



PITHIA-NRF

Plasmasphere Ionosphere Thermosphere Integrated Research
Environment and Access services: a Network of Research Facilities



2nd Innovation Day

Introduction to PITHIA-NRF activities

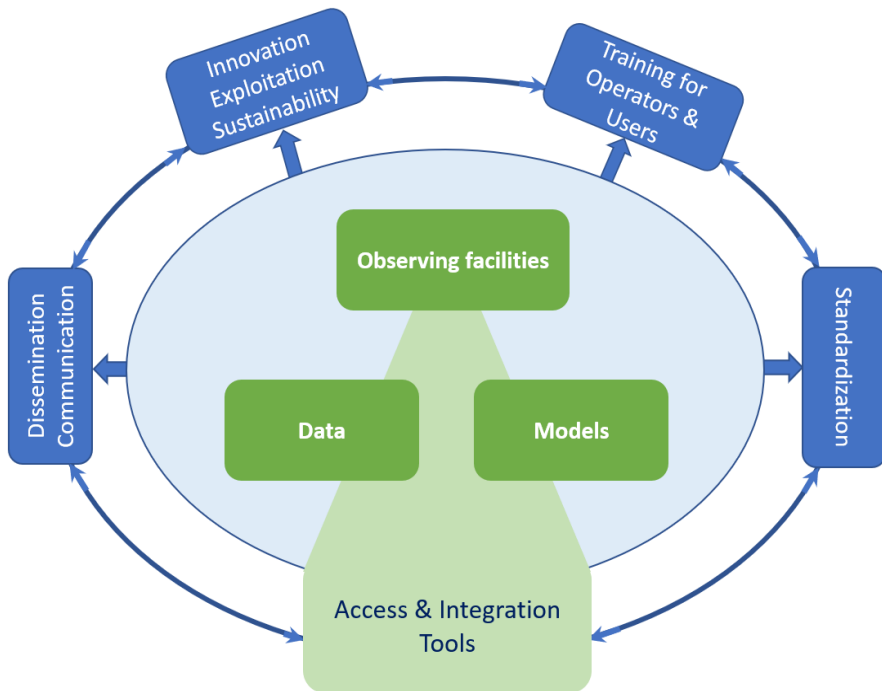
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Overview & Ambition

PITHIA-NRF has the ambition to facilitate the development of validated prediction models and its transition from research to applications



Europe operates excellent observing facilities and is extremely well-placed in developing ionospheric, thermospheric and plasmaspheric models.

However, more is needed to:

- Support the interoperable use of observing facilities;
- Develop standardized processes that lead to FAIR data and data-products;
- Facilitate the use of scientific models' concepts for experimentation purposes;
- Support space applications developers to implement innovative projects.

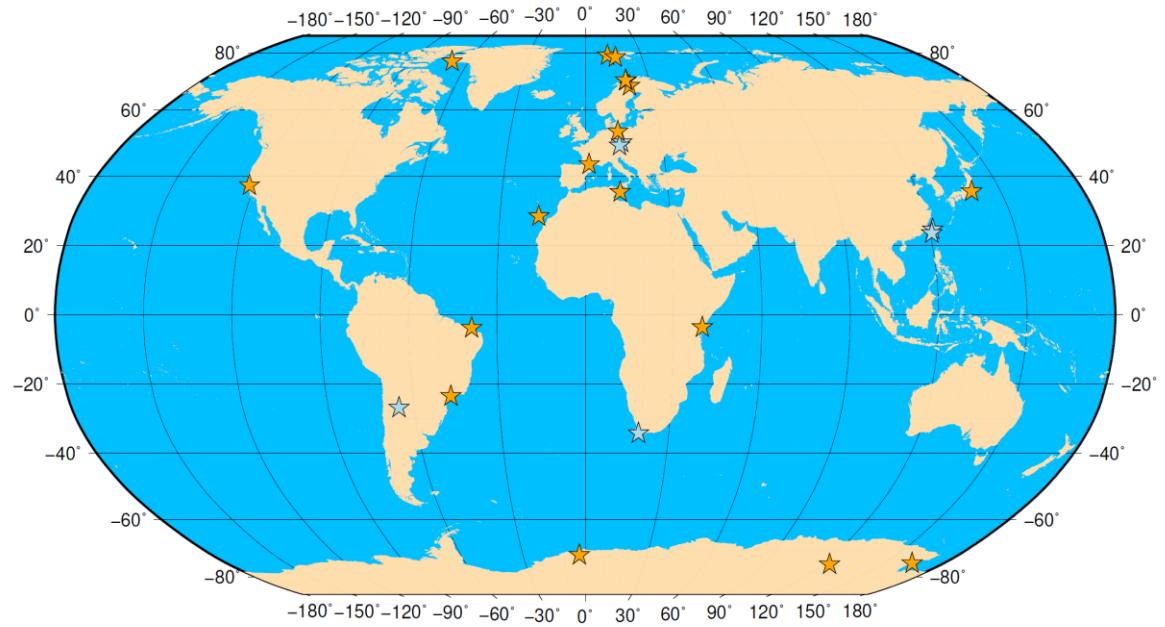
... and all these need to be more reliable.

