FAIR-IMPACT contribution to Semantic interoperability & ontologies in research

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Semantic interoperability ensures that the precise format and meaning of exchanged data and information is preserved and understood throughout exchanges between parties, in other words ‘what is sent is what is understood’.

Source: Revised European Interoperability Framework

Semantic artefacts, what are we talking about?

Let’s make semantic artefacts FAIR(er)!

A rough illustration of the semantic gradient

- Stronger semantics
  - Ontologies
  - Taxonomies
  - Data models

- Controlled vocabularies
- Thesauri
- Glossaries

Weaker semantics

Modified from McCreary D (2006). Patterns of Semantic Integration. CC 2.5
Broader and more harmonised use of semantic artefacts in EOSC

- Guidelines for engineering semantic artefacts
- **FAIR implementation framework**: find methodologies and tools for the semantic artefact developer
- Guidelines to create mappings with other semantic artefacts

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A framework for metadata crosswalks and mappings between semantic artefacts

★ Specifications/Requirements for FAIR Mappings

★ Common exchange model based on SSSOM (Matentzoglu et al., 2022), that would enable sharing simple and complex mappings

★ Cookbook with practical guidelines showing the various ways of doing mapping supported by concrete examples
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- MOD: a DCAT-based standard for describing semantic artefacts and their catalogs
- A common API for EOSC semantic artefact catalogs - towards a federated system to find and share semantic artefacts
- Use cases to evaluate the impact of connecting semantic artefact catalogs to data repositories to address indexation needs

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Create → Document → Share → Use → Store → Preserve

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- Report on governance of semantic artefacts for inclusion within EOSC
  - Where should I publish my ontology?
  - Which license?
  - Can users ask for content modifications?
  - Who guarantees the access?

- FAIRness assessment of semantic artefact (WP5)
  - How FAIR is my ontology?
A standardized community-based requirements and recommendations to end users related to:

- General metadata requirements
- Accessibility and preservation (Archive)
- Reference and identification (Reference)
- Description and classification (Describe)
- Credit and attribution (Cite)
- Reuse, licensing, and legal aspects
- Re-executability: dependencies and execution environment

Guidelines for recommended metadata standard for research software within EOSC

The CodeMeta Project

https://github.com/codemeta/codemeta

Coming event: Metadata session during the Software Source Code Interest Group at RDA P21 on October 23rd (full programme)
Design and promote interoperability mechanisms across domains and institutions

★ FAIR Guidelines for the usage of components for technical and semantic interoperability

★ Getting hold of the issue of legal interoperability

★ Connection to the EU Data spaces
  Bringing the FAIR Principles to the Data Spaces to support data sharing and re-use

★ Exploring potential synergies with the WorldFAIR project
  On FIPs - FAIR Implementations Profiles - and more