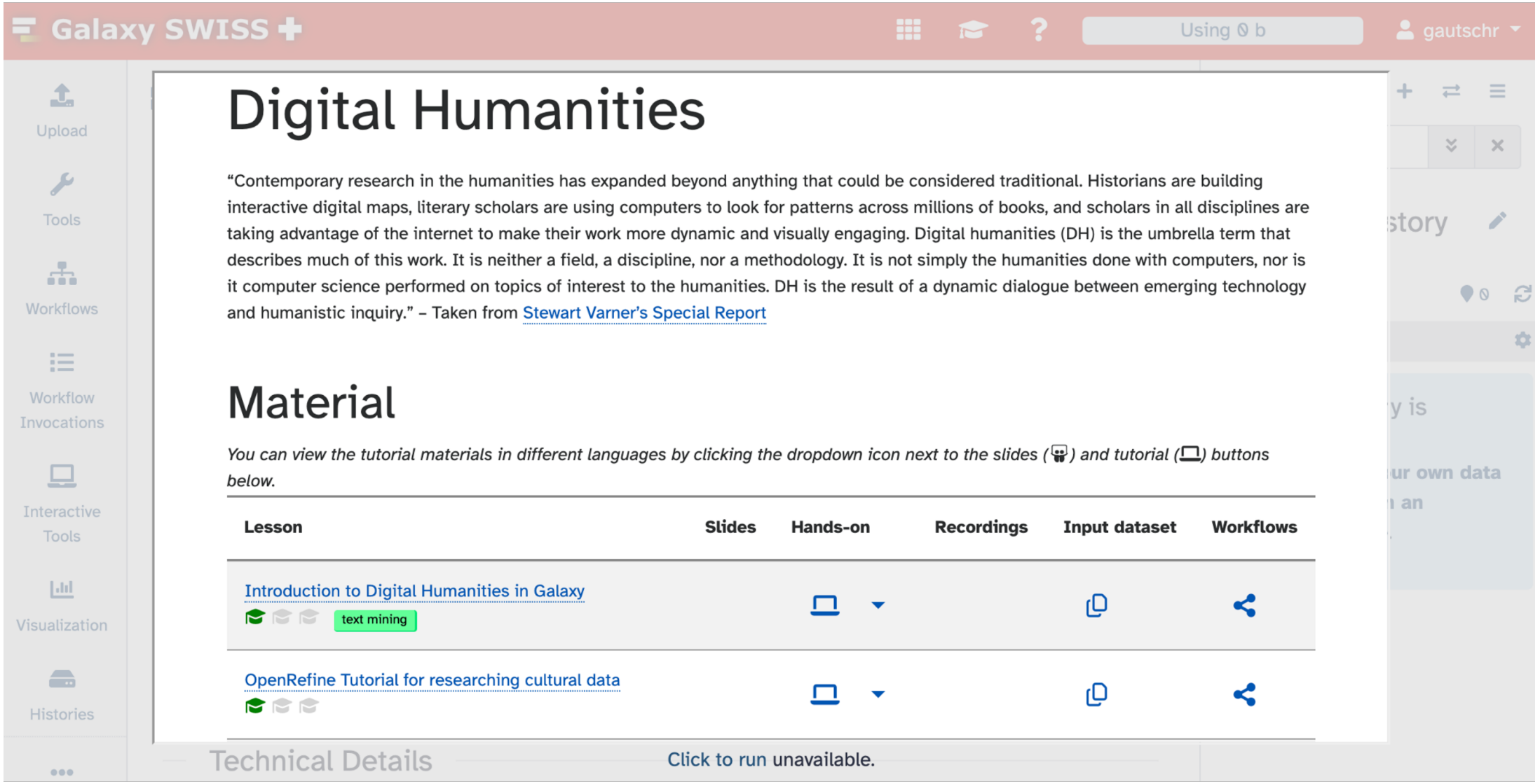
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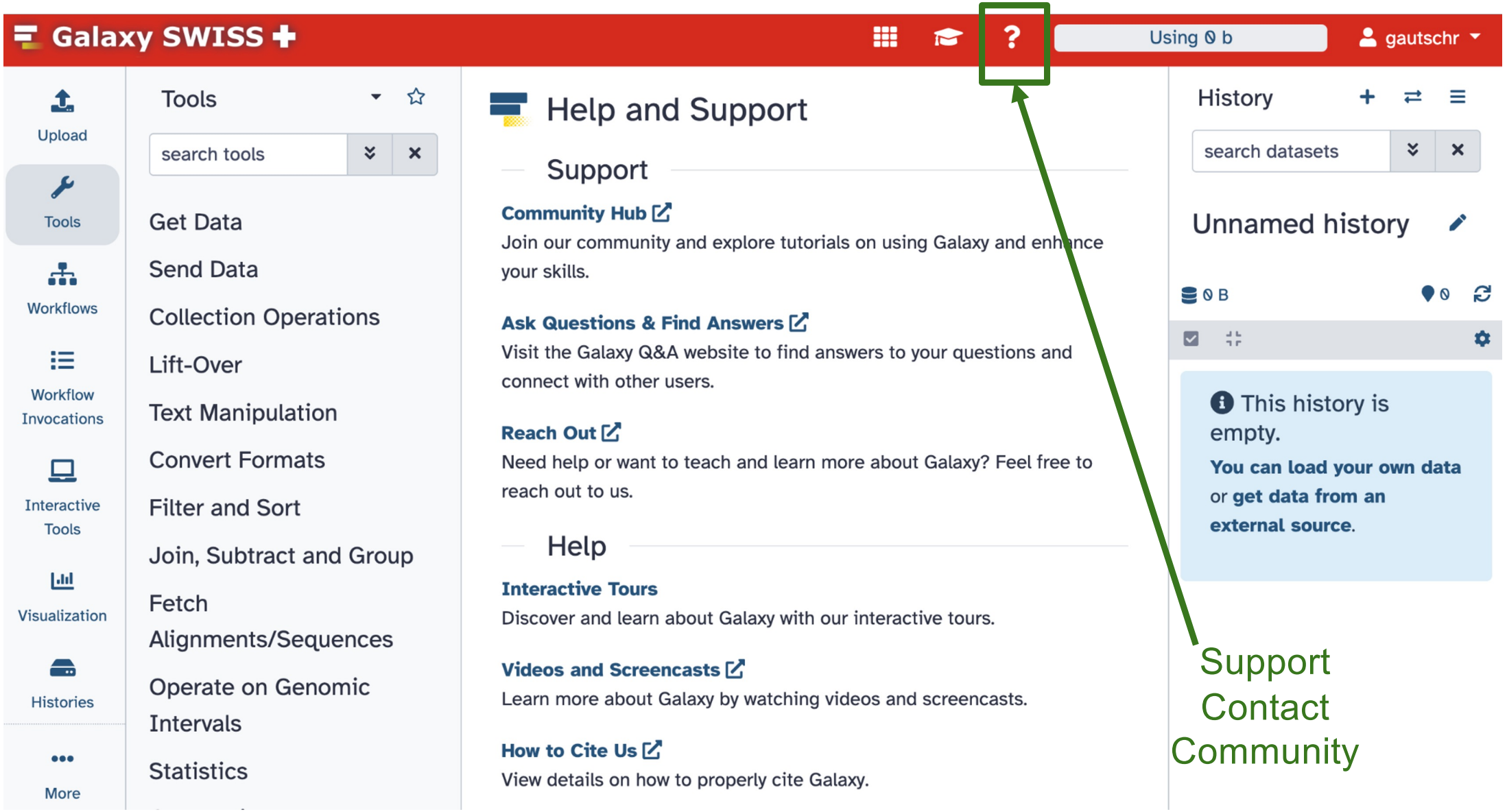
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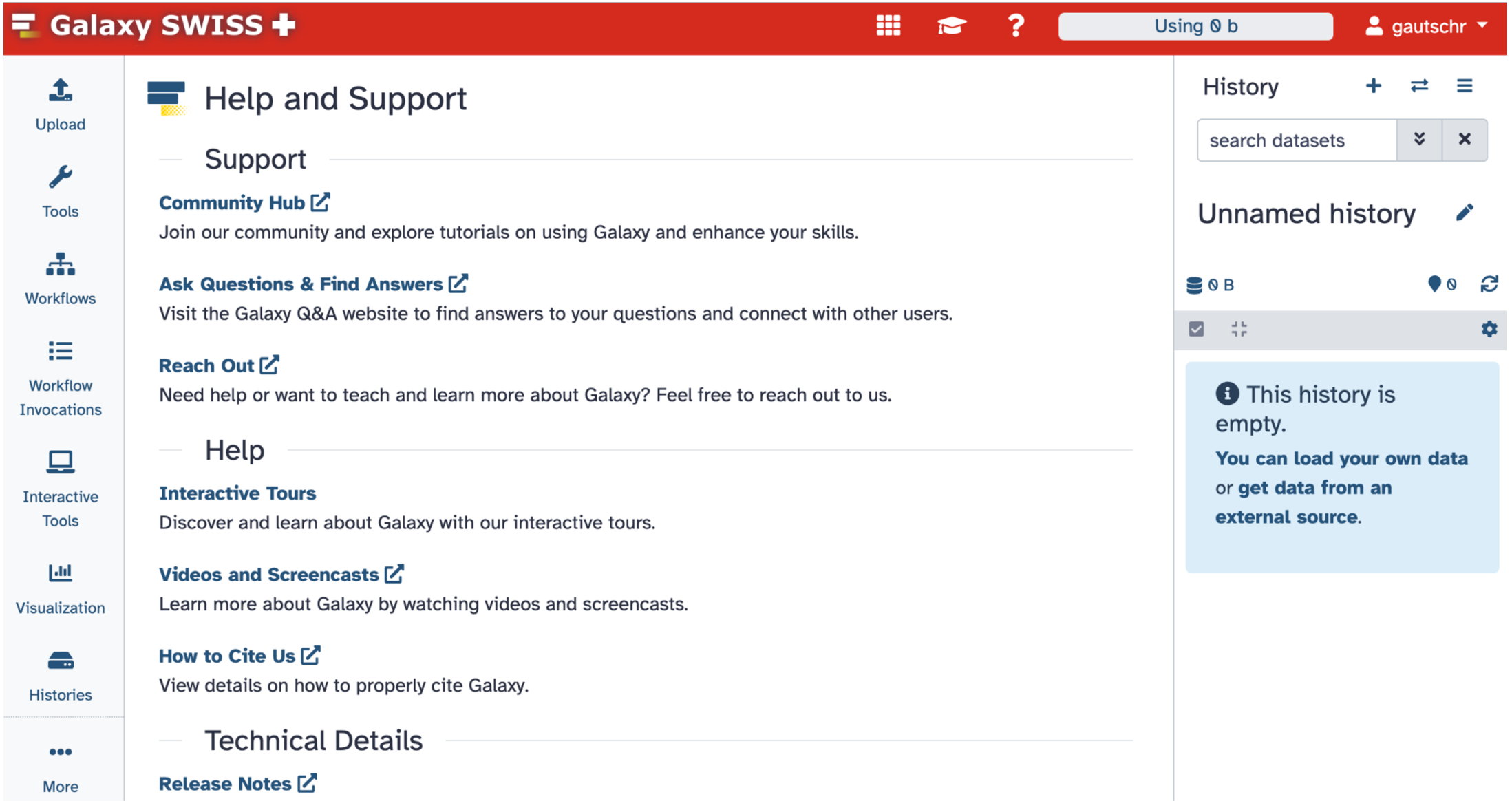
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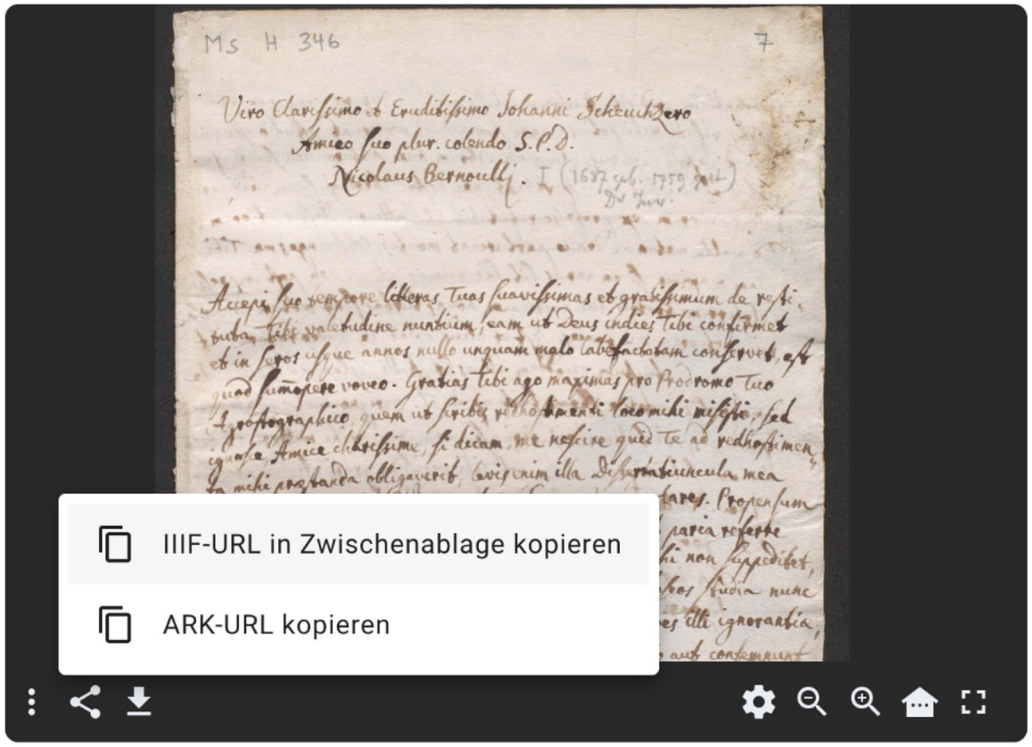