To achieve this challenge, the scientific research community requires support from a **structured research infrastructure** organized to provide **transnational research services**, including **access** and **standardization**.

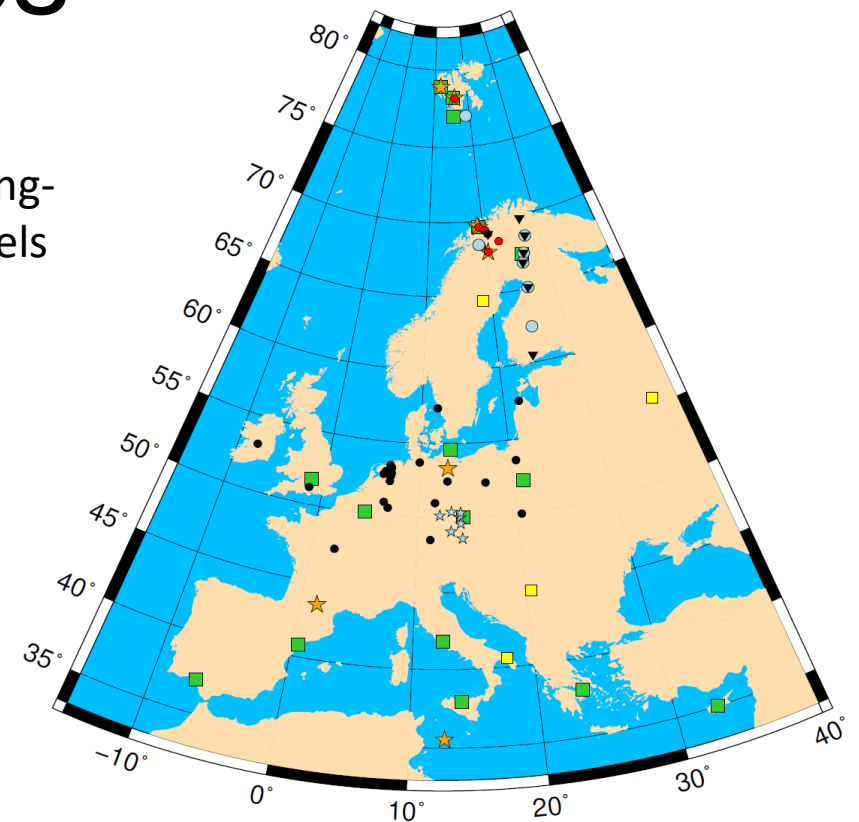


Observing facilities

PITHIA-NRF participating organizations offer access to observing facilities, long-term observational data from ground-based and space experiments, and to models



