EDISON Data Science Framework (EDSF) as a foundation for the Data Science profession definition and sustainable skills development

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Outline

• Background
  – Recent EU Initiatives, European Digital Single Market (DSM) and demand for data enabled skills
• EDISON Data Science Framework (EDSF)
  – From Data Science Competences and Skills to Body of Knowledge and Model Curriculum
  – Data Science Profession Profiles family and organisational skills management
• Use of EDSF for Data Science curricula design
  – Research Data Management
  – Professional issues in Data Science
• Activities and initiatives worldwide to establish Data (Science) professions family
  – BHEF, DARE/APEC, IEEE/ACM
• Summary and discussion
Visionaries and Drivers: Seminal works, High level reports, Activities


Riding the wave: How Europe can gain from the rising tide of scientific data. Final report of the High Level Expert Group on Scientific Data. October 2010. [URL]

The Data Harvest: How sharing research data can yield knowledge, jobs and growth. An RDA Europe Report. December 2014 [URL]

HLEG report on European Open Science Cloud (October 2016)

Emergence of Cognitive Technologies (IBM Watson and others)
Recent European Commission Initiatives 2016


- The need for **new multidisciplinary and digital skills in particular Data Scientist**
  - Expected rapidly growing demand will lead to more than 800 000 unfilled vacancies by 2020


- **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)** and European digital research and data infrastructure
  - To offer 1.7 million European researchers and 70 million professionals in science and technology open and seamless services for *storage, management, analysis and re-use* of research data
- Address growing demand and shortage of data-related skills


- Addresses the need for digital and complementary skills, ensure young talents flow into data driven research and industry
- Launch **Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition** (1st December 2016, Brussels) to develop comprehensive national digital skills strategies by mid-2017
Demand for Data Science and data related professions

- McKinsey Global Institute on Big Data Jobs (2011)
  - Estimated gap of 140,000 - 190,000 data analytics skills by 2018

- UK Big Data skills report 2014
  - 6400 UK organisations with 100+ staff will have implemented Big Data Analytics by 2020
  - Increase of Big Data jobs from 21,400 (2013) to 56,000 (2017)

  - Number of data workers 6.1 mln (2014) - increase 5.7% from 2013
  - Average number of data workers per company 9.5 - increase 4.4%
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- HLEG report on European Open Science Cloud (October 2016) identified need for data experts and data stewards
  - Recommendation: Allocate 5% grant funding for Data management and preservation
  - Estimation: More than 80,000 data stewards (1 per every 20 scientists)
  - Core Data Experts (as defined) need to be trained and their career perspective improved
Industry report on Data Science Analytics and Data enabled skills demand

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- PwC and BHEF report “Investing in America’s data science and analytics talent: The case for action” (April 2017)
- Burning Glass Technology, IBM, and BHEF report “The Quant Crunch: How the demand for Data Science Skills is disrupting the job Market” (April 2017)
OECD

• Demand for new type of “dynamic self-re-skilling workforce”
• Continuous learning and professional development to become a shared responsibility of workers and organisations

[ref] SKILLS FOR A DIGITAL WORLD, OECD, 25-May-2016

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• Data Revolution Report "A WORLD THAT COUNTS"
  Presented to Secretary-General (2014)
  http://www.undatarevolution.org/report/
• Data Literacy is defined as key for digital revolution
• **Data literacy** = critically analyse data collected and data visualised
• EDISON Data Science Framework (EDSF)
  – Compliant with EU standards on competences and professional occupations e-CFv3.0, ESCO
  – Customisable courses design for targeted education and training

• Skills development and career management for Core Data Experts and related data handling professions

• Capacity building and Data Science team design

• Academic programmes and professional training courses (self) assessment and design

• EU network of Champion universities pioneering Data Science academic programmes

• Engagement in relevant RDA activities and groups

• Cooperation with International professional organisations IEEE, ACM, BHEF, APEC (AP Economic Cooperation)
EDISON Data Science Framework (EDSF)

EDISON Framework components
- CF-DS – Data Science Competence Framework
- DS-BoK – Data Science Body of Knowledge
- MC-DS – Data Science Model Curriculum
- DSP – Data Science Professional profiles
- Data Science Taxonomies and Scientific Disciplines Classification
- EOEE - EDISON Online Education Environment