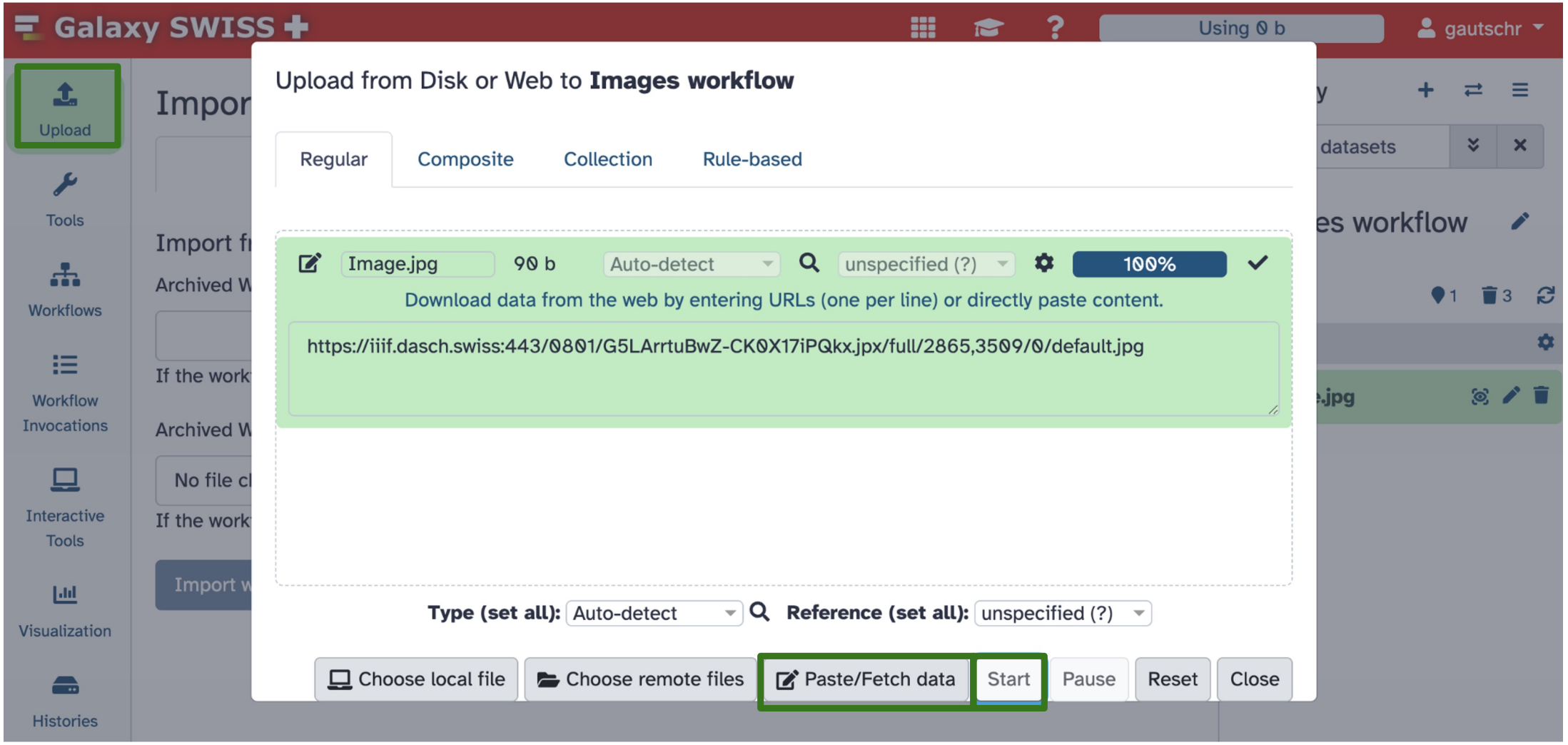

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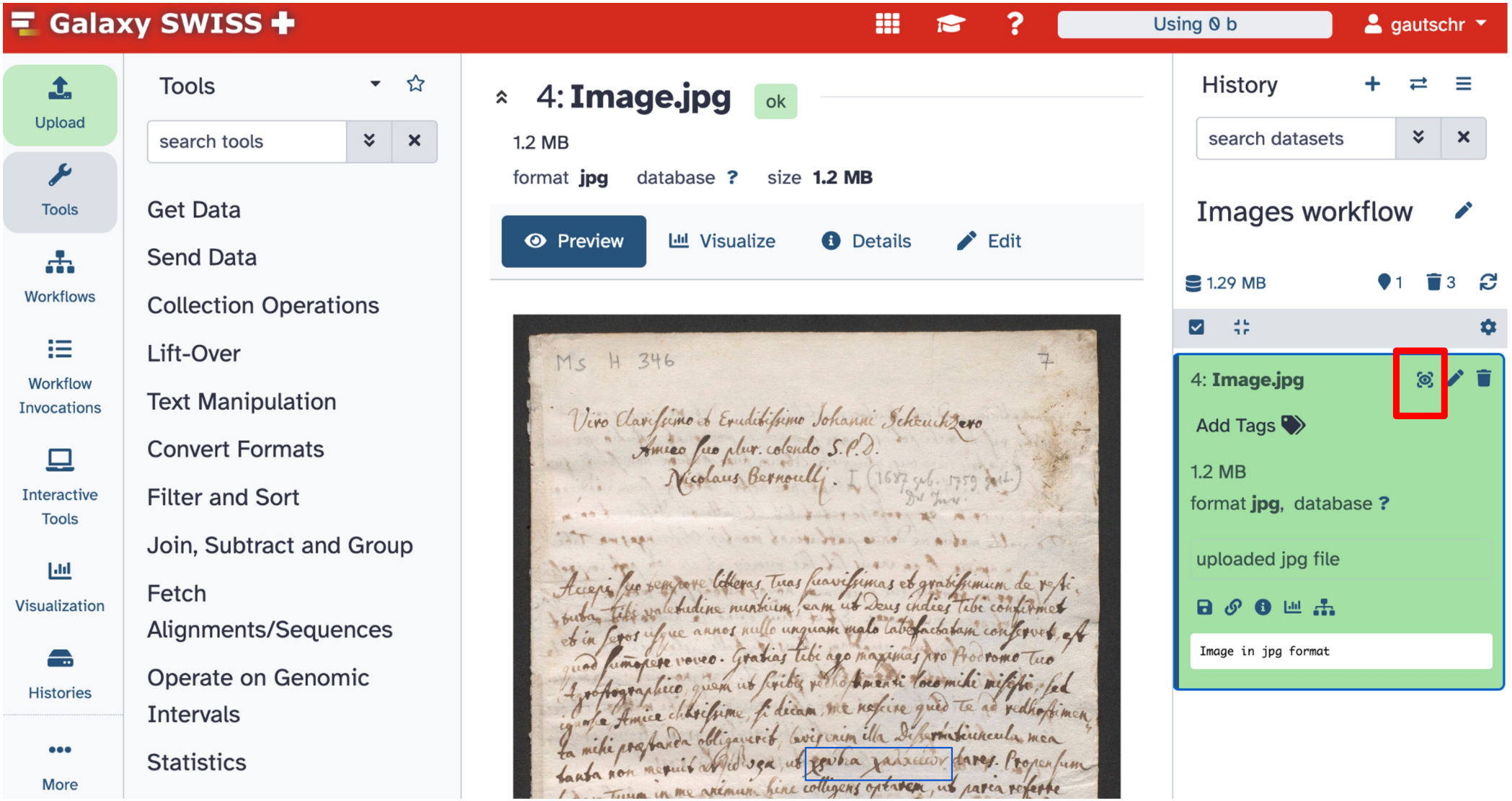