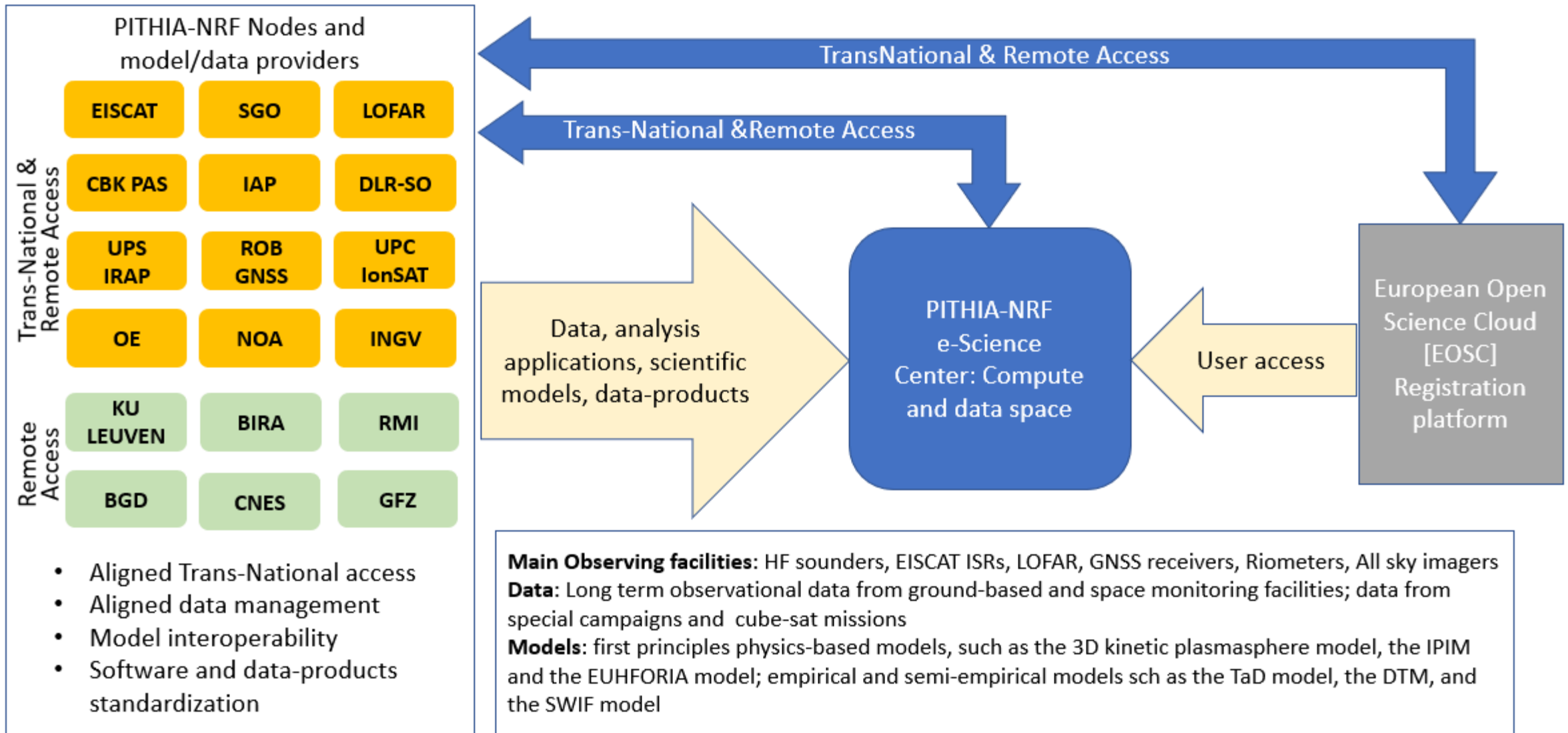
The World map shows GNSS high sampling rate and CDSS sites only.



- ionosondes with real-time data delivery ■
- ionosondes without real-time data delivery ■
- IAP CDSS transmitters and receivers (on both maps) ★
- INGV + DLR GNSS scintillation receivers (on both maps) ★
- EISCAT transmitters and receivers light blue circles: SGO riometer chain ●
- SGO pulsation magnetometer chain ▼
- LOFAR sites and sites associated with LOFAR ●



Integrating facilities, data and models





PITHIA-NRF data quality and data management



Data quality

Scientific Quality : Data Quality Flag, Scientific Relevance

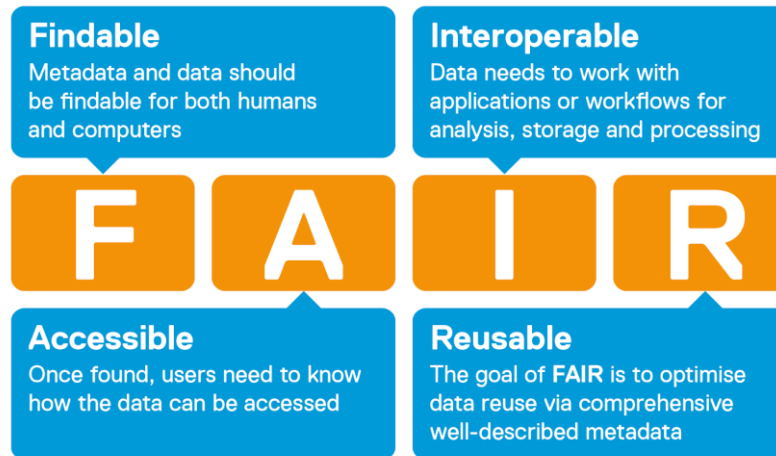
Quality of Metadata : Usage, Scope, Provenance, Persistence, Standardization, Interoperability, Quality, Earliness, Availability