Methodology
- ESDF development based on job market study, existing practices in academic, research and industry.
- Review and feedback from the ELG, expert community, domain experts.
- Input from the champion universities and community of practice.
Data Scientist definition

Based on the definitions by NIST Big Data WG (NIST SP1500 - 2015)

• **A Data Scientist is a practitioner who has sufficient knowledge in the overlapping regimes of expertise in business needs, domain knowledge, analytical skills, and programming and systems engineering expertise to manage the end-to-end scientific method process through each stage in the big data lifecycle**
  – … Till the delivery of an **expected scientific and business value** to science or industry

• **Other definitions to admit such features as**
  – Ability to solve variety of business problems
  – Optimize performance and suggest new services for the organisation
  – Develop a special mindset and be statistically minded, **understand raw data** and “**appreciate data as a first class product**”

• **Data science** is the empirical synthesis of actionable knowledge and technologies required to handle data from raw data through the complete data lifecycle process.

• **Big Data** is the technology to build system and infrastructures to process large volume of structurally complex data in a time effective way

[ref] Legacy: NIST BDWG definition of Data Science
Identified Data Science Competence Groups

- Core Data Science competences/skills groups
  - **Data Science Analytics** (including Statistical Analysis, Machine Learning, Business Analytics)
  - **Data Science Engineering** (including Software and Applications Engineering, Data Warehousing, Big Data Infrastructure and Tools)
  - **Domain Knowledge and Expertise** (Subject/Scientific domain related)

- EDISON identified 5 core competence groups demanded by organisations
  - **Data Management, Curation, Preservation**
  - **Scientific or Research Methods and vs Business Processes/Operations**

- Other skills commonly recognized aka “soft skills” or “21st Century Skills”
  - Inter-personal skills and team work, cooperativeness

- Important aspect of integrating Data Scientist (team) into organisation structure
  - General Data Science (and Data) **literacy** for all involved roles and management
  - **Role of Data Scientist: Provide a kind of literacy advice and guidance to organisation**
Data Science Competence Groups - Research

Data Science Competences include 5 groups:
- Data Science Analytics
- Data Science Engineering
- Domain Knowledge and Expertise
- Data Management
- Scientific Methods or Business Process Management

Scientific Methods:
- Design Experiment
- Collect Data
- Analyse Data
- Identify Patterns
- Hypothesise Explanation
- Test Hypothesis

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- Plan
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- Monitor & Control
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<td>Use appropriate statistical techniques and predictive analytics on available data to deliver insights and discover new relations</td>
<td>Develop and implement data management strategy for data collection, storage, preservation, and availability for further processing.</td>
<td>Use engineering principles to research, design, develop and implement new instruments and applications for data collection, analysis and management</td>
<td>Create new understandings and capabilities by using the scientific method (hypothesis, test/artefact, evaluation) or similar engineering methods to discover new approaches to create new knowledge and achieve research or organisational goals</td>
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EDISON Data Science Framework (EDSF)
Identified Data Science *Skills/Experience* Groups

- **Group 1: Skills/experience related to competences**
  - Data Analytics and Machine Learning
  - Data Management/Curation (including both general data management and scientific data management)
  - Data Science Engineering (hardware and software) skills
  - Scientific/Research Methods or Business Process Management
  - Application/subject domain related (research or business)
  - Mathematics and Statistics

- **Group 2: Big Data (Data Science) tools and platforms**
  - Big Data Analytics platforms
  - Mathematics & Statistics applications & tools
  - Databases (SQL and NoSQL)
  - Data Management and Curation platform
  - Data and applications visualisation
  - *Cloud based platforms and tools*

- **Group 3: Programming and programming languages and IDE**
  - General and specialized development platforms for data analysis and statistics

- **Group 4: Soft skills or 21st Century Skills**
  - Personal, inter-personal communication, team work, professional network
1. **Critical Thinking:** Demonstrating the ability to apply critical thinking skills to solve problems and make effective decisions

