

Virtual clinic for potential applicants to the first open call

Introduction

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Aims

FAIR-IMPACT aims to support the uptake and implementation of current and emerging FAIR-enabling tools, resources and methods

This is the first of three open calls for financial support over the life of the project (future calls in January 2024 and September 2024)

The first open call features two defined support actions designed to enhance the FAIRness of data, semantic artefacts and data-related services

“How can I practically apply the FAIR Principles in my work? How do I know what is the right FAIR-enabling tool for me?”

FAIR-IMPACT has just launched the first of three Open Calls for Support, offering two defined support actions designed to enhance the FAIRness of data, semantic artefacts and data-related services.

Support action #1: FAIRness assessment challenge. More harmonised use of semantic artefacts such as ontologies, terminologies, taxonomies, thesauri, vocabularies, metadata schemas and standards is a key element to achieving a high level of FAIRness. However, it can often be difficult to find and use semantic artefacts as they themselves are not always FAIR. This targeted support action will help a cohort of dataset providers or semantic artefact developers to self-assess and work towards maximising the level of FAIRness of their resources.

Support action #2: Enabling FAIR Signposting and RO-Crate for content/metadata discovery and consumption. The findability of both data and metadata is central to the FAIR principles. FAIR-IMPACT will provide a method to increase the discoverability of the metadata and content using a combination of two approaches; RO-Crate and Signposting. These two approaches are being used in combination as a pragmatic approach to making digital scholarly and research objects more FAIR.

Both support actions will provide successful applicants with financial support to enable participation in a series of virtual workshops, expert guidance and advice from FAIR-IMPACT mentors.

Applications will be accepted via our [grants platform](#) until 1 June 2023.

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What we will provide



- A **dedicated, tailored support package**, including virtual workshops, expert guidance and advice from FAIR-IMPACT project partners and resource providers to enable participants to **implement the particular tool or approach**.
- **Financial support** to enable participation, payable by invoice upon successful completion of the support action.¹ The exact amount of the financial support that will be provided will vary across the support actions as it is based on the number of days required to participate. In most cases, participation in support actions will require between 5-10 days of effort from participants spread over a 1-2 month period. Funds may be used solely for supporting staff time to carry out relevant support action activities (participating in the virtual webinars, carrying out homework, completing exit questionnaire and/or interview, etc.).
- The opportunity to share their knowledge and learn from their peers through the **virtual workshops**.
- The opportunity to promote their work via a published **FAIR-IMPACT Implementation Story**.

- ❑ **Support package including virtual workshops, expert guidance and advice**
- ❑ **Financial support to enable participation (2500 euros)**
- ❑ **Opportunity to share knowledge and learn from peers**

<https://fair-impact.eu/fair-impact-open-calls-support>

What is expected of participants

- Readiness to implement, adopt, extend or use the specific tool or approach.
- Willingness to participate in the required workshops, hackathons and/or meetings that will be outlined in the specific support action offer. All workshops, events and meetings will be held virtually.
- Confirmation that the participant(s) meet the personnel specifications outlined in the specific support action call (for example, the ability to progress the outcomes of the support action within the organisation, technical expertise, etc.).
- Willingness to participate in periodic follow up questionnaires and/or interviews.
- Willingness to participate in an exit interview within a month after the end of the support action which will be used to draft a FAIR-IMPACT Implementation Story.

5 days of effort required

Virtual workshops

- Introductory **one hour session** on the support programme processes (communication channels, how to claim funds).
- **Half day virtual workshop** to introduce the various FAIR assessment tools and methods and to help participants identify which datasets and/or semantic artefacts are to be assessed with which the different tools and methods.
- **Half day virtual workshop** to share the participants' initial FAIRness assessment results. This workshop will provide a “departure score” at the beginning of the challenge that participants will work to improve.
- Final **half day virtual workshop** to share and discuss the updated scores at the end of the challenge. A key aim will be to share tips and lessons learned for both applicants and tools/methods providers.
- Hour long exit interview which will form the basis of a co-produced Implementation Story.

See individual support action pages for specifics on the virtual workshops:

- <https://fair-impact.eu/support-offer-1-fairness-assessment-challenge-datasets-and-semantic-artefacts>
- <https://fair-impact.eu/support-offer-2-enabling-fair-signposting-and-ro-crate-contentmetadata-discovery-and-consumption>

Who can apply?

This call is open to individuals, groups and organisations from public and private research-performing organisations, including:

- Research-performing organisations and research infrastructures
- Repositories, data and metadata service providers
- Representatives of national and international level initiatives

Important dates

Promotional webinar to showcase the support actions on offer	27 March 2023 - watch a recording of the webinar HERE
Call launched and platform opened for applications	31 March 2023
Virtual clinic for potential applicants	16 May - register to join HERE
Deadline for applications	1 June 2023
Evaluation and selection of applicants	End of June 2023
Applicants informed of decision	Beginning of July 2023
Expected start date for support actions	The start date will vary depending on the specific support action. However we anticipate that these will begin in autumn 2023.

Additional questions can be sent to

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