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Dear delegates of the EOSC Association General Assembly,

I am writing to present my candidature for election as a director of the EOSC Association for a term of 3 years.

I work as EOSC Program Manager at CSC – IT Center for Science in Finland and I am the coordinator of the EOSC Finnish Forum, the EOSC national structure supported by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture in charge of organising the EOSC activities and engagement at country level.

My main objective, if elected in the Board, will be to reinforce the dialogue between the EOSC Association and its members and better articulate EOSC value proposition to its different stakeholders at national and European level.

Identifying and clarifying the value of EOSC for the different stakeholders is the key to motivate them to be engaged and to feel an integral part of it. This task is complex because the scope of EOSC is broad and the actors involved are very diverse. It requires dedicated effort to ensure that a transparent and continuous dialogue with the community is established. The dialogue is not only fundamental to capture the stakeholders needs but also their expectations, doubts and experiences which are all elements that can constitute a precious input for the identification of the future EOSC priorities and that can transform the “current” EOSC in a true choral effort.

In order to do that, the EOSC Association should also leverage its members who are the best placed to understand stakeholders’ expectations. An effective dialogue should be established so that each member and observer feel has something to contribute, beyond their financial contribution, to the success of the EOSC Association and EOSC.

I have more than ten years of experience in the area of stakeholder engagement and outreach in the research infrastructures landscape and would be happy to bring this experience to the EOSC BoD. I have been following and actively contributing to the EOSC developments since its inception in 2016 through various projects and European efforts and I have worked in close collaboration with the EOSC Interim Governance between 2018 and 2020 on the activities that have led to the creation and set-up of the EOSC Association.

Finally, I would like to use my term as Board member to help EOSC develop meaningful partnerships with other high impact initiatives in order to create synergies and position EOSC role into the wider ecosystem. This will be fundamental for its uptake. Collaboration activities with the European Data Spaces, EuroHPC, and GAIA-X, for example, should be high on our strategic engagement priority list.

I am often tagged as an “EOSC *optimist*” and it is because I believe that nothing great has been never achieved without enthusiasm and the right amount effort. This is also why I am planning to commit time to this assignment, with the full support of my organisation on that.

Sincerely,

Sara Garavelli