Quality of Data Resources : Quality of data generation, Quality of data repository, Quality of data usage

Compliance to FAIR

Data management

The focus is on FAIRness.



The basic PITHIA-NRF data collections are assessed against a full list of FAIR data maturity model indicators.

Our ambition is to bring PITHIA-NRF facility nodes to achieve FAIRness, through the e-science center.




PITHIA-NRF e-Science center





Search & Browse



Search Data Collections



Browse Metadata

Admin Functionalities

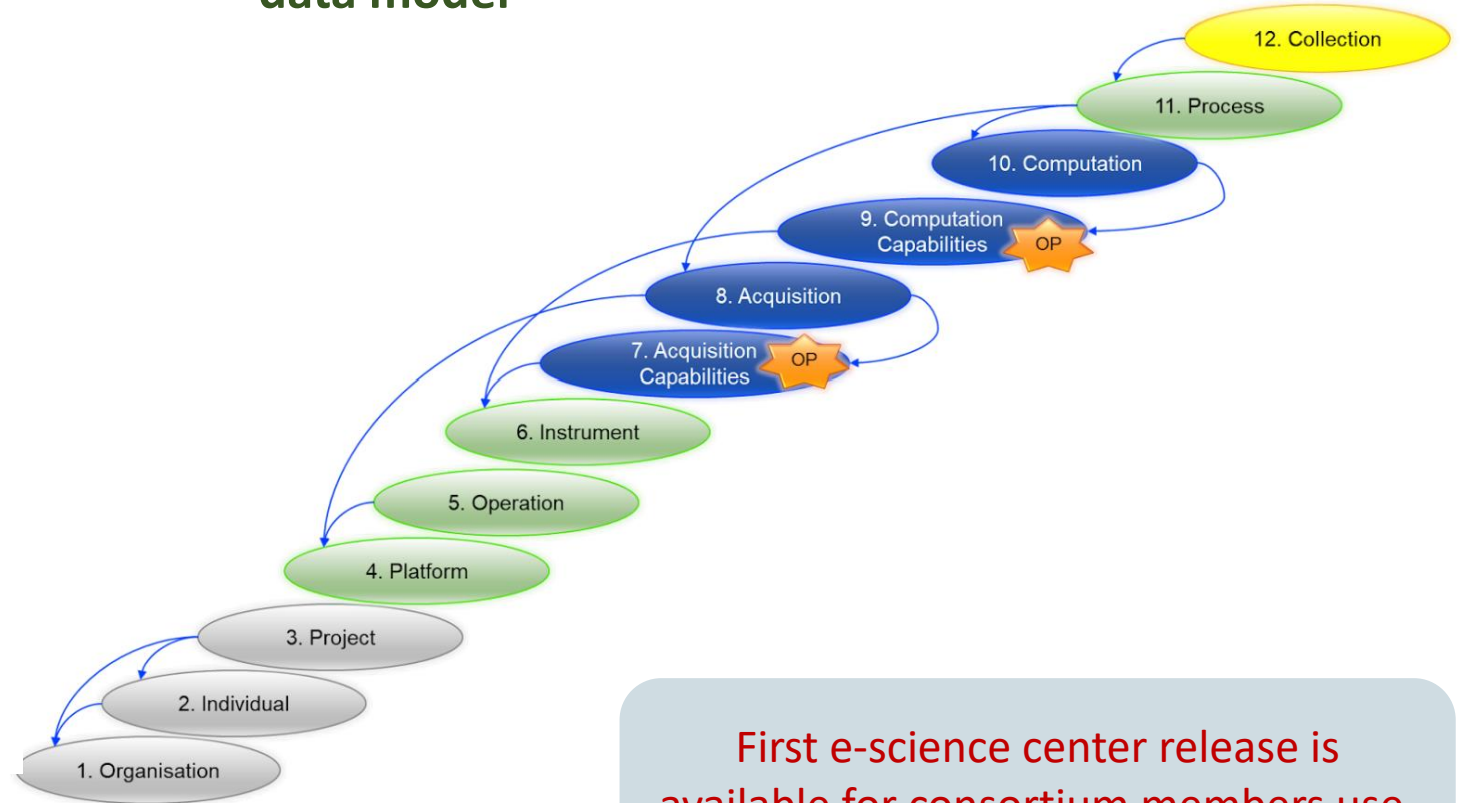

Register & Manage Metadata


Metadata Registration Guide


Metadata Models


Space Physics Ontology

12 STEPS of Registration based on the ESPAS ISO 19156 data model



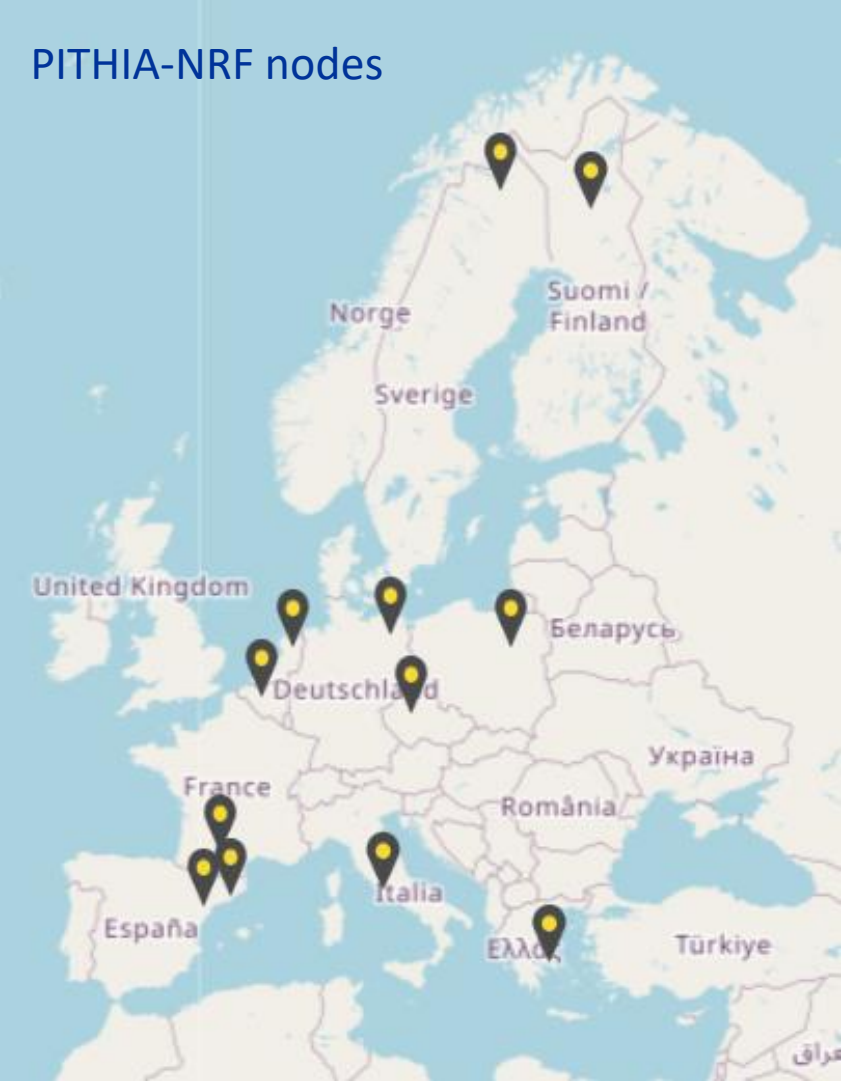
First e-science center release is available for consortium members use. ~350 XML files are registered



