



# The Science|Business Cloud Consultation Group

In April 2016, the European Commission announced a bold new initiative to pull European science fully into the age of the 'cloud.' Its €6.7 billion European Open Science Cloud plan could change the future of research, cloud services and data technologies in Europe - affecting strategies for companies, universities and governments.

But how? To track this important initiative, Science|Business is forming a platform for companies, universities and research infrastructure. The group will meet regularly in private and public to gain intelligence and facilitate dialogue in Brussels. Topics include:

## What 'Rules of Engagement?'

Under what terms can private vendors, and public users, access the science cloud and the huge market – upwards of €50 billion – it can create?

## Who can play?

Under what conditions can companies, universities and government agencies in the rest of the world join in?

## Who will pay?

Should public research grants include budgets to buy cloud services? Will labs and universities pay centrally? When corporate labs use it, will they be charged?

## What technologies will it stimulate?

From artificial intelligence to quantum computing.

## How will it affect other policies?

Text and data-mining? Open access publishing? Copyright? Data security and protection?

## What plan of action?

It will be on the G7 agenda in 2017, and a series of milestones through 2020 are planned. What are they?

With this platform, Science|Business is bringing diverse parties together for an exchange of information and ideas.

## Activities include:

**Three private meetings a year among platform members and guests from EU and national institutions, as well as experts from the private and public sector**

**One public conference a year**

**Sharing information and strategies**

**Development and open publication of policy recommendations**

## Who can participate

The coalition will bring a range of voices for a comprehensive debate. These include researchers, ICT and cloud service companies, publishers, entrepreneurs and research infrastructure organisations.

## Membership benefits

**2 seats per organisation in the private meetings**

**A speaking opportunity in the public conference**

**A seat on the project's Steering Committee that will set strategy for all activities, operating by consensus.**

**Input to the working group's policy conclusions and recommendations**

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