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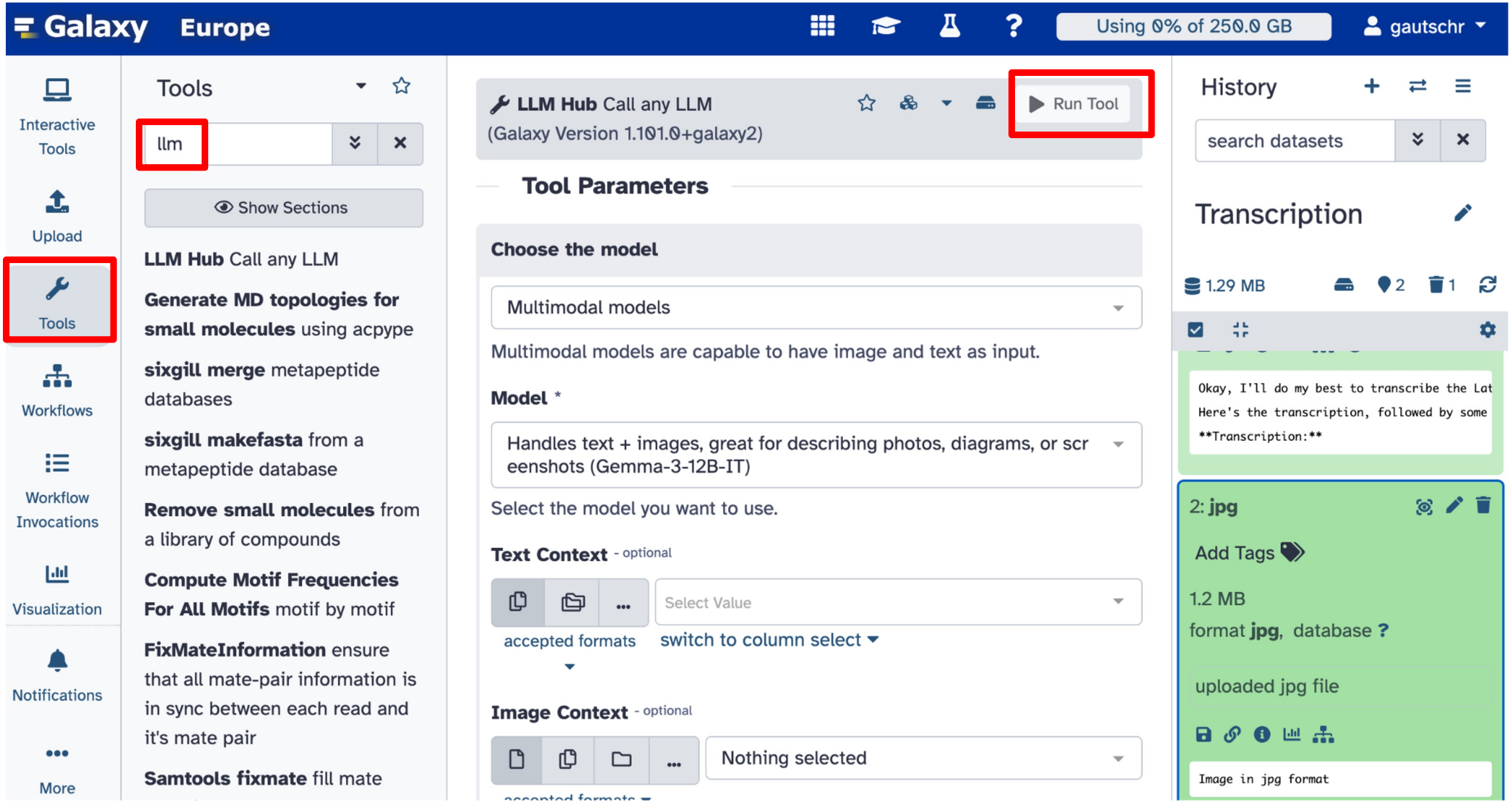

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Next steps

- Galaxy Swiss+ online by **beginning of 2026**
- More tool developers hackathons and workflows workshops
- **Integration of Galaxy Swiss to SenPRO**
- National community engagement via participation in events
  - Presentation at the Love data week 2026
  - Tutorial at ECCB 2026
  - Workshop at Swiss Reproducibility Network, and more
- Engagement with Galaxy community to build international partnerships
  - ELIXIR Galaxy Community
  - Presentation at Galaxy Community Conference 2026
  - Workshop target for Imaging community (probably later)

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WP2: Assessment of status quo

WP co-leaders: Cristina Grisot (CLARIN-CH) and Birgit Schaffhauser (CHUV)

Objectives: 1. **Assess the status quo** and the a**nticipated requirements of Swiss SENPro community of practice** and the participating research infrastructures operating nationally as well as internationally in terms of resources, needed services and training. 2. Reach out to the **long tail of research** to have a comprehensive understanding of the landscape. 3. Build SENPro **community of practice**.

Resource providers

Method: survey

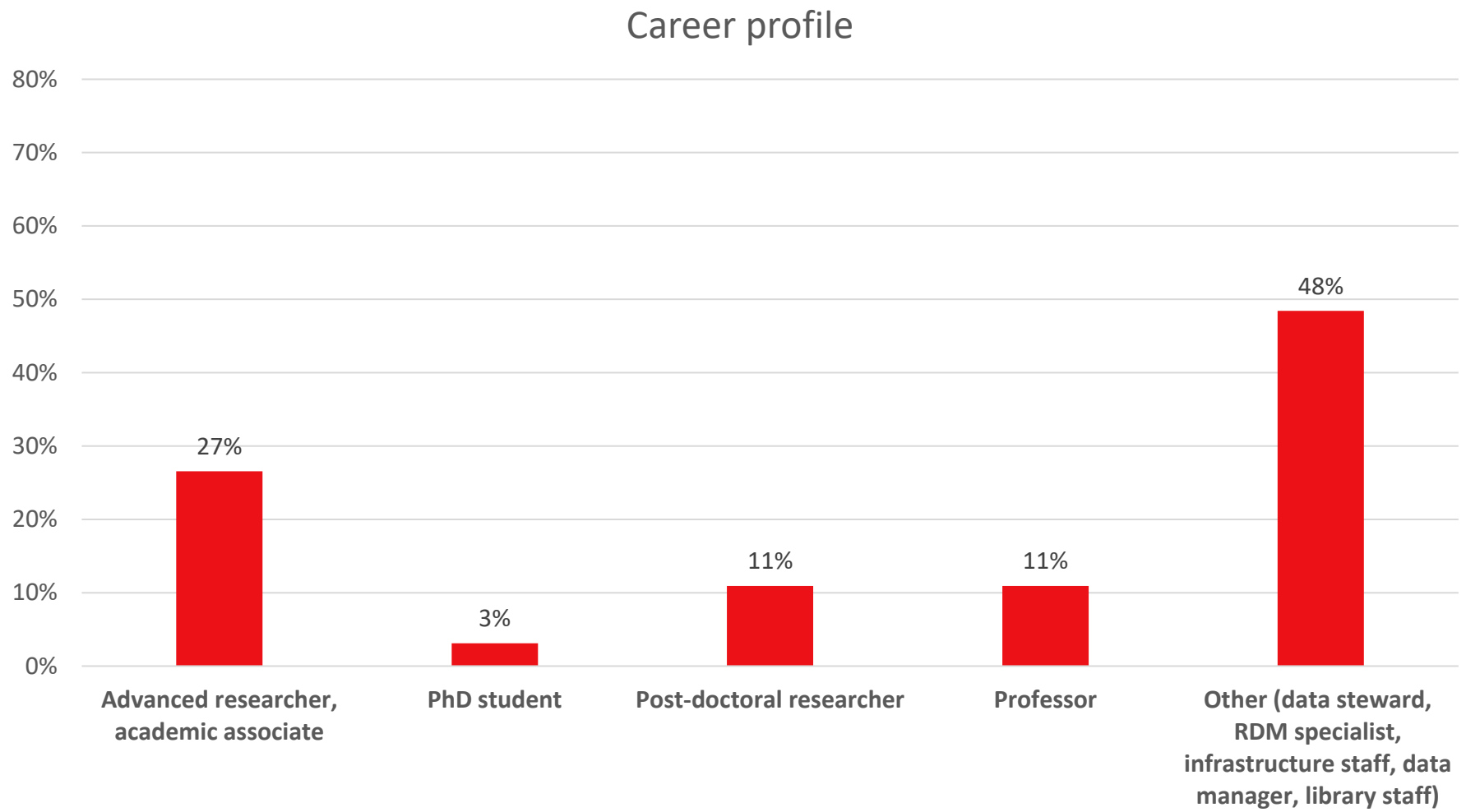
Users/Researchers

Method: online workshop and survey

Community survey

- Carried out during the Community Workshop from December 2, 2025
- Aim of the workshop
  - Make sure that Swiss researchers and other relevant stakeholders gain a clear understanding of EOSC's vision, its long-term strategy for Europe, and how SENPro supports Switzerland's integration.
  - Share researchers and stakeholders expectations, needs, and priorities for how a Swiss EOSC Node should function — across disciplines, institutions, and infrastructure types
  - Ensure that all scientific fields are represented in shaping the future of Swiss contributions to European Open Science.
- 64 participants filled in the survey

Participants



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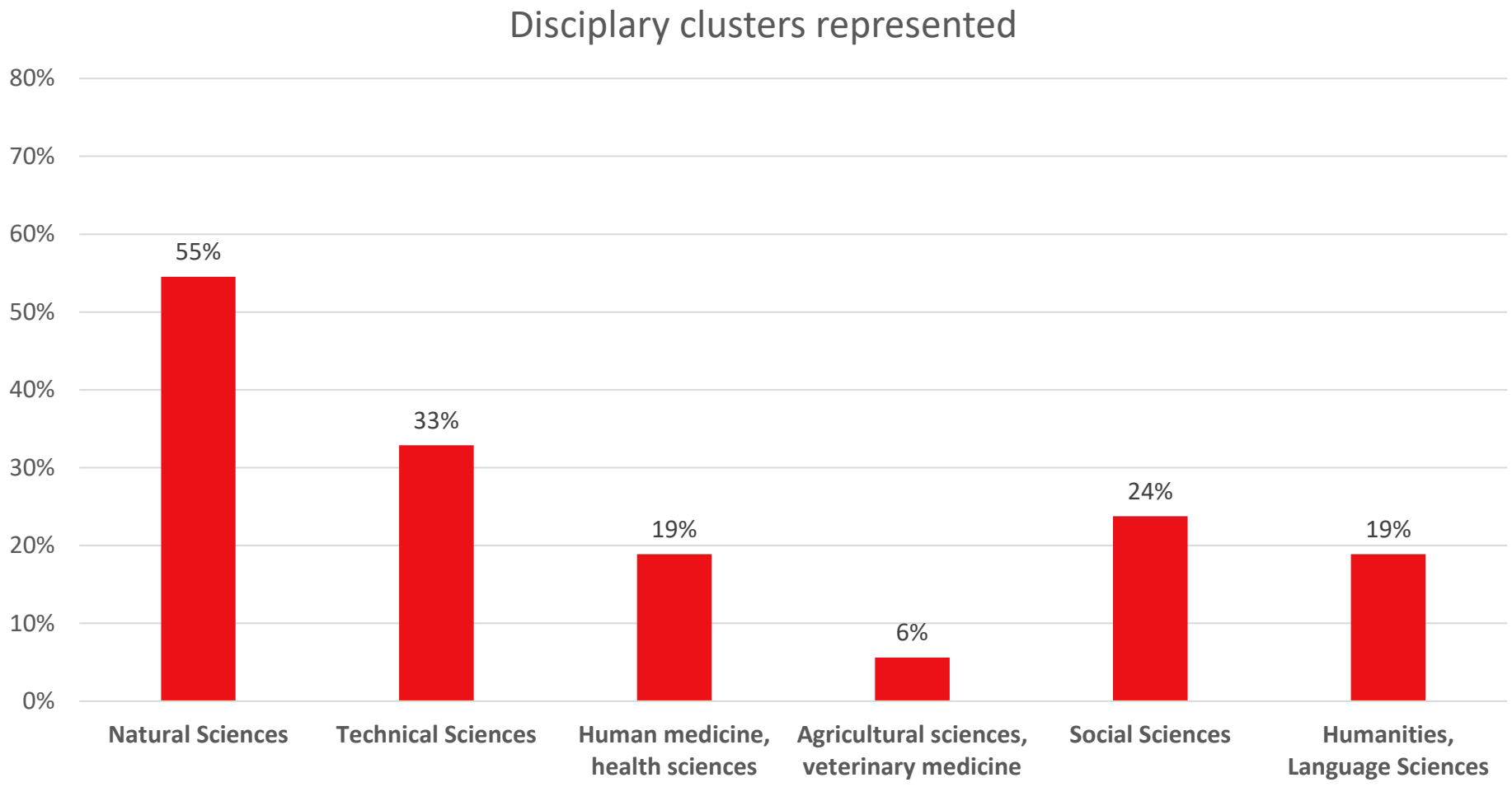

