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Explain where we are in the process:

- Launch in November 18 of Cloud - initial portal and governance structures.
- Last week: first meetings of the executive board. Setting up working groups to develop business plan, portal, prioritise the work – which research communities to be included first etc.
- As of Q2 2019, the portal will begin offering data access and discovery service. However, there are a number of issues we need to deal with

Challenges in the coming year:

- Complement our process mind-set – which is useful to get buy in from research communities and other stakeholders – with a product mind-set – more focus on building the infrastructure:
- improve the portal interface (it is very poor),
- interoperability of data cross border/cross discipline – with our cloud being a federated infrastructure with decentralised data repositories, standards are crucial.
- develop a business model for the Cloud – how to make it sustainable in the long run

Further steps ahead:

- go beyond research data and combine with private data and industry data
- develop AI capabilities

Thank for Microsoft’s useful input in the development phase ( ) and invite them to participate in the working groups that will develop the plans for the work ahead.