EIROforum AI Task and Finish group
Draft Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Artificial Intelligence Task and Finish group (AI T&F) will provide a forum for coordination, knowledge exchange and strategic alignment among EIROforum members on matters related to AI in science, research infrastructures and scientific operations.

The Task and Finish group will identify common challenges and opportunities, develop coordinated positions on strategic European initiatives, facilitate sharing of expertise and good practices, and support the effective adoption of trustworthy AI across EIROforum organisations.

The Task and Finish group shall promote a federated approach that builds upon existing infrastructures, scientific communities and institutional capabilities rather than creating parallel structures.

2. Timeline

The group is established for one year starting on 1st November 2026 until 31st October 2027. Thereafter, it will be determined whether the work will be picked up by the relevant existing Working Groups or by establishing a new dedicated Artificial Intelligence Working Group.

3. Objectives

The Task and Finish groups hall:

1. Evaluate the AI landscape and uptake across the EIROforum organisations.
2. Establish a coordinated EIROforum voice on AI-related strategic developments in Europe.
3. Facilitate exchange of expertise, experiences, methodologies and lessons learned among EIROforum members.
4. Identify opportunities for shared activities, common infrastructures and collaborative projects.
5. Support the development of recommendations concerning European AI policies, programmes and funding instruments.
6. Strengthen links between EIROforum organisations and relevant European initiatives, including:
    - RAISE;
    - EuroHPC;
    - AI Factories;
    - EOSC;
    - SKAO.

7. Promote trusted, open, scientifically validated and sovereign AI solutions for research infrastructures.

4. Scope

The Task and Finish group will address AI-related issues of common interest across EIROs, including:

- Scientific AI applications;
- Research infrastructure operations;
- Data stewardship;
- Computing infrastructure;
- AI governance and trustworthiness;
- Skills and workforce development;
- Collaboration with industry;
- European and international policy developments.

The Task and Finish group will not duplicate activities already conducted by individual EIROs but shall focus on topics where collective action creates added value.

5. Membership

Each EIROforum member organisation may nominate up to two representatives with expertise in scientific applications of AI, computing and digital infrastructures, data management and FAIR data, or scientific software development and utilisation.

External experts may be invited as observers or contributors when appropriate.

6. Governance

The Task and Finish group shall be led by two co-chairs:

- One nominated by the EIROforum Presidency organisation;
- One selected by the Task and Finish group members.

7. Meetings

Task and Finish group members should meet twice a year for updates, coordination of actions and strategic discussions, alternating in-person and VC format.

Ad-hoc subgroup meetings on specific topics might be organised as needed.

Scientific meetings, workshops and training activities on relevant topics involving broader community from EIROforum organisations with the purpose of exchange and cross-learning.

7. Deliverables

The Task and Finish group should produce:

- AI policy recommendations for EIROforum organisations and European Commission;
- Best-practice guides;
- Joint workshop and training activities.