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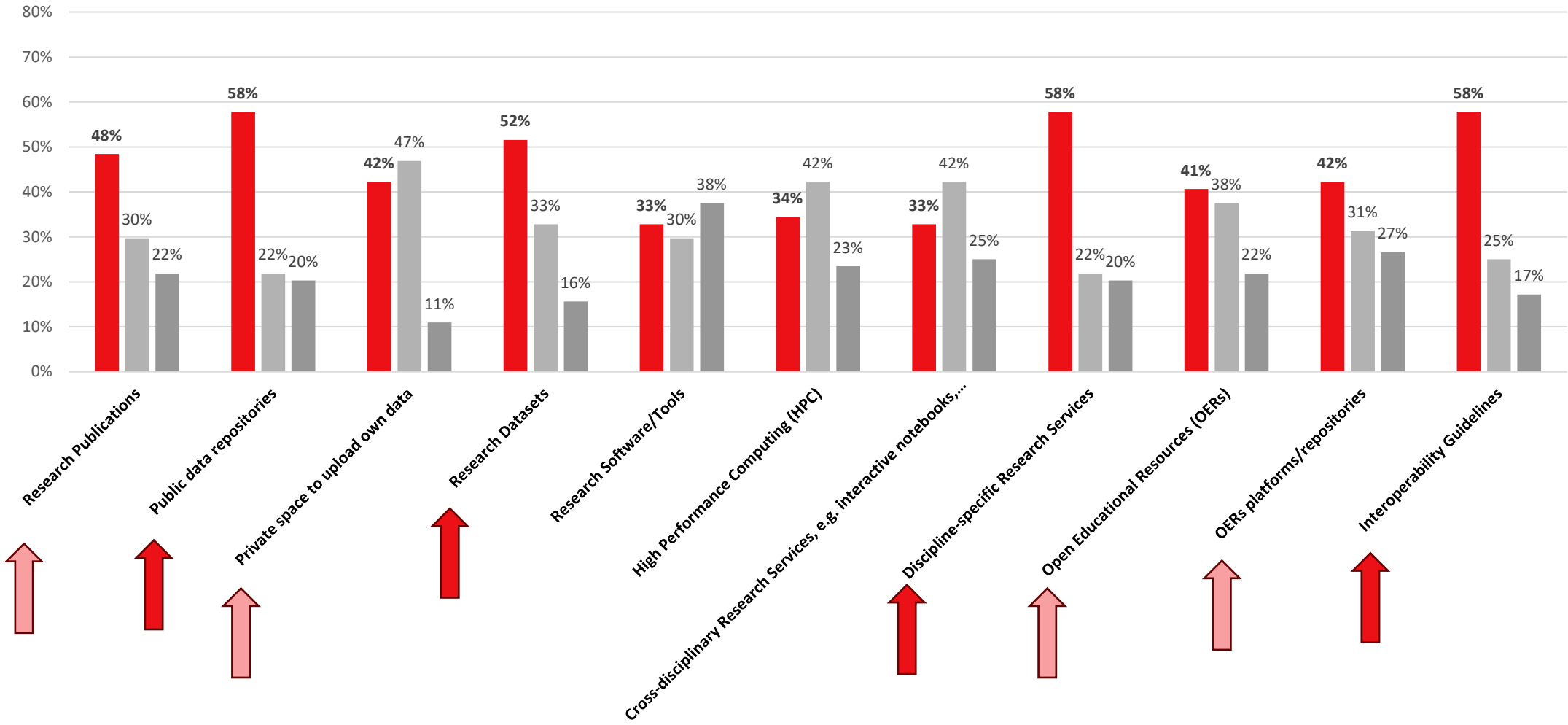
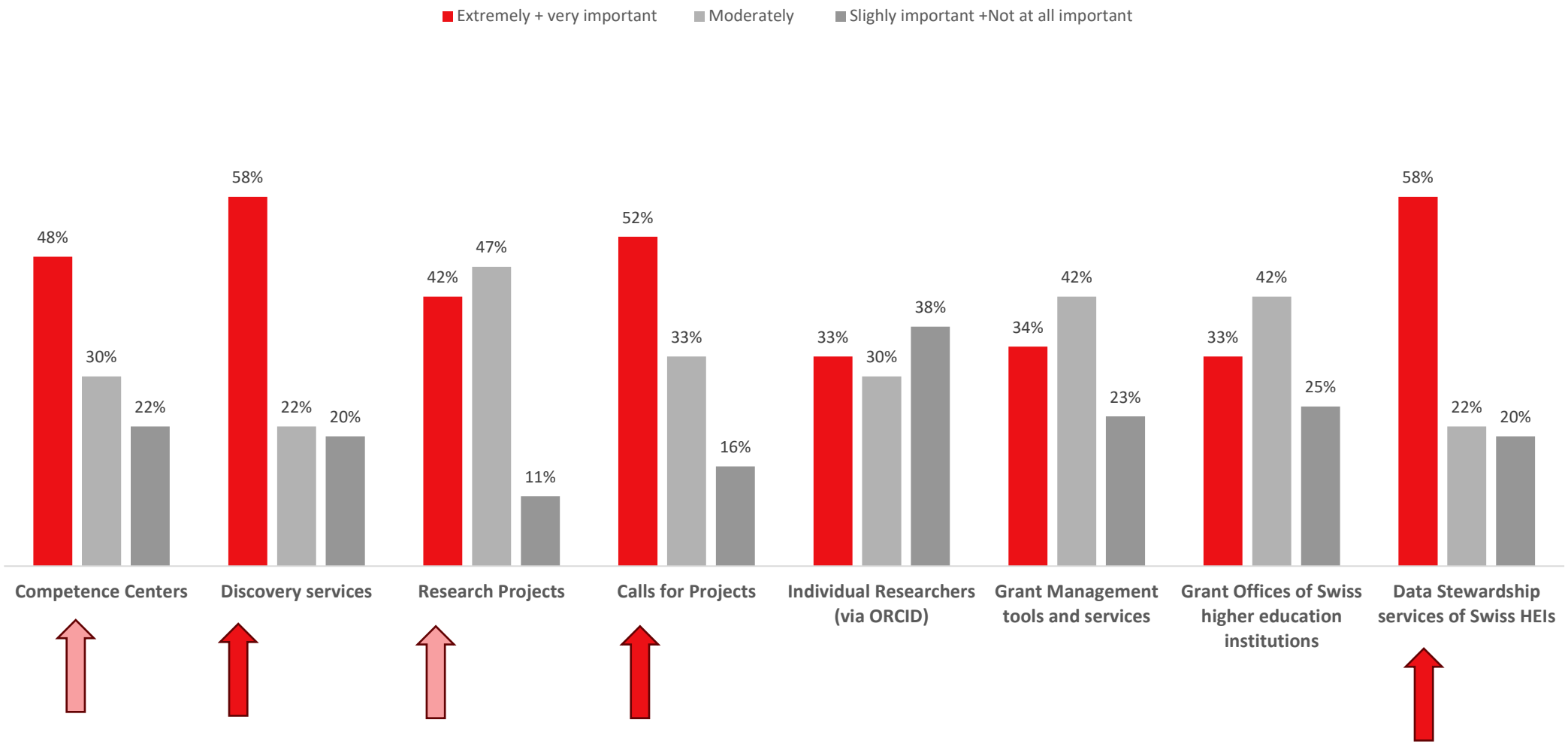
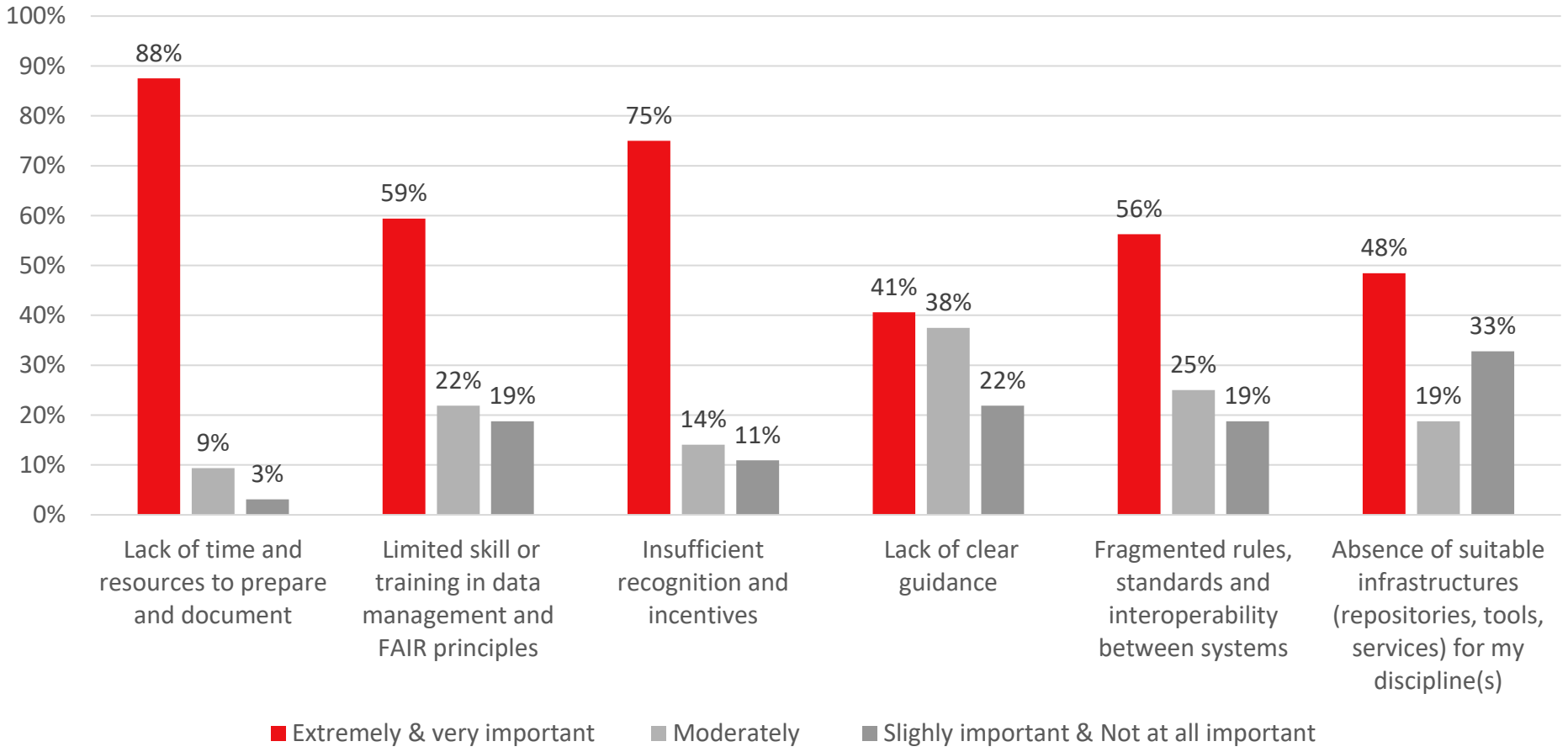


