

# FIDELIS Support for the Adoption of Solutions: first open call

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## FIDELIS: Establishing a European Network of Trustworthy Digital Repositories

- EU-funded Horizon Europe project focused on strengthening **FAIR-enabling trustworthy digital repositories** in Europe (grant agreement no. 101188078)
- Operates in close collaboration with its sister project EOSC EDEN
- Contributes to the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) by:
  - Supporting repositories in becoming and remaining trustworthy & FAIR enabling
  - Promoting harmonisation, interoperability, and shared practices
  - Building a sustainable European network of repositories
  - Contributing to the upskilling of repositories by offering training and financial support



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## Support for the adoption of solutions



A mix of financial support and expert guidance will support repositories to implement and adopt good practices, tools, services, and other solutions to increase their trustworthiness.

## Open training activities



A series of different events which are open for all to join, designed to share and teach about different topics and solutions relevant to the repository community. These activities are flexible to take on any shape or format and content, focusing in some cases specifically on repository management and governance or technical topics.

FIDELIS will connect mentors with mentees who they can support on specific topics, bridging gaps in the current landscape and building the peer-to-peer support attitude that the FIDELIS network will thrive on.

## Peer-to-peer Mentoring Programme



- Targeted support offers designed to help repositories:
  - Adopt concrete solutions
  - Improve trustworthiness and maturity
  - Strengthen workflows, processes, and services
- Combines:
  - Expert-led workshops
  - Hands-on implementation work
  - Peer exchange and practical guidance
- Delivered as part of FIDELIS cascading grant programme

- Small, targeted grants provided by EU projects to external organisations
- Designed to support:
  - Uptake, testing, and implementation of project-related solutions
- In FIDELIS, cascading grants:
  - Support staff time needed for implementation
  - Enable hands-on participation
  - Paid upon successful completion of the support offer

## Open call for support for the adoption of solutions

Two open calls will be launched during the project.

- April 30, 2026 – up to 280.000 euros
- March 31, 2027 – up to 220.000 euros

Both calls will remain open for two months.

Support offers kick off in the autumn.

Four support offers available in the first call:

- 1. Exposing your repository in the EDEN registry for long term preservation services**
- 2. Tools for privacy-preserving data release and trustworthy publication (EOSC Siesta)**
- 3. Advancing repository capabilities with Core Preservation Processes (EOSC EDEN)**
- 4. Managing repositories: a service perspective**

All offers align with the Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix (TTRAM) functions and activities

# #1: Exposing Your Repository in the EDEN Registry

- Focuses on improving how repositories expose metadata for discovery and comparability
- Supports repositories in being accurately represented in the upcoming EDEN registry
- Expert guidance addresses both:
  - Technical metadata exposure
  - Policy and content-level aspects
- Helps to evaluate harvested results and implement improvements

Experts: Wilko Steinhoff (DANS), Mattias Levlin (CSC), Robert Huber (UBremen) facilitated by Kim Ferguson and Maaïke Verburg (DANS)

# #1: Exposing Your Repository in the EDEN Registry, Key Elements

- Demonstration on EDEN Harvester, expert guidance on improving metadata quality and interoperability
- Hands-on auditing of metadata exposure (e.g. JSON-LD, Signposting, FAIRiCat)
- Ideal for repository staff with both managerial and technical capacity
  - Basic understanding of how repository metadata is exposed for harvesting
- Three workshops and consultation sessions, independent work on auditing and improving metadata

## #2: Tools for Privacy-Preserving Data Release...

- Practical introduction to tools and methods for working with sensitive data
- Focus on privacy-preserving data sharing aligned with FAIR principles
- Topics include:
  - Data anonymisation and pseudonymization, Privacy risk assessment
  - Synthetic data generation, FAIR compliance evaluation
- Includes tools developed within the EOSC SIESTA framework

Experts: Judith Sáinz-Pardo Díaz & Álvaro López García (IFCA-CSIC-UC)  
facilitated by Helena Lozano and Fernando Aguilar Gómez (CSIC)

