

Launch of SSHOC-CH Working Groups

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SSHOC-CH Working Groups (WGs)



As part of the SSHOC-CH mission to ensure the **exchange and cooperation** of research infrastructures, to **identify and create synergies**, and, where possible, to develop **joint platforms and services or make existing ones interoperable**, the SSHOC-CH Board invites its members to **identify key topics of cooperation** and **to propose SSHOC-CH WGs**, using our online form. Such WGs can address joint issues the SSH community finds relevant or also focus on specific coordination challenges in parts of the SSHOC-CH community.

In order to advance in a better coordinated research infrastructure landscape in our domain, we depend on the participation and the willingness of all SSHOC-CH members to contribute and lead such efforts.

Operating principles for SSHOC-CH WGs

To create a framework for the WGs, SSHOC-CH established a series of **operating principles**, as described below:

Scope

WGs operate within the framework of SSHOC-CH's general mission. Their activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying needs, gaps, and opportunities in research infrastructure development and interoperability.
- Sharing best practices and fostering collaboration among members and stakeholders.
- Preparing recommendations, guidelines, or reports for consideration by the SSHOC-CH Board and General Assembly.
- Organising events, workshops, or training relevant to their thematic focus.

Composition

- SSHOC-CH working group can also be organized jointly with other organizations, especially such as existing working groups within CLARIN-CH and DARIAH-CH in order to avoid duplication of the work.
- Each WG shall consist of at least three members of SSHOC-CH, that may or may not include a member of the SSHOC-CH board.
- Participation is voluntary and open to all SSHOC-CH members who have an interest in the WG's scope.
- Non-members may be invited as guests or experts with the approval of the WG Chair.

Leadership

- Each WG shall appoint a Chair (or Co-Chairs) from among its members.
- The Chair is responsible for coordinating activities, representing the WG to the Board, and ensuring timely reporting.

Mandate Duration

- WGs are created for an initial period of two years, renewable.
- The Board may dissolve WGs if their objectives are achieved or no longer relevant or merge WGs with the approval of the different.

Reporting and Accountability

- WGs and their members are listed on the SSHOC-CH webpage, unless otherwise defined.
- WGs shall provide a short annual activity report to be included in the annual report of SSHOC-CH, summarizing activities, achievements, challenges, and future plans.
- Recommendations or outputs requiring SSHOC-CH endorsement must be approved by the Board or the General Assembly, as appropriate.

Resources

- SSHOC-CH may allocate financial or logistical support to WGs, subject to budget availability and Board approval.
- WGs are encouraged to seek additional resources (e.g. project funding, in-kind contributions) to support their work.

Invitation to propose SSHOC-CH WGs

We would appreciate proposals or also ideas until the end of 2025.

We plan to have parallel sessions of the different WGs at the SSHOC-CH General Assembly 24 April 2026. Please contact SSHOC-CH if you have any questions or inputs.

Submit your proposal for a SSHOC-CH WG

If you have read and agree with the above-mentioned operating principles, please use [this form](#) to submit your proposal.

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