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- European Open Science Cloud is still overall focus in Europe with a lot of related and supporting activity

- Presently focus for EOSC is enabling interoperability between research infrastructures across domains, borders, digital objects incl. data types etc.

- The project 'SSHOC – Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud' is an example of a cluster project
    - SSHOC will transform the current social sciences & humanities data landscape with its disciplinary silos and separate facilities into an integrated, cloud-based network of interconnected data infrastructures.
    - CESSDA is partner in SSHOC with several of the CESSDA Service Providers as suppliers

- The research infrastructure CESSDA ERIC is continuously expanding. New members are Ireland and Iceland with Italy up-coming.
    - Key deliverables from CESSDA ERIC: CESSDA Data Catalogue, CESSDA Data Management Expert Guide, CESSDA Metadata Validator service and CESSDA Training

- Covid-19 has indeed showed the need for data sharing in Europe and beyond
    - CESSDA has (through the CESSDA Service Providers) gathered important resources for researchers dealing with the pandemic.
    - Data Together is another initiative for the collection of data resources to be shared and used for COVID-19 related research

- FAIR is still going strong. GO FAIR, FAIRSFAIR and RDA are some of the key players for supporting FAIR initiatives in Europe whether it is individually, locally, nationally and internationally. More and more FAIR focus is moved from communication to actionability (for machines)