Which other types of services or resources *would be most valuable for your research/your activity if integrated into a future Swiss Node of EOSC?*



What do you consider to be the main hurdles to following management rules for FAIR digital research objects *(data, software, workflows, etc.) in Switzerland?*



Key expectations

Usefulness on a practical level

Practical, everyday usefulness for researchers across all disciplines and institution types, including small labs.

Interoperability

A federated, interoperable approach that connects existing Swiss and European services rather than duplicating them.

Governance

Clear governance that is inclusive, neutral, and representative of the diversity of the Swiss research landscape.

Guidance

Clear legal, ethical, and policy guidance on data sharing, reuse, and sensitive or copyrighted data.

Main challenges identified

Duplication

Risk of duplication, fragmentation, and unsustainable short-term platforms

Lack of incentives

Lack of incentives for data sharing and reuse within current funding and evaluation systems

Legal and ethical concerns

Legal and ethical uncertainty regarding what data can be shared through EOSC

Limited capacity

Limited time and capacity of researchers to engage with complex infrastructures without tailored support

Opportunities

01

Open Science

Strong belief in the value of Open Science, data sharing, and reuse.

02

Early consultation

High appreciation for being consulted early in the design of the Swiss EOSC Node

03

Connections

Enthusiasm for using SENPro to connect and strengthen existing initiatives across Switzerland

04

Right timing

Recognition of SENPro as a timely and important national effort

Key takeaways for SENPro

- **Support of the community**
  - Participants express strong support for EOSC and for Switzerland's participation through SENPro.
  - The feedback is constructive and engaged, reflecting a shared interest in making the Swiss EOSC Node useful, sustainable, inclusive, and well aligned with existing infrastructures and practices.
- **Federating efforts**
  - Future users expect SENPro to act as a federating and enabling layer rather than a centralised replacement of existing services.
- **Critical success factors**
  - Long-term sustainability, interoperability, clear incentives, legal clarity, and strong human support through data stewards are seen as critical success factors for the Swiss EOSC Node

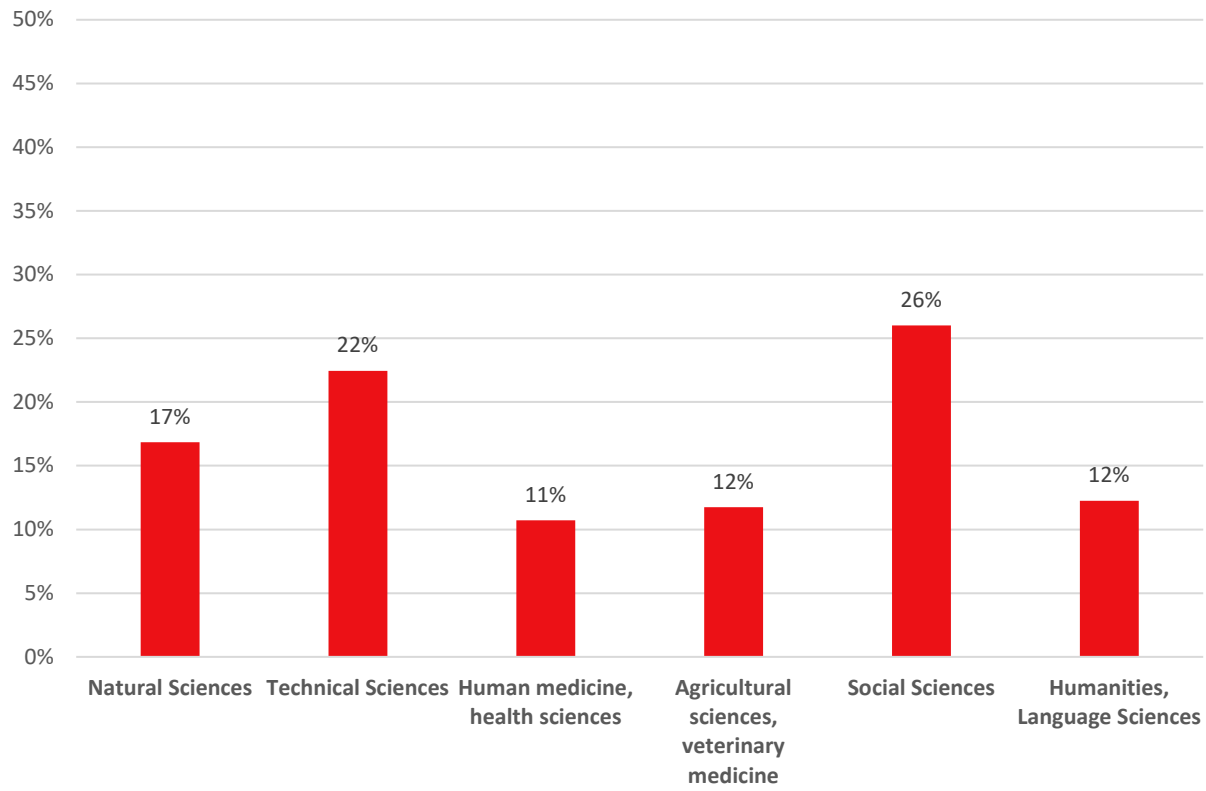
Resource providers survey

- Carried out with SENPro project partners during November and December 2025
- Based on the EOSC Federation Handbook
- Aim of the survey
  - Assess EOSC compatibility requirements across Swiss resources and services coming from SENPro partners
  - Document current progress toward meeting these requirements
  - Identify which resources are ready to be onboarded in SENPro (WP3 & WP4)
  - Build the roadmap for onboarding Swiss resources into EOSC
- 10 institutions/research infrastructures are represented in the survey
- A version of the survey for external institutions has been circulated, with deadline for January 19, 2026

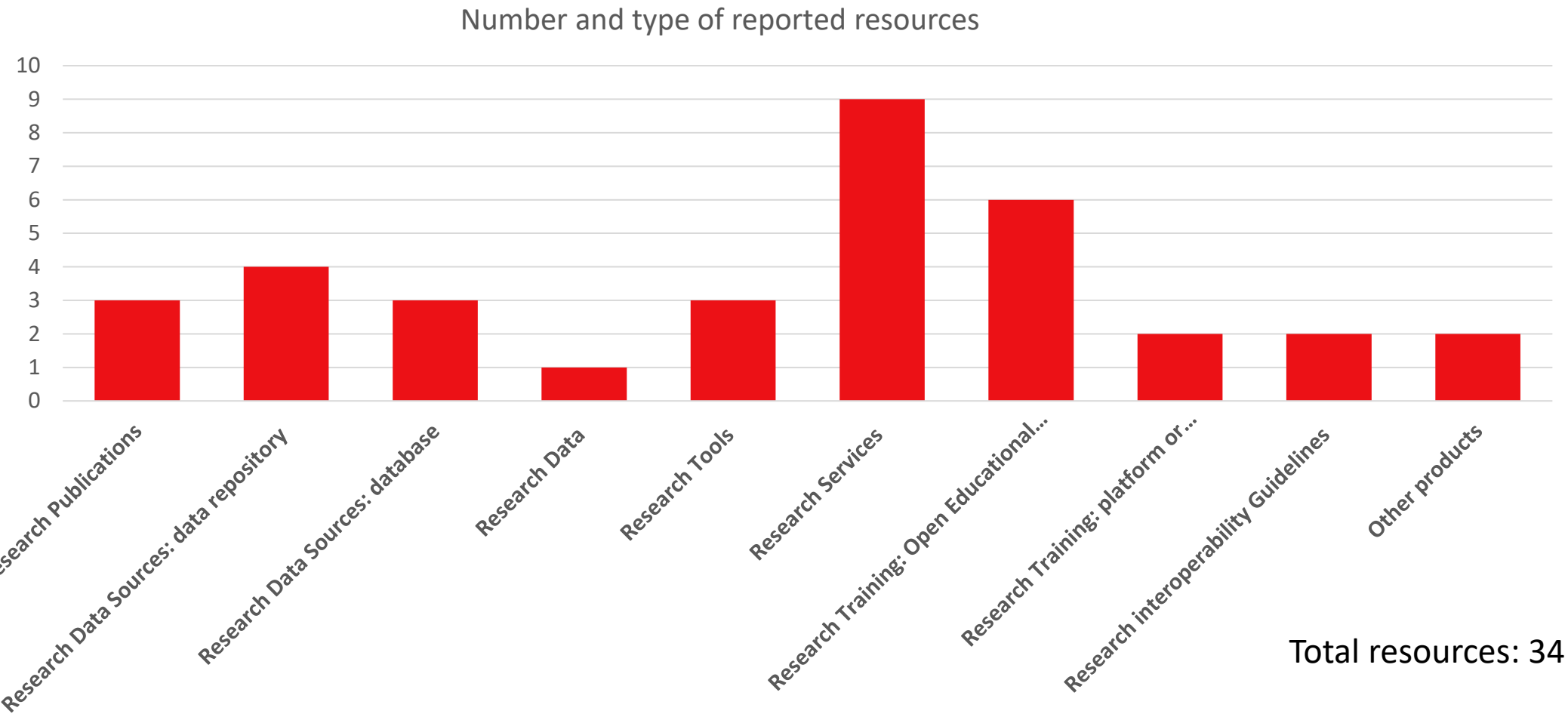
Participating institutions & RIs

- FORS (SWISSUbase)
- DaSCH
- SIB
- ETH, CSCS
- UZH (LiRI)
- CHUV
- SNSF
- Switch (NREN)
- ZHAW
- CLARIN-CH

Disciplinary clusters represented



Below are listed resource types relevant for the EOSC Federation. *Please, select all those that you want to document for onboarding in SENPro. Both core/generic and discipline-specific resources can be documented. Priority should be given to resources that: have a high reuse potential could be compatible with similar resources shared by other EOSC nodes.*