2. **Communication:** Understanding and communicating ideas

3. **Collaboration:** Working with others, appreciation of multicultural difference

4. **Creativity and Attitude:** Deliver high quality work and focus on final result, initiative, intellectual risk

5. **Planning & Organizing:** Planning and prioritizing work to manage time effectively and accomplish assigned tasks

6. **Business Fundamentals:** Having fundamental knowledge of the organization and the industry

7. **Customer Focus:** Actively look for ways to identify market demands and meet customer or client needs

8. **Working with Tools & Technology:** Selecting, using, and maintaining tools and technology to facilitate work activity

9. **Dynamic (self-) re-skilling:** Continuously monitor individual knowledge and skills as shared responsibility between employer and employee, ability to adopt to changes

10. **Professional networking:** Involvement and contribution to professional network activities

11. **Ethics:** Adhere to high ethical and professional norms, responsible use of power data driven technologies, avoid and disregard un-ethical use of technologies and biased data collection and presentation

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21st Century Skills – Different views of the same

- New model in skills management: Shared responsibility between employee and employer
- Millennials factor: development and mobility
Practical Application of the CF-DS

• Basis for the definition of the Data Science Body of Knowledge (DS-BoK) and Data Science Model Curriculum (MC-DS)
  – CF-DS => Learning Outcomes (MC-DS) => Knowledge Areas (DS-BoK)
  – CF-DS => Data Science taxonomy of scientific subjects and vocabulary

• Data Science professional profiles definition
  – Extend existing EU standards and occupations taxonomies: e-CFv3.0, ESCO, others

• Professional competence benchmarking
  – For customizable training and career development
  – Including CV or organisational profiles matching

• Professional certification
  – In combination with DS-BoK professional competences benchmarking

• Vacancy construction tool for job advertisement (for HR)
  – Using controlled vocabulary and Data Science Taxonomy
DSP Profiles mapping to ESCO Taxonomy
High Level Groups

• DSP Profiles mapping to corresponding CF-DS Competence Groups
  – Relevance level from 5 – maximum to 1 – minimum
Data Science Professions Family

**Managers:** Chief Data Officer (CDO), Data Science (group/dept) manager, Data Science infrastructure manager, Research Infrastructure manager

**Professionals:** Data Scientist, Data Science Researcher, Data Science Architect, Data Science (applications) programmer/engineer, Data Analyst, Business Analyst, etc.

**Professional (database):** Large scale (cloud) database designers and administrators, scientific database designers and administrators

**Professional (data handling/management):** Data Stewards, Digital Data Curator, Digital Librarians, Data Archivists

**Technicians and associate professionals:** Big Data facilities operators, scientific database/infrastructure operators

**Support workers and data handling clerks:** User support workers, data entry clerks, data entry field workers

Icons used: Credit to [ref] https://www.datacamp.com/community/tutorials/data-science-industry-infographic
Mapping DS Profiles to Competence Map

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Education and Training

• Foundation and methodological base
  – Data Science Body of Knowledge (DS-BoK)
    • Taxonomy and classification of Data Science related scientific subjects
  – Data Science Model Curriculum (MC-DS)
    • Set Learning Units mapped to CF-DS Learning and DS-BoK Knowledge Areas/Units
  – Instructional methodologies and teaching models

• Platforms and environment
  – Virtual labs, datasets, developments platforms
  – Online education environment and courses management

• Services
  – Individual benchmarking and profiling tools (competence assessment)
  – Knowledge evaluation tools
  – Certifications and training for self-made Data Scientists practitioners
  – Education and training marketplace: Courses catalog and repository
• **Competence** is a demonstrated ability to apply knowledge, skills and attitudes for achieving observable results.
DS-BoK Knowledge Area Groups (KAG)

- **KAG1-DSA**: Data Analytics group including Machine Learning, statistical methods, and Business Analytics
- **KAG2-DSE**: Data Science Engineering group including Software and infrastructure engineering
- **KAG3-DSDM**: *Data Management group including data curation, preservation and data infrastructure*
- **KAG4-DSRM**: *Scientific/Research Methods group*
- **KAG5-DSBP**: Business process management group

- Data Science domain knowledge to be defined by related expert groups
Data Science Model Curriculum includes