## #2: Tools for Privacy-Preserving Data Release..., Key Elements

- Encourages integration of privacy tools into repository workflows
- Mix of theoretical input and hands-on exercises
- Suitable for repository managers and tech staff, researchers, and data scientists working with sensitive data
  - Basic understanding of Python recommended
- Five workshops, independent work on integrating the tools presented into data workflows and repository services

## #3: Advancing Repository Capabilities with Core Preservation...

- Introduces the Core Preservation Processes (EDEN CPPs: 30 essential operational actions for long-term accessibility) and their relation to TTRAM (FIDELIS)
- Supports repositories in strengthening digital preservation capacity
- Supports participants in assessing their own preservation practices and identify gaps
- Focus on planning and practical next steps and cocreating approaches to overcome common roadblocks

Experts: Micky Lindlar & Maria Benauer (TIB) and Hervé L'Hours (UKDS) facilitated by Nadine Fischer (ESRF)

## #3: Advancing Repository Capabilities with Core..., Key Elements

- Guided course work supported by experts and peer exchange and collaborative problem-solving
- Tailored feedback on preservation planning
- Suitable for repository managers familiar with CoreTrustSeal, aiming to advance their repository's digital preservation processes
- Five workshops, individual course work on TTRAM and selected CPPs

## #4: Managing Repositories: A Service Perspective

- Addresses operational challenges, especially caused by understaffing, in repository services
- Focuses on skills to improve sustainability, continuity, and service management, emphasising real-world workflows
- Topics include:
  - Software and version control
  - Documentation and knowledge transfer
  - Ticketing systems and user support
  - Training and onboarding practices

Expert: Vladimir Otašević facilitated by Milica Ševkušić & Marija Ristić  
(University of Belgrade)

## #4: Managing Repositories: A Service Perspective, Key Elements

- Provides a structured step-by-step pathway to applying best practices in operational workflows, software development and version control, ticketing systems, and quality assurance
- Designed for both user-support professionals and technical teams in repository services
  - Targets technical or IT specialists with experience in software development or user support and training specialists experienced in working with repository platforms
- Four workshops, independent work on practical assignments



- Applications are submitted through an online application tool
  - <https://grants.fidelis-project.eu/>
- You will be asked to present
  - Expected benefits gained through participation
  - Level of relevant experience as defined by each support offer
  - Eligibility
  - Commitment to 12-15 days of effort
- Each application is evaluated by members of the FIDELIS project team against support-offer-specific criteria
- More info under the Frequently Asked Questions

- Call is open to individuals or individuals representing a team within a single organisation
- Applicants must be citizens of EU or Associated Country and reside and/or work in EU or Associated Country for the duration of the grant.
- The call is not open to individuals affiliated with direct beneficiaries of the FIDELIS project.
- Ineligible applicants can apply to take part as observers (=receive no funding, restricted access to personal support)

## Why participate in FIDELIS support offers?

- Gain expert guidance and hands-on experience
- Strengthen your repository's trustworthiness and services
- Receive financial support to enable participation
  - 12-15 person-days of effort = 6000-7500 euros in compensation (500 eur/day) per team
- Engage with peers across Europe
- Contribute to shared learning through Implementation Stories
- Become part of the broader FIDELIS network

- Call opens April 30, 2026
  - Note that on that day there are simultaneously two call open
- Deadline for applications is June 30, 2026, at 17:00 CEST
- Applicants will be notified by mid/late July 2026
- Support offers run from September/October to November 2026
- Co-authored Implementation Story drafted in November 2026
- Payments issued for successful completion: December 2026

Time for discussion!

After this webinar:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Any remaining questions:  
[training-fidelis@postit.csc.fi](mailto:training-fidelis@postit.csc.fi)

## General FAQs

When will FIDELIS open calls be available?	▼
What types of training and support will be offered in the open calls?	▼
Who can apply to the open calls?	▼
How much financial support will be available?	▼
What are my / my organisation's contractual obligations during and after the receipt of the financial support grant?	▼
Can I still participate in the support if I am not eligible to receive financial support?	▼
How can I / my organisation apply to the open call?	▼
How will applications be evaluated?	▼
How many applicants will be supported each open call?	▼
Can I retract my application if I change my mind about participation?	▼
What is an Implementation Story?	▼

- <https://eden-fidelis.eu/fidelis-support-adoption-solutions>

# Thank you

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