



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability

- Make your OSC future proof
 - “Success is when a project continues after you leave”
- **Knowledge** is transferred
- **Financial** means are available



Financial Sustainability

- How could you secure structural funding?
- Example for OSC-NL
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0.5 In 2025, all Open Science Communities (OSCs) are thriving, and form an entry point of research community engagement for NPOS actions. The scope of OSCs has extended beyond academia and includes all research performing organisations (e.g. Universities of Applied Science). There is structural financial support available to warrant the capacity for community building and community management in a sustainable manner.

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In the Netherlands it is recognized that the transition towards an open academic culture requires a lively network of Open Science Communities (OSC-NL) focusing on peer-to-peer learning of OS principles and practices. In this proposal, the OSC-NL Board suggests to install an OSC-NL Executive Team that supports them, working on: 1. Improved knowledge exchange, community management and sustainability of our local OSCs 2. Professionalising the network 3. Expansion of the network. This investment will act as a multiplier on current investments in local OSCs and will accelerate the transition to OS from the bottom-up.



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- (International) projects have provided funding to train new OSCs in an incubator programme and develop a starters kit.



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Financial Sustainability Questions

How could you secure structural funding?

You can use the document in the Toolkit to note down considerations around financial sustainability and potential funding sources that you want to explore in the coming period.

In most cases funding for the OSCs is limited and insecure, or – in the worst case – even absent.

So it is important to start thinking about how to obtain structural funding from your institution or other sources, for instance for the role of community manager. It is recommended to think about different actions you can take to explore possibilities for funding, on the level of your local institution, regional or national grants as well as support from EU or international resources.

Use this template to describe your plans and actions for the next six months and review this regularly.

Actions

Deadline

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

