

Science Cloud/Microsoft

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.