



Management structure for EESSI

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Need for governance

- Code of conduct, CLA(?),...
- Production quality EESSI comes with a lot of (non-contractual!) obligations and demands
- Need to work towards long term strategy for sustainability
- Need to “steer the ship” in terms of priorities

What models are out there?

- Do-ocracy - those who do make the choices
- Founder-leader - EasyBuild is in that kind realm
- Self-appointing council or board - can be hard to break in
- Electoral - time-consuming, “elections do not generally cause turnover unless a project has explicitly codified term limits”
- Foundation-backed - can be high overhead for contributors, “In other cases, the foundation manages some matters, such as trademarks and events, and other governance structures in the project(s) control other matters, such as code approval.”

What do we need the governance to do for us

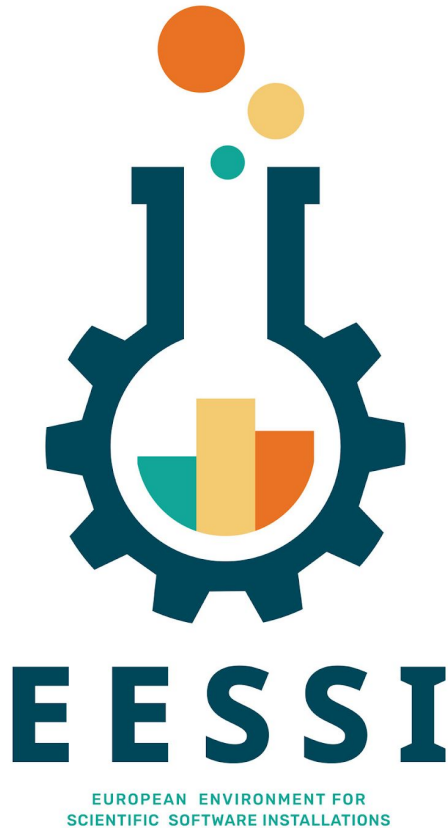
- Already have requests for MoUs, need a way to handle this kind of stuff
- Need help navigating the EU funding landscape (we are likely to rely on it)
- Need to figure out how to make ourselves “indispensable” so both EESSI and it’s users can plan for a 10 year horizon

Some discussions has already taken place

- Meeting among the “do-ocracy” and then at the monthly meeting
 - Need a short term strategy, and work towards a long term strategy
- Proposal:
 - Advisory Committee
 - Long term strategy (including governance)
 - Outreach/Networking
 - Funding advice
 - Technical Committee
 - Technical decision making
 - Likely influenced by funded project requirements

Discussion points

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Paper (open access): <https://doi.org/10.1002/spe.3075>

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Monthly online meetings (first Thursday, 2pm CEST)