Sharing Infrastructure and resources within Aurora

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Mapping the Relevant Resources

- Aim: Enhance research collaboration within the alliance
- Focus on "Infrastructure", "Data", "Networks", and "Expertise"
- Over 200 entries
- Relevant criteria:
  1. Universities are able to share resource
  2. Universities would like to share resource
  3. University believes sharing would drive collaboration
- Over 200 Entries in first round of data collection

Creating the Research Resources Map

- Built on efforts in previous project
- Available on [Aurora website](#)
- Different filters and search criteria
- [Registration form](#) for new resources

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- Sets out the conditions under which research resources can be shared across the alliance
- Sharing must align with each institution's priorities, legal frameworks, and available resources
- Collaboration of each universities legal experts
- Templates for individual collaboration agreements
- Associated partners also signed MoU

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- The "Institutional Intentions" form the heart of the MoU
    - Availability of sufficient resources for that purpose as well as each partner's field of work, priority activities, internal rules, regulations, and relevant legislation, policies, administrative procedures and practices
    - Collaboration has to be agreed to in separate agreements
    - The partners intend to provide access to research resources in accordance with usual accounting practices for internal use of the research resources; the cost of the collaboration, […] shall be the actual cost of the work incurred and shall not include profit costs.

Further Useful Resources

- Originally "Other strategically useful resources" as additional category
- After consideration vote against this approach
- Instead linking to useful other Aurora resources
- Approach maintains the clarity and usability of the platform

Dissemination of the Platform

- Active work on disseminating the platform
- Inclusion in other Aurora activities, for example the Aurora Calls for Incentive Research Collaboration
- Publicly available registration form

Conclusion

- Database, interactive map, MoU, templates and further useful resources form robust framework for sharing research resources
- MoU heart of this activity
- No solution to track emerging collaborations
- Ongoing maintenance and promotion