• Learning Outcomes (LO) definition based on CF-DS
  – LOs are defined for CF-DS competence groups and for all enumerated competences

• LOs mapping to Learning Units (LU)
  – LUs are based on CCS(2012) and universities best practices
  – Data Science university programmes and courses inventory (interactive)
    http://edison-project.eu/university-programs-list

• LU/course relevance: Mandatory Tier 1, Tier 2, Elective, Prerequisite

• Learning methods and learning models (in progress)
Example DS-BoK Knowledge Areas definition and mapping to existing BoKs and CCS (2012)

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| KAG1-D5DA: Data Analytics group (including Machine Learning, statistical methods) | Theory of computation | Design and Analysis of Algorithms | CCS2012: Theory of computation  
| | | | Design and analysis of algorithms  
| | | | Data structures design and  |
| KAG2-DSENG: Data Science Engineering group including Software and infrastructural engineering | Computer systems organisation for Big Data | Parallel and Distributed Computer Architecture | CCS2012: Computer systems organization Architectures  
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- Mapping suggested to CCS2012 and existing BoKs
Example MC-DS Mapping Learning Units to DS-BoK and CCS (2012)

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- Mapping suggested to ACM CCS2012, DS-BoK and other related BoKs
Outcome Based Educations and Training Model

- Data Science Competence Framework (CF-DS) → DS Professional Profiles (DSP-P)
- Knowledge Units (KU) (DS-BoK) → Learning Outcomes (LO) (OBE Learning Model)
- Learning Units (LU) (MC-DS) → Tracks/Specialisations (based on DSP-P) (LO, LU, KU, courses/modules)

- DS Academic Programmes
  - Courses → LO/KU/LU/DSP-P
- DS Professional Training
  - Modules → LO/KU/LU/DSP-P

From Competences and DSP Profiles to Learning Outcomes (LO) and to Knowledge Unites (KU) and Learning Units (LU)

• EDSF allow for customized educational courses and training modules design
Individual Competences Benchmarking

Individual Education/Training Path based on Competence benchmarking

- Red polygon indicates the chosen professional profile: Data Scientist (general)
- Green polygon indicates the candidate or practitioner competences/skills profile
- Insufficient competences (gaps) are highlighted in red
  - DSDA01 – DSDA06 Data Science Analytics
  - DSRM01 – DSRM05 Data Science Research Methods
- Can be use for team skills match marking and organisational skills management

[ref] For DSP Profiles definition and for enumerated competences refer to EDSF documents CF-DS and DSP Profiles.
Building a Data Science Team

- Data Science Group Manager, Data Science Architect
  - Data Engineer, Database Developer
  - Data Scientist
  - Data Analyst/Business Analyst
  - Data Science Applications Developer
  - Data Steward
  - Data Steward

Data Collection
- Data Source (Experiment, Data Driven Application)
- Data Entry/Support
- Data Facilities Operator

Data Ingest
- Data Steward

Data Analysis
- Data Steward
- Data Scientist
- Data Analyst/Business Analyst
- Data Science Applications Developer

Results, Actionable Data
- Data Steward
- Data Steward

Data Visualisation, Reporting, Storage
- Data Science Researcher
- Business Analyst

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Data Science or Data Management Group/Department

>> Reporting to CDO/CTO/CEO
- Providing cross-organizational services

• (Managing) Data Science Architect (1)
• Data Scientist (1), Data Analyst (1)
• Data Science Application programmer (2)
• Data Infrastructure/facilities administrator/operator: storage, cloud, computing (1)
• **Data stewards**, curators, archivists (3-5)

Estimated: Group of 10-12 data specialists for research institution of 200-300 research staff.