Total resources: 34

Research Services

1. SWISSUbase Data Service Units
2. CHORUS Trusted Research Environment
3. Leonhard Med Trusted Research Environment
4. Data Stewardship Wizard
5. Switch Cloud
6. LiRI Corpus Platform
7. Medical Informatics Platform MIP
8. Reproducible Research Platform
9. Switch Drive

Examples of questions to assess compatibilty with EOSC Federation
What type of **authentication or login method** is used to access the service? ▪ Switch edu-ID, No login is required, Institutional Identity only
What are the **user access conditions**? ▪ Open Access, Registered Access, Restricted Access, Controlled Access, Embargoed Access, Fee-Based Access, API Access, License Agreement Required
What are the **licensing conditions / terms of use for your service**? ▪ Open Access / Public Domain, We have different Terms of Use for the service and individually assigned licenses for use per item inside the repository, Custom License, Restricted Access, etc.
For how long can you guarantee the availability of your service? ▪ Less than 5, 5-10 years, more than 10 years
What **level of availability** of your service can you provide? ▪ 24/7 availability with high reliability, 24/7 best-effort availability, High availability during working hours, Partial availability
Do you have **Service Level Agreements** (SLA) for the service? If yes, what type? E.g. Level 1 – Best-effort (no formal SLA) - The system is maintained and monitored on a best-effort basis. Downtime is minimized, but no guaranteed uptime or response time. Typical for research tools and prototype infrastructures.

Research training: Open Educational Resources OERs

1. ETH Data Management Campus
2. DaSCH Knowledge Hub
3. OER material for Swiss-AL
4. CLARIN-CH Training Sessions 2025: Exploring Swiss Language Resources and Tools
5. CLARIN-CH Webinars on legal aspects of data sharing: Data protection & Copyright
6. SNSF internal materials

Examples of questions	Answer: Yes	Answer: No
Is your OER designed according to the FAIR-by-design methodology, that is, it specifies the learning outcomes, resource type (e.g. recorded lesson, textbook, activity plan, etc.), content resource type (e.g. video, slides, audio, etc.), and estimated duration.	3	3
Does your OER incorporate information about the expected level of training and expertise to be achieved (beginner, intermediate, advanced, all) and required qualifications to access the training resource?	1	5
Is the OER available in at least one European language, excluding the metadata information, which must be provided in English?	6	0

WP2: Expected outputs (February 2026)

Descriptions of Resources and Services & Community survey report

A detailed document outlining the descriptions of resources and services to be integrated into SENPro, and the user expectations.

List of Requirements for Prototype

A comprehensive list of requirements to be implemented for the prototype platform and inputs
for WP3-5. This will guide the development procedure of the future Swiss Resource Hub & Registry Services.

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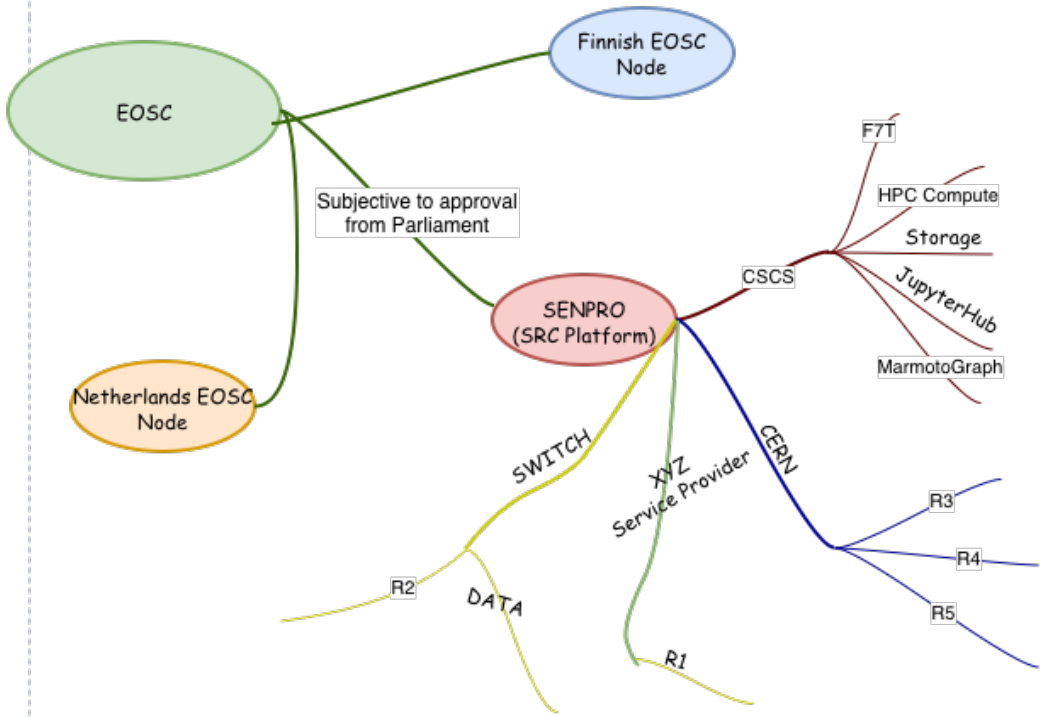

Terminology:

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2. Various types of resource providers like
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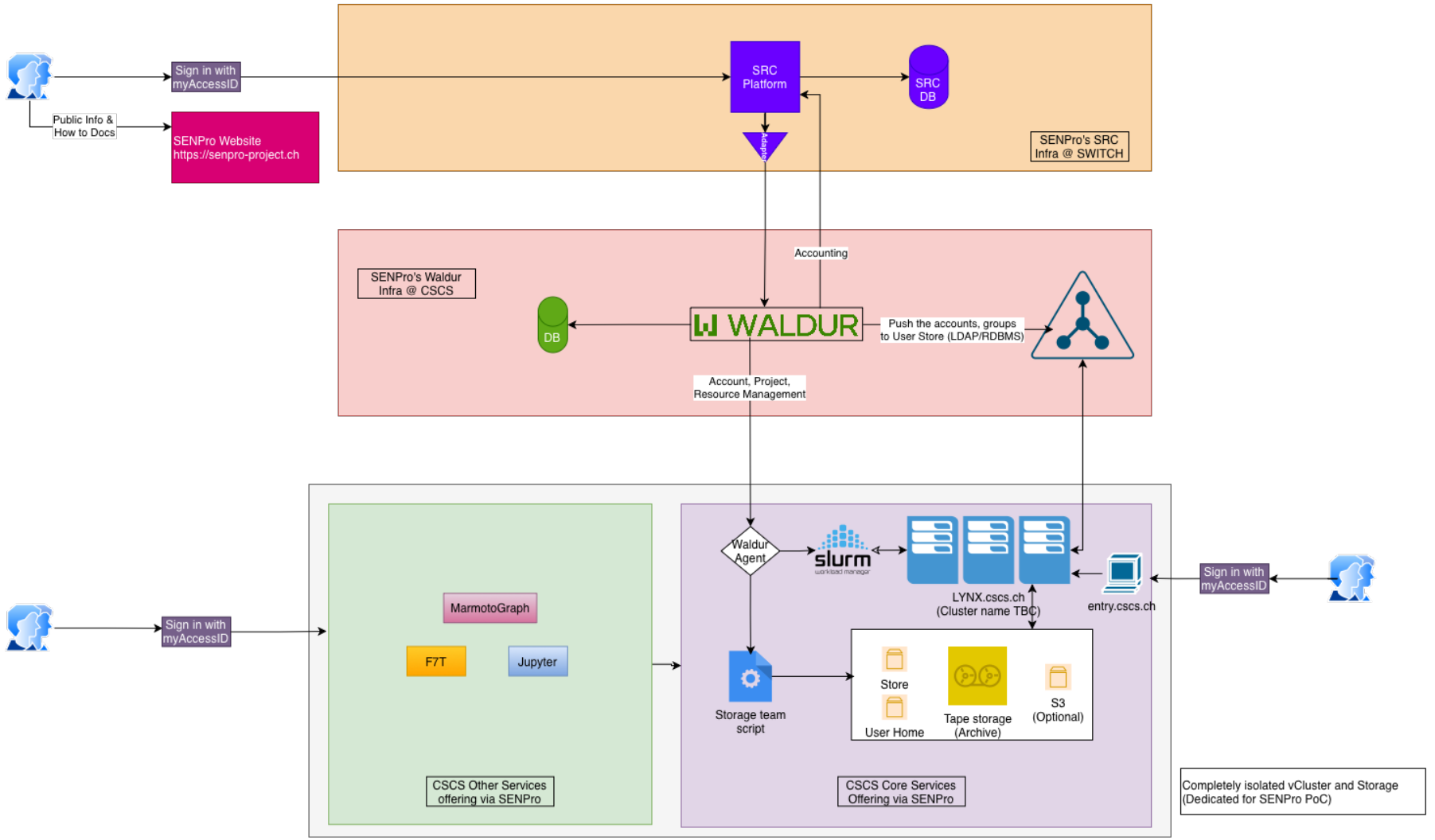


WP5:
Community Engagement

Ensures the practical implementation and governance of SENPro by engaging the research community in testing, validation, and reiterative development. This guarantees that the prototype aligns with Swiss and EOSC standards and ensures the basis for its long-term sustainability.

WP5:
Community Engagement

Objective: To validate and improve SENPro prototype through community-driven testing and feedback, and to consolidate the results into a White Paper that supports sustainable governance.

Iterative Testing

Run beta-tests of prototypes with researchers & research infrastructures.

