

Data Preservation, Open Access etc

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- Currently many strands to these activities
 - Often started independently with different goals and interests behind them
- Main topics:
 - Data preservation – building on work of DPHEP
 - Several aspects from bit preservation, DC certification, metadata, knowledge retention, etc.
 - Bit preservation is what we already do at Tier 0, 1
 - Open data:
 - For example via open data portal
 - Experiments have different policies of what level, and how much data is made available; and for different intended purposes
 - This has a cost – today CERN provides ~5 PB disk for this – but growing
 - Currently not costed as part of pledges
 - Analysis preservation
 - E.g. via tools such as REANA, etc.

Open access - Concerns

- ❑ Active groups in IT, EP, experiments on all of these – but not necessarily coordinated
- ❑ No policy for how this should be funded
 - Today it is essentially CERN
 - Should it be a shared/distributed problem?
 - ESCAPE can provide a mechanism for this shared management (data lake)
- ❑ Scale and cost
 - If the scale increases it will need to be taken from the pledges
- ❑ Today cannot draft an overall coherent policy
- ❑ Propose to organize a workshop to address and coordinate these aspects
 - And to formulate a strategy for how this should be managed
 - This should become part of the overall strategy for the future and integrated with the other aspects
- ❑ Need feedback from funding agencies on what is mandated and affordable

Summary

- ❑ Following discussions at a recent IT Programme of Work meeting in the presence of the DRC and EP-DH, it is foreseen to hold a workshop in early 2019 to discuss and hopefully agree on a strategy for FAIR Data Management (at least in the context of the LHC experiments; perhaps more widely);
- ❑ FAIR data management, increasingly requested by Funding Agencies, links to both the preservation of data as well as to its re-use and sharing (“as open as possible, as closed as necessary);
- ❑ As such, the question of resources for (online) open data will also be discussed.