TransNational Access

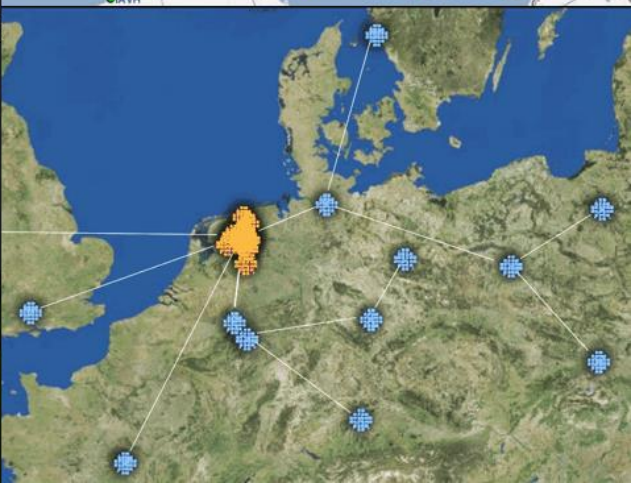
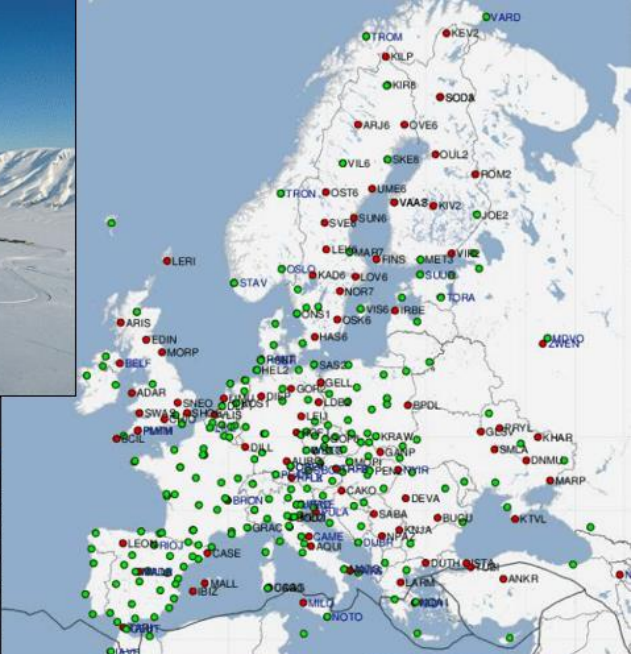
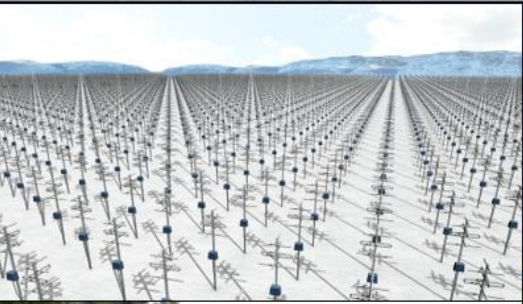


PITHIA-NRF nodes



TNA Calls

- First TNA Call
- Second TNA Call
- Third TNA Call
- Fourth TNA Call





Supporting actions for the TNAs



PITHIA-NRF WOOS

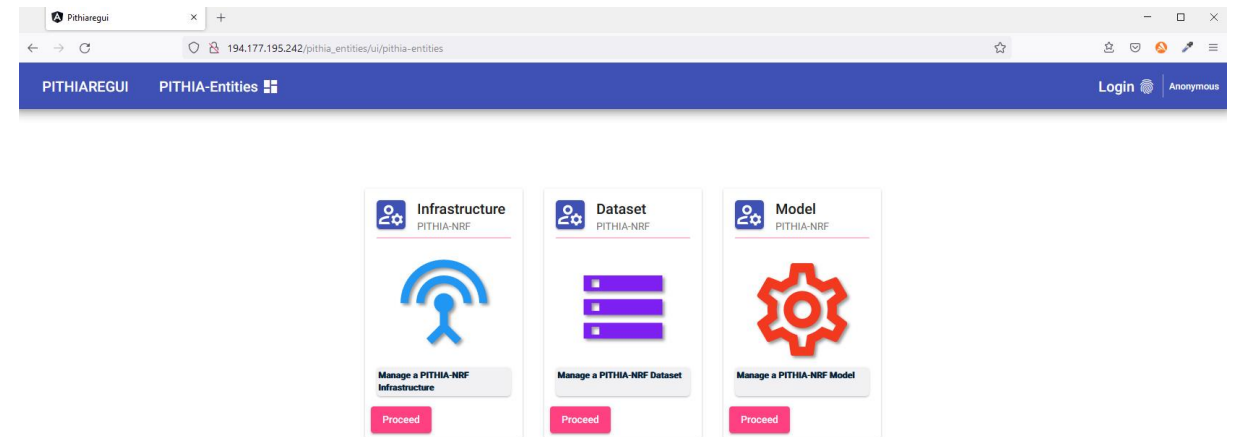
Workshops on Optimization of Observing Strategies:

- 1st WOOS (18 May 2021) - online
- 2nd WOOS (20&21 June 2022) - hybrid

Decisions are taken regarding:

- Research priorities within each node
- Joint experiments among several nodes
- Organization of special observing campaigns
- Development of knowledge books

PITHIA-NRF knowledge books



Provides information about the technical characteristics and operational status of the observing instruments.