Growing role and demand for Data Stewards and data stewardship
Data Stewards – A rising new role in Data Science ecosystem

• Data Stewards as a key bridging role between Data Scientists as (hard)core data experts and scientific domain researchers

• Current definition of Data Steward (part of Data Science Professional profiles)
  – Data Steward is a data handling and management professional whose responsibilities include planning, implementing and managing (research) data input, storage, search, and presentation. Data Steward creates data model for domain specific data, support and advice domain scientists/ researchers during the whole research cycle and data management lifecycle.
New courses currently missing

• Data Management / Research Data Management
  – Data Curation, Data Stewardship

• Professional issues in Data Science
  – Including Ethics and responsible use of Data Science
DM-BoK version 2 “Guide for performing data management”

- 11 Knowledge Areas
  1. Data Governance
  2. Data Architecture
  3. Data Modelling and Design
  4. Data Storage and Operations
  5. Data Security
  6. Data Integration and Interoperability
  7. Documents and Content
  8. Reference and Master Data
  9. Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence
  10. Metadata
  11. Data Quality

Other Knowledge Areas motivated by RDA, European Open Data initiatives, European Open Data Cloud

- 12. PID, metadata, data registries
- 13. Data Management Plan
- 14. Open Science, Open Data, Open Access, ORCID
- 15. Responsible data use

- Highlighted in red: Considered (Research) Data Management literacy (minimum required knowledge)
A. Use cases for data management and stewardship
   • Preserving the Scientific Record

B. Data Management elements (organisational and individual)
   • Goals and motivation for managing your data
   • Data formats
   • Creating documentation and metadata, metadata for discovery
   • Using data portals and metadata registries
   • Tracking Data Usage
   • Handling sensitive data
   • Backing up your data
   • Data Management Plan (DMP) - to be a part of hands on session

C. Responsible Data Use Section (Citation, Copyright, Data Restrictions)
D. Open Science and Open Data (Definition, Standards, Open Data use and reuse, open government data)
   • Research data and open access
   • Repository and self-archiving services
   • ORCID identifier for data
   • Stakeholders and roles: engineer, librarian, researcher
   • Open Data services: ORCID.org, Altmetric Doughnut, Zenodo

E. Hands on:
   a) Data Management Plan design
   b) Metadata and tools
   c) Selection of licenses for open data and contents (e.g. Creative Common and Open Database)
Professional Issues in Data Science

- Data Science subjects/disciplines/components/technologies
- Research Data Management and RDM Plan
  - Including data format, metadata
- Open Data and Open Science
- Data related skills and career management
  - Including Data Science certification
- Responsible Data Science and professional ethics
- 21st Century Skills
- Data protection, data privacy, data security
EDSF Recognition, Endorsement and Implementation

- **DARE (Data Analytics Rising Employment)** project by APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation)
  - DARE project Advisory Council meeting 4-5 May 2017, Singapore
- **PcW and BHEF Report “Investing in America’s data science and analytics talent”** April 2017
  - Quotes EDSF and Amsterdam School of Data Science
- **Dutch Ministry of Education recommended EDSF** as a basis for university curricula on Data Science
  - Workshop “Be Prepared for Big Data in the Cloud: Dutch Initiatives for personalized medicine and health research & toward a national action programme for data science training”, Amsterdam 28 June 2016
- **European Champion Universities network**
  - 1st Conference (13-14 July, UK), 2nd Conference (14-15 March, Madrid, Spain)
  - 3rd Conference 19-20 June 2017, Warsaw
• Next EDSF release 2 (planned for June 2017) will link competences to skills and knowledge

• Final EDSF project deliverables (due August 2017) will include:
  – Data Science Education Sustainability Roadmap
    • Will involve wide consultation with experts community and also with EU policy makers
    • Will be reviewed by the EDISON Liaisons Groups (ELG)
  – Certification Framework for at least two levels of Data Science competences proficiency
    • Consultation with few certification providers is in the progress

• Toward EDSF and Data Science profession standardisation
  – ESCO (European Skills, Competences and Occupations) taxonomy – extending with the Data Science related occupations, competences and skills
  – CEN TC428 (European std body) – Extending current eCFv3.0 and ICT profiles towards e-CF4 with Data Science related competences
  – Work with the IEEE and ACM curriculum workshop to define Data Science Curriculum and extend current CCS2012 (Classification Computer Science 2012)

• Number of Case studies is planned in cooperation with active EU projects EDSA, EOSCpilot, BDVe, etc. (not limited to the project lifetime)
Further developments and Next steps (2)