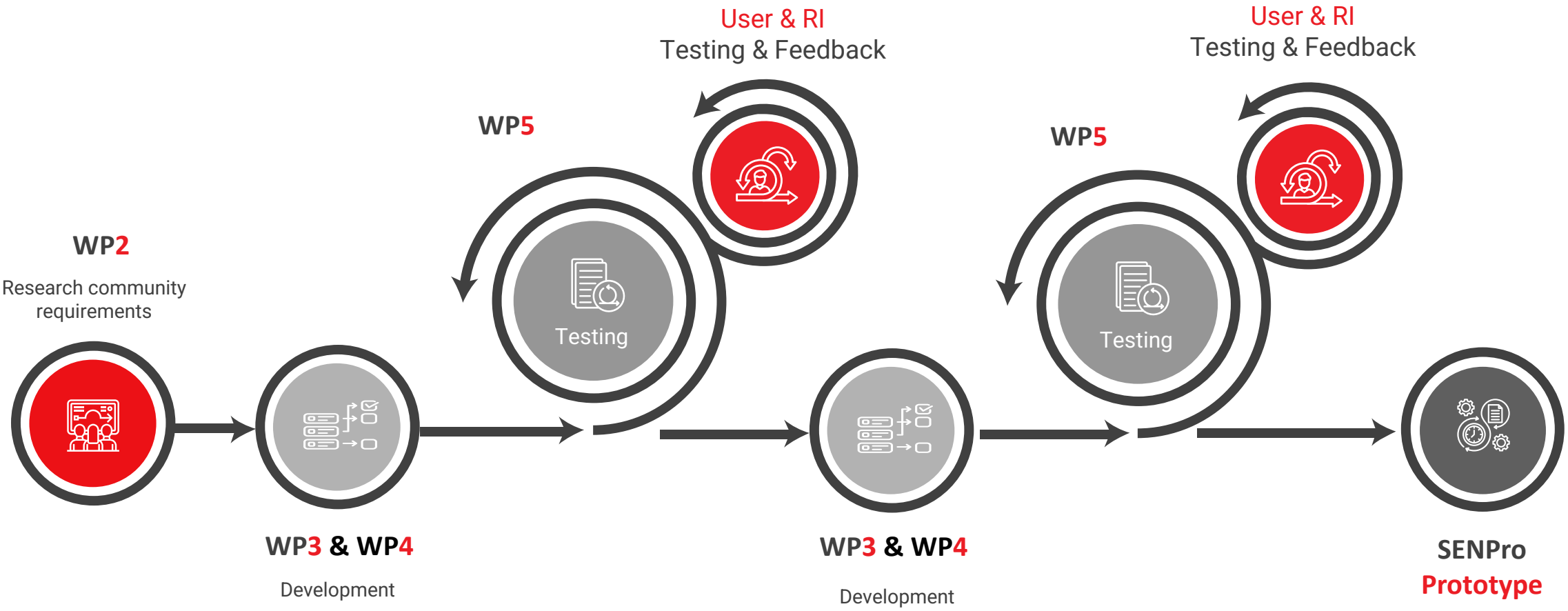
Pathways & Onboarding

Design researcher journeys and RI onboarding models.

White Paper

Consolidate requirements into a roadmap for sustainability and **WP6**.

WP5: Iterative Testing



WP5:
Community Engagement

Pathways & Onboarding

Review and compile research community and RI pathways for engaging with the SENPro Resource Hub and develop onboarding processes that enable the inclusion of new resources and future partners.

White Paper

Identify the technical, service, and governance requirements necessary to transition the prototype into a sustainable, production-ready national hub through joint decisions by participating stakeholders.

WP6:
PROTOTYPE FOR RULES & REGULATIONS

Objective: Evaluate governance models of existing EOSC Nodes & prepare a sustainable (business) model for a Swiss Node adapted to Swiss needs.

Assess

Take into account different scenarios (e.g. association & non-association with EU's Horizon Europe programme)

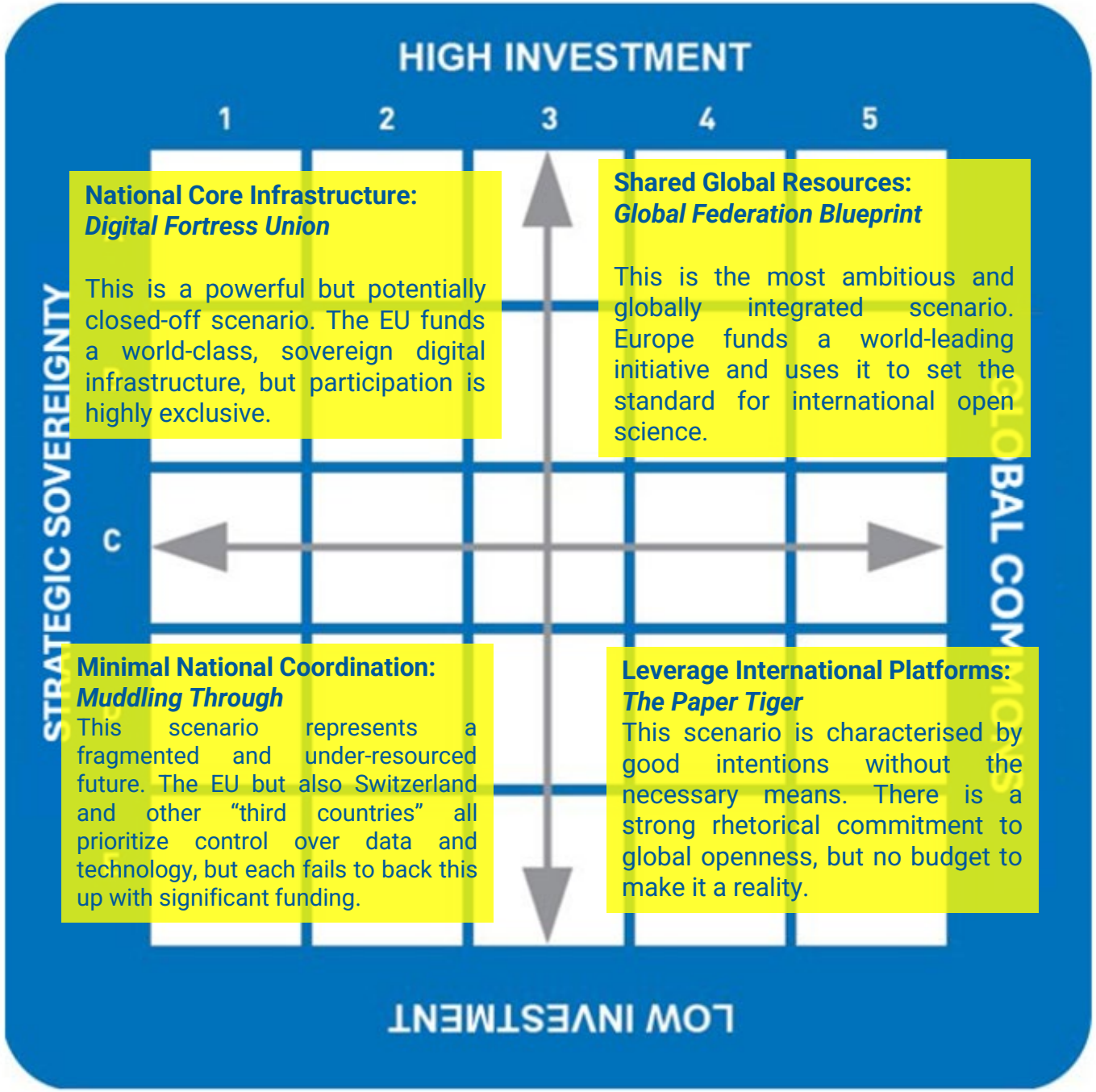
White Paper

Outline transparent roles & responsibilities with stakeholders & propose a prototype model for the Swiss Node

Business Model

Identify and assess business model elements to ensure long-term viability

Brainstorming Model: Investment & Ordering Logics

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Research Data Services Explorer: Discover and access research services across the ETH Domain

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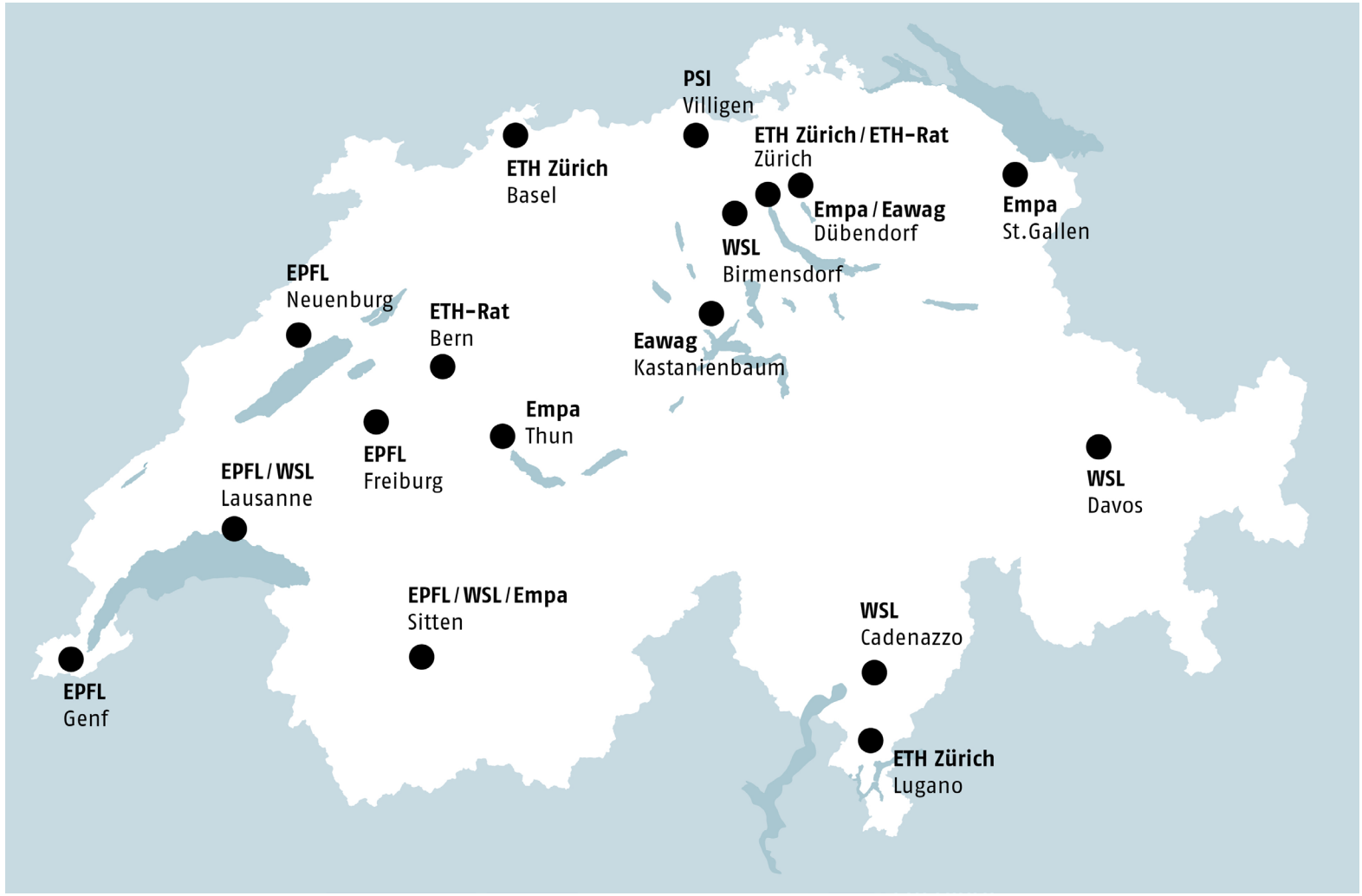

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- **Empa – Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology**
- **Eawag – Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology**

Action Plan: https://ethrat.ch/en/swiss-scientific-institutions-adopt-the-open-research-data-strategy-

5 ORD MEASURES OF THE ETH DOMAIN

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Measure 1

Support researchers who are engaging in or developing ORD practices with and for their community. Help these scientists become leaders of open science in their field.