<https://pithia-nrf.eu/pithia-nrf-users/knowledge-book>



PITHIA-NRF Training & Innovation



Training for Partners Workshops

TPW#1

The 1st Training for Partners Workshop was organised on 8&9 November 2021 with the participation of 53 members from the PITHIA-NRF beneficiaries and third parties.

You can find more about the 1st Training for Partners Workshop [here](#).

TPW#2

The 2nd Training for Partners Workshop was organised on 28&29 March 2022 with the participation of 53 members from the PITHIA-NRF beneficiaries and third parties.

You can find more about the 2nd Training for Partners Workshop [here](#).

TPW#3

PITHIA-NRF organises the **Third Training for Partners Workshop (TPW#3)** on 26-28 September 2022. The workshop will be held in **ASTRON, Dwingeloo, the Netherlands** and it will be **hybrid**. The local organiser is [NWO-I](#).

The TPW#3 will focus on the e-Science Centre updates, the ontology updates, the integration, and the Data Management Policies and FAIR data maturity assessment.

You can find more about the 3rd Training for Partners Workshop [here](#).

TPW#4

PITHIA-NRF organises the **Fourth Training for Partners Workshop (TPW#4)** on 16 March 2023. The workshop will be held in **RMI, Brussels, Belgium** and it will be **hybrid**. The local organiser is [IRM/KMI](#).

You can find more about the 4th Training for Partners Workshop [here](#).

TPW#5

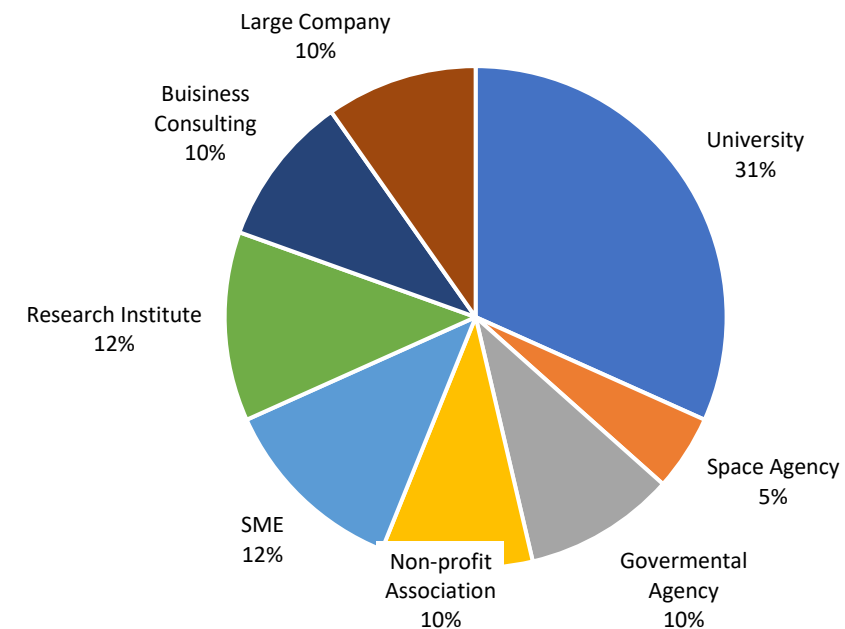
It is planned to take place in month 30 of the project.

Innovation Days

PITHIA-NRF services mitigating the socio-economic impacts of the upper atmosphere effects.