- The EDISON project legacy will include (linked to the current project website and migrated to CP in the future)
  - EDSF – EDISON Data Science Framework
  - Data Science Community Portal (CP) - [http://datasciencepro.eu/](http://datasciencepro.eu/)
  - EDISON project network including
    - EDISON Liaison Groups
    - Data Science Champions conference
    - Cooperative networks with European Research Infrastructures (e.g. HEP, Bioinformatics, Environment and Biodiversity, Maritime, etc),
    - International cooperative links BHEF, APEC, IEEE, ACM

- Applications and tools development
  - Prototypes will be produced in the timeline of the project but further development is a subject to additional funding

- Sustainability of the project legacy/products will be ensured by the project partners voluntarily for the period at least 3 years
  - EDSF will be maintained by UvA
  - CP by Engineering (Italy)
Further developments and Next steps (3)

• Further dissemination, engagement and outreach activity
  – Publishing final deliverables as BCP and books
  – Data Science Manifesto – Primarily focused on professional and ethical issues in Data Science, new type of professional
  – Inter-universities initiative “Data Science for UN’s Sustainable Development Goals” to focus in-curricula research (projects) on UN priority goals

• Wider engagement into EOSC activities related to RI Data related skills management and capacity building
Summary: Services and References

- EDISON Website [http://edison-project.eu/](http://edison-project.eu/)
- Directory of University programs [http://edison-project.eu/university-programs-list](http://edison-project.eu/university-programs-list)
- Survey Data Science Competences: Invitation to participate [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDISON_project_-_Defining_Data_science_profession](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDISON_project_-_Defining_Data_science_profession)
- Competences benchmarking and tailored training for practitioners
- Data Science Curriculum advice and design for universities
- Data Science team building and organizational roles profiling
Links to EDISON Resources

- **EDISON project website** [http://edison-project.eu/](http://edison-project.eu/)

- **EDISON Data Science Framework Release 1 (EDSF)**
  - Data Science Competence Framework
  - Data Science Body of Knowledge
  - Data Science Model Curriculum
  - Data Science Professional Profiles

- **Survey Data Science Competences: Invitation to participate**
  [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDISON_project - Defining_Data_science_profession](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDISON_project - Defining_Data_science_profession)
Other related links

- Amsterdam School of Data Science
  - [https://www.schoolofdatascience.amsterdam/](https://www.schoolofdatascience.amsterdam/)
  - [https://www.schoolofdatascience.amsterdam/education/](https://www.schoolofdatascience.amsterdam/education/)

- Research Data Alliance interest Group on Education and Training on Handling of Research Data (IG-ETHRD)
  - [https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/education-and-training-handling-research-data.html](https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/education-and-training-handling-research-data.html)

- PwC and BHEF report “Investing in America’s data science and analytics talent: The case for action” (April 2017)

- Burning Glass Technology, IBM, and BHEF report “The Quant Crunch: How the demand for Data Science Skills is disrupting the job Market” (April 2017)
European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

• Definition of the **Data Steward** as a distinctive role and profession
  – Core Data Experts need to be trained and their career perspective improved

• Estimation: More than 80,000 data stewards to serve 1.7 mln scientists in Europe (1 per every 20 scientists)
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• **Core Data Experts** is a new class of colleagues with core scientific professional competencies and the communication skills to fill the gap between the two cultures.
  – **Core data experts** are neither computer savvy research scientists nor are they hard-core data or computer scientists or software engineers.
  – They should be technical data experts, though proficient enough in the content domain where they work routinely from the very beginning (experimental design, proposal writing) until the very end of the data discovery cycle
  – Converge two communities:
    • Scientists need to be educated to the point where they hire, support and respect Core Data Experts
    • Data Scientists (Core Data Experts) need to bring the value to scientific research and organisations
• Implementation of the EOSC needs to include instruments to help train, retain and recognise this expertise,
  – In order to support the 1.7 million scientists and over 70 million people working in innovation.
• **I2.1**: Set initial guiding principles to kick-start the initiative as quickly as possible. -> Bridge two cultures/communities
  – A first cohort of core data experts should be trained to translate the needs for data driven science into technical specifications to be discussed with hard-core data scientists and engineers.
  – This new class of core data experts will also help translate back to the hard-core scientists the technical opportunities and limitations

