

Ratatosk SG meeting, 2018-12-04

Agenda

- Presence
- NeIC announcements and Ratatosk status
- Ratatosk report input
- Last DigHum workshop
- EOSC Nordic WP6 status
- Agreement with the Carpentries
- Input skill mapping exercise
- Next meeting
- AOB

Invited

Birgitte Vedel Thage, DK

Joachim Hein, SE

Matthias Book, IS

Michaela Barth, SE, Chair

Rob Pennington, US, Observer

Tiina Leiponen, FI

Vigdis Guldseth, NO

Minutes

Presence

Michaela, Joachim, Tiina, Vigdis, Matthias

Known absence: Anne-Marie Bach

We have quorum.

NeIC announcements and Ratatosk status

See 18-36 in

https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/File:2018-09-26_NeIC_Board_Meeting_Minutes_Kastrup.pdf

and <https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/File:18-36-01-Pool-competencies-focus-area-progress-report.pdf>

Pool Competences focus area activities:

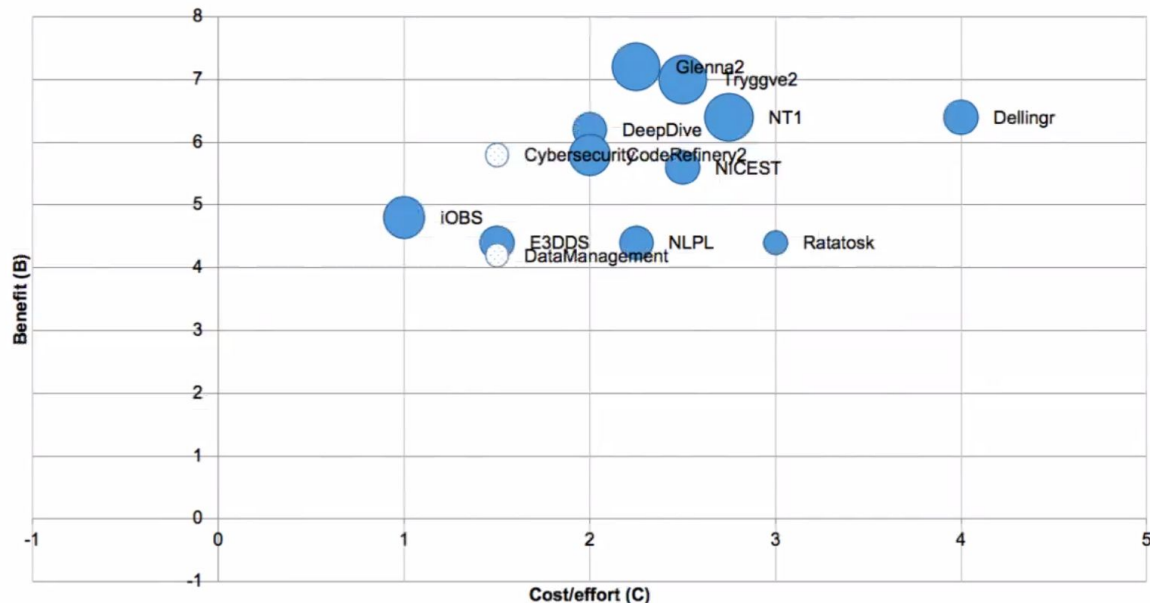
- Training
 - CodeRefinery phase2 started
 - Agreement with The Carpentries on joint platinum membership (see below)
- Datamanagement
 - https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/File:The_state_of_open_science_in_the_Nordic_countries_Single.pdf
 - <https://indico.neic.no/event/22/> and follow-up planned for 4-days in Oslo on March 25-28, at NordForsk
- “Cyber”security
 - new project planned and ready to start in 2019, business case will be presented to NeIC Board in December
 - https://wiki.neic.no/int/Provider_Forum:meeting/2018-11-09 18-4-4

Strategy and open call:

- open call responses followed-up on internally, big strategy discussion within NeIC Board within 2-day December Board meeting with strategy focus.