- Use the TNA tool for developments
- Use the e-science center to register data
- Use the e-science center as data source





PITHIA-NRF Plans for the 2nd period

Joint Research Activities

- Improve the functionalities of the e-science center for data mining and interaction between models
- Register as many as possible data collections from the project beneficiaries and external providers

Trans National Access Activities

- Issue more open TNA calls – improve the advertisement
- Organize more users' meetings
- Encourage and support users to publish their results

Networking Activities

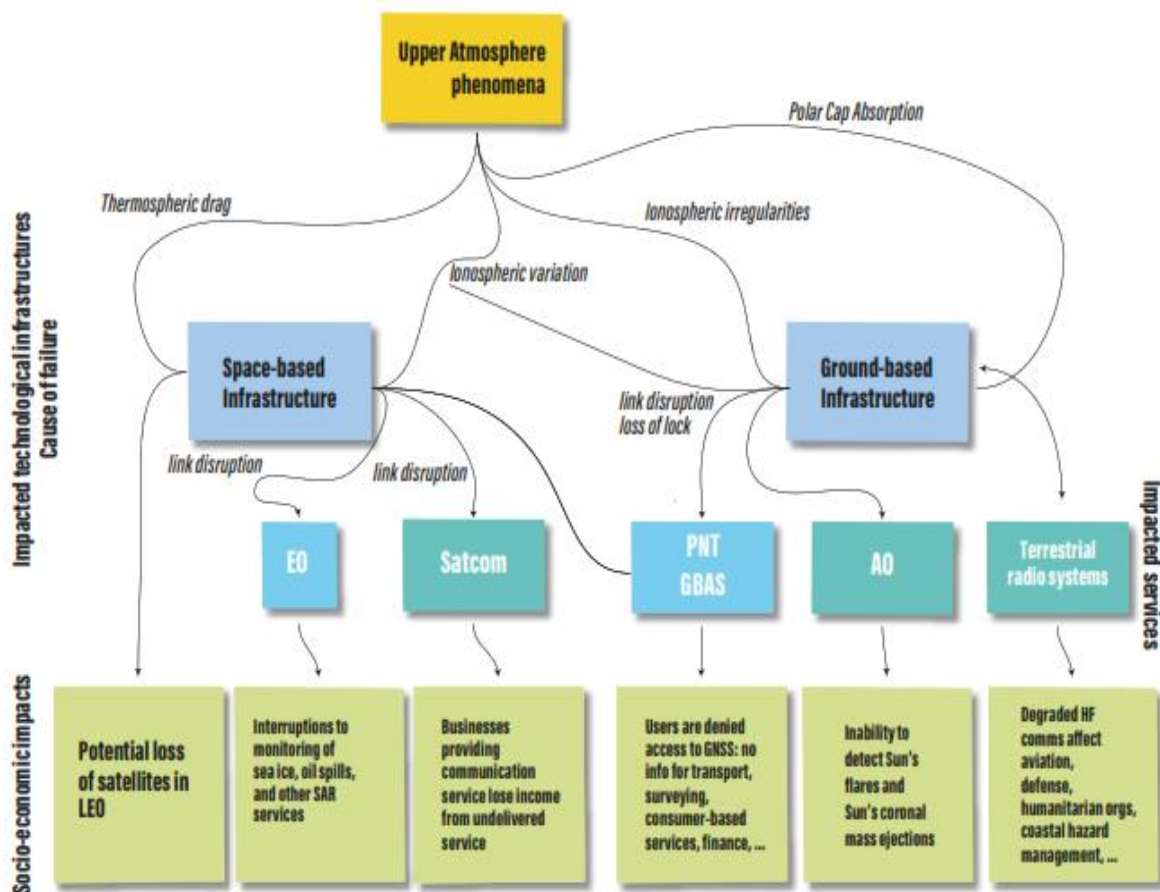
- Intensify Integration following EOSC and community standards
- Optimize further the observing strategies between complementary experiments in the network nodes
- Develop the sustainability plan in coordination with the exploitation and innovation groups
- Encourage further involvement of network stakeholders to innovative developments
- Actively involve young researchers through access and training
- Strengthen links with other projects and international programmes



About the 2nd Innovation Day



Innovation activities in PITHIA-NRF target at maximizing the socio-economic impacts of the investment made by the Horizon 2020 in Research Infrastructures.



PITHIA-NRF innovation platform provides innovative solutions for the development of software and high-level data products including:

- Standardization of **data registration**, discovery and access in compliance to FAIR criteria.
- Standardization of **scientific models' registration**, and workflow solutions for research, development and innovation.
- Standardization of **policies for the optimized operation** of experimental facilities.
- Subsidized **trans-national access to research facilities** for academics and SMEs.



Thank you for your attention!

WEB: <https://www.pithia-nrf.eu>



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