• **I3**: Fund a concerted effort to develop core data expertise in Europe.
  – Substantial training initiative in Europe to locate, create, maintain and sustain the required core data expertise.
  – **By 2022**, to train (hundreds of thousands of) certified core data experts with a demonstrable effect on ESFRI/e-INFRA activities and prospects for long-term sustainability of this critical human resource
    • Consolidate and further develop assisting material and tools for Data Management Plans and Data Stewardship plans (including long-term preservation in FAIR status)

• **I7**: Provide a clear operational timeline to deal with the early preparatory phase of the EOSC.
  – Define training needs for the necessary data expertise and draw models for the necessary training infrastructure
Approach Skills demand for EOSC

• Task is not for one community or one project
  – Need collaboration between different stakeholders and communities: academia, research, industry, public sector

• Task is not for science or RI only in isolation from industry and academia

• Needs strong conceptual approach
  – Use science to solve the problems of science

• Standardisation is an important factor of sustainability and development
Data Scientist and Subject Domain Specialist

- **Subject domain components**
  - Model (and data types)
  - Methods
  - Processes
  - Domain specific data and presentation/visualization methods
  - Organisational roles and relations

- **Data Scientist is an assistant to Subject Domain Specialists**
  - Translate subject domain Model, Methods, Processes into abstract data driven form
  - Implement computational models in software, build required infrastructure and tools
  - Do (computational) analytic work and present it in a form understandable to subject domain
  - Discover new relations originated from data analysis and advice subject domain specialist
  - Present/visualise information in domain related actionable way
  - Interact and cooperate with different organizational roles to obtain data and deliver results and/or actionable data
Data Science and Subject Domains

Data Science domain components

- Data structures & databases/storage
- Visualisation
- Abstract data driven models
- Data Analytics methods
- Data and Applications Lifecycle Management

Cross-organisational assistive role

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- Processes
- Organisational roles

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Data Scientist role is to maintain the Data Value Chain (domain specific):
- Data Integration => Organisation/Process/Business Optimisation => Innovation
EDSF: How CF-DS was constructed

• Background: Standards and Best Practices
• Jobs market analysis: Demanded Data Science Competences and Skills
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- **e-CFv3.0 - European e-Competence Framework for IT**
  - Structured by 4 Dimensions and organizational processes
    - Competence Areas: Plan – Build – Run – Enable - Manage
    - Competences: total defined 40 competences
    - Proficiency levels: identified 5 levels linked to professional education levels
    - Skills and Knowledge

- **CWA 16458 (2012): European ICT Professional Profiles Family Tree**
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**New Joint Initiative ACM, IEEE, ASA, AAAS, AIS, ACH**

To develop Data Science curriculum

Currently work on e-CF4 is moved to CEN TC 428
To be extended with Data Science competences
Jobs market analysis: Demanded Data Science Competences and Skills

- Initial Analysis (period Aug – Sept 2015) -> Continuous monitoring (in development)
  - IEEE Data Science Jobs (World but majority US)
    - Collected > 120, selected for analysis > 30
  - LinkedIn Data Science Jobs (NL)
    - Collected > 140, selected for analysis > 30
  - Existing studies and reports + numerous blogs & forums

- Analysis methods
  - Data analytics methods: classification, clustering, feature extraction
  - Research methods: Data collection - Hypothesis – Artefact - Evaluation
  - Expert evaluation by EDISON Liaison Groups (ELG), multiple workshops
Skills and Capacity Management Challenges Addressed by EDSF

1. Guide researchers in using right methods and tools, latest Data Analytics technologies to extracting value from scientific data

2. Educate and train RI engineers dev to build modern data intensive research infrastructure and understand trends and project for future

3. Develop new data analytics tools and ensure continuous improvement (agile model, DevOps)

4. Correctly organise and manage data, make them accessible (adhering FAIR principles), education new profession of Data Stewards

5. Help managers to facilitate career dev for researchers and organise effective teams

6. Ensure skills and expertise sustain in organisation

7. Help research institutions to sustain in competition with industry and business in data science talent hunting