

### 3.3.4 Details on the Mandated Organisation

Formally, the Mandated Organisation in Austria is the ACONET Association. For the implementation and coordination of the Austrian EOSC initiative, the Austrian members and observers of the EOSC Association AISBL have participated in the establishment of the “EOSC Support Office Austria”. The partners are united by their common interest in a coordinated development of requirements and implementations according to the Austrian EOSC goals. The aim of the EOSC Support Office Austria is to establish a real “Austrian EOSC Mandated Organisation”, whose function is currently legally performed by the association ACONET.

The mandate is given by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research to the ACONET Association. The representation of the Austrian Mandated Organisation will be performed by the operative unit, the EOSC Support Office Austria. The involved partners are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding that regulates the governance of the Austrian initiative and the cooperation of the EOSC stakeholders. The objectives of the EOSC Support Office Austria are to support and strengthen Austrian institutions in their work for EOSC and to support capacity building, both in terms of infrastructure and in terms of knowledge and skills. Furthermore, networking and exchange of experience with partners of the EOSC Support Office and beyond, e.g. stakeholders from the political, social and economic environment will be a key objective. Another task of the initiative is to connect the Austrian with the European level of EOSC and to coordinate the various inquiries and work assignments of the EOSC Association AISBL and its committees at the Austrian level. The initiative does not aim at providing a technical infrastructure to federate services to EOSC.