- **Solidipes** EPFL LASTRO, LSMS, ENAC IT4R
- … 60 projects

Measure 2

Improve the ecosystem of research data management services and infrastructures that support ORD practices through coordinated, domain-wide action focused on interoperability and access.

- **RDS Explorer** Research Data Services Explorer
- **DSN** Data Stewardship Network
- … 9 projects

Measure 3

Increase the availability and quality of training on research data management aligned with ORD practices.

- **Training Initiative**

Measure 4

Clarify the legal aspects of research data management.

- **Mandate** Legal barriers and guidelines

Measure 5

Career opportunities for staff whose roles involve supporting ORD practices.

- The ETH Domain's vision is to foster a research environment that supports ORD practices and values ORD.

MEASURE 2 RDS EXPLORER – FRAMEWORK

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Why?

Need identified by the 2023 EG-SI report:

→ Lack of visibility, fragmented landscape, and difficulty navigating available services and infrastructures (S&I)

Objective

→ Simplify access for researchers to RDM and ORD S&I across the ETH Domain.

How?

A centralized, intuitive, and scalable portal that:

- Helps researchers find infrastructures, tools, platforms and services across the data lifecycle
- Supports open and FAIR-aligned practices
- Evolves with continuous institutional contributions
- Refers to S&I without hosting them

Duration

1 Oct 2024 – 30 Mar 2026

Stakeholders

- **Coordination** → EPFL Library
- **Sounding Board** → representatives and researchers from ETH Zurich, EPFL, Eawag, EMPA, PSI, WSL
- **Expert Groups** → EG-SI (Services & Infrastructure), EG-R (Research)
- **ORD Steering Committee**

Work Axes

- Governance & sustainability
- Standardized content
- Website development & user experience
- Communication & visibility

MEASURE 2 RDS EXPLORER – DEVELOPMENT

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Development (2024–2026)

- Defined characteristics and criteria for the inclusion of S&I, and ensured practicality for different profiles (researchers, PIs, support staff)
- Identified key features to filter information through a search engine, and to describe service details in dedicated pages
- Worked closely with UX/UI designer and developer to design and integrate the catalogue into the existing ORD Portal (https://open-research-data-portal.ch/rds-explorer/)
- Developed form for automatic (curated) inclusion of S&I
- Tested platform with selected S&I for refinement
- Launched and initiated communication for its progressive adoption

Key Features

- Search & filter by:
  - Research domain
  - Type of service
  - Data lifecycle stage
  - Access & cost conditions
- Service detail pages include:
  - Description
  - Institution
  - Access
  - Contact information
  - Direct link to official service websites **(no local hosting)**

MEASURE 2 RDS EXPLORER – DEMO

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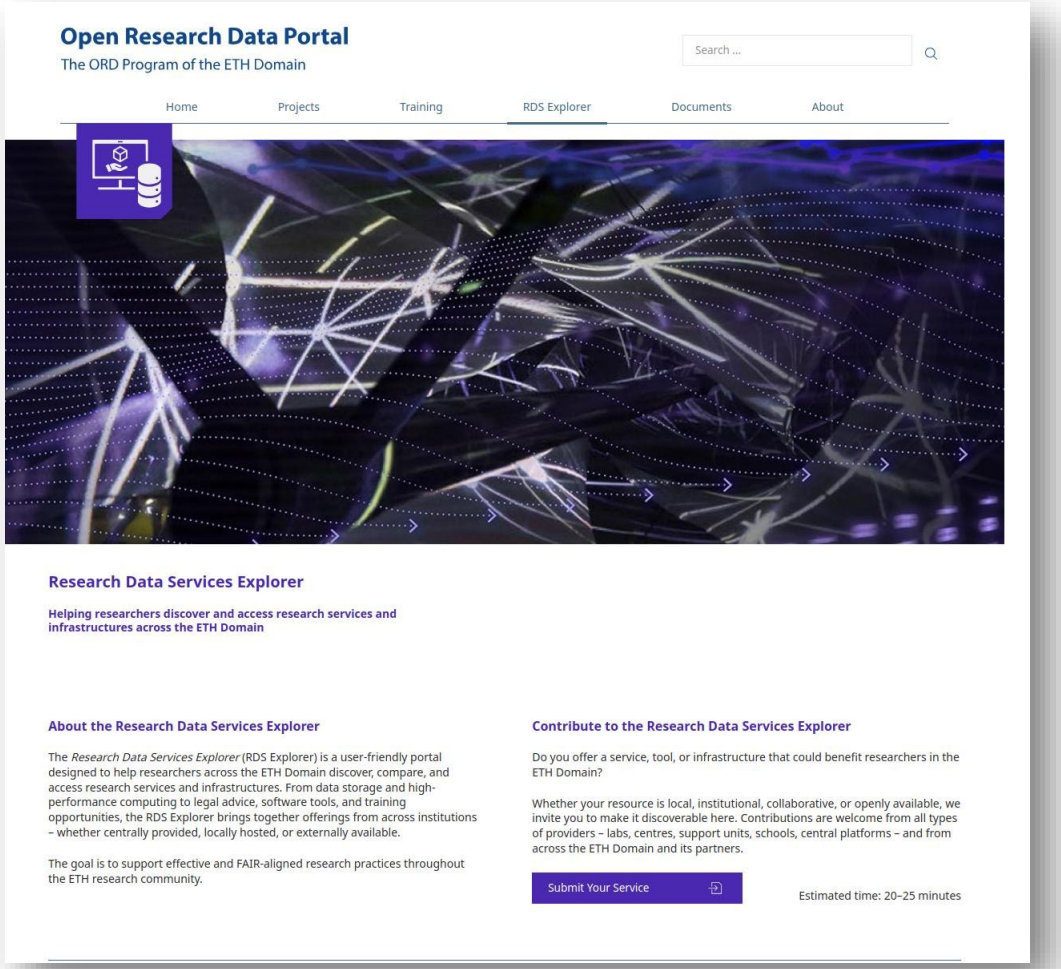
Go-live

- **Public since 1 Oct 2025**
- 17 beta testers S&I included

→ https://open-research-data-portal.ch/rds-explorer/



MEASURE 2 RDS EXPLORER – NEXT STEPS

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Next Steps

- Continue collecting and integrating user feedback
- Refine categories, filters, and workflows
- Improve visual design and navigation to enhance user-friendliness
- Strengthen communication and internal training
- Consolidate governance and long-term sustainability

Communication Strategy

- Targeted email outreach
- Share information during events (e.g., EPFL RDSN Meeting)

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Thank You!

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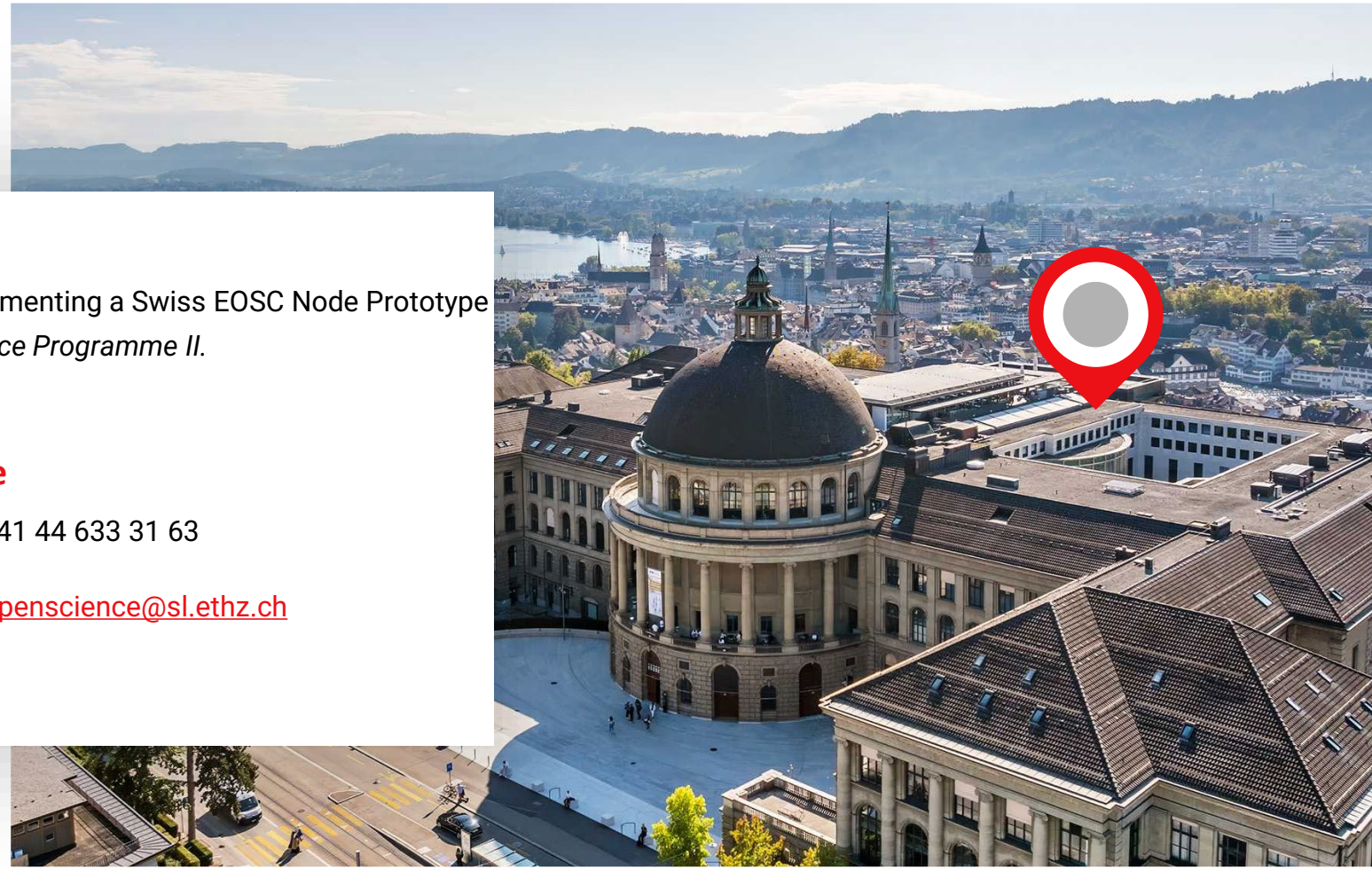

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Season Greetings.

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Happy Holidays!

We look forward to continuing our inspiring conversations in 2026!

THANK YOU.