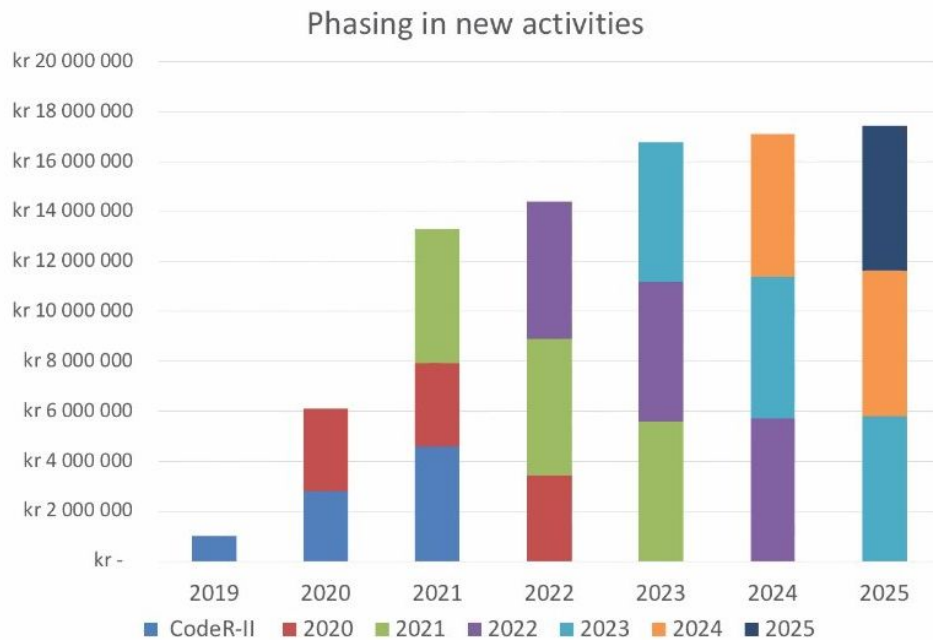
Impact and benefit analysis:

- impact: society asks for return of investments (e.g. UN SDGs sustainable development goals) NeIC to secure long-term funding together with the NeIPs towards national research councils.
- business case for NOSC programme (umbrella over several projects including INFRAEOSC proposal EOSC Nordic) was conducted.
- benefit analysis: publications, datasets, workshops, consortia and networks, ...



There is no budget reserved in 2019 for Ratatosk. The Project manager will have to leave the project in the end of 2018. There will still be a report on the training programme early

2019. The travel grant will not continue. There will still be the last granted workshop within the Course mobility programme in January.



Ratatosk report input

Compare working plan: Ratatosk Working plan

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FXNvxTVpYKP5JAviUZkpkSfSwvZ1pKIM23acSL0b51I>

Networking support target: was skipped directly after NeIC Board meeting (no budget and changed circumstances after lessons learned), instead testing alternative scenarios with a variety of different co-funding models (e.g. E3DDS project only funding 0.25 FTE of project manager, all the rest comes from in-kind)

NeIC XT internal ideas currently: "5 instruments"

- community-oriented development project
- provider-oriented development project
- competence project
- community-building project "finding the sweet spot of collaboration"
- service operation

First draft for what was supposed to be the Streaming/screencasts support guideline received: https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/Workshops#How_can_NeIC_help_you.3F

Otherwise received input from Anne-Marie for Report:

- Travel Grants:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1I0J66g_A2GWpStNXp_PtiYRIgASFa5ei

one lady applied but got sick and rest only male
AP AMB add amount of rejected persons incl gender also reasons

Surveys: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qNiwbLu484JFX3CwIR170svu1RDHQiYs>

Course mobility grants /Software Carpentry: (awaiting reports on 3rd &4th WS)
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ra0NeTCh-uVY3DV9hxqRxG0RVbqeoX71>

One more travel grant received in November, but rejected because of budget reasons

Digital Humanities:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzaNWKIRsEMDQnY1UmZfdFIFRzQIcelandic>

Icelandic HPC workshops:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzaNWKIRsEMDWF9OWGFkU3JHSIE>

External wiki: <https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/Ratatosk>

It would be good to have a SG assessment as part of the report.

Besides the problematic funding model Ratatosk was not providing training of its own (in comparison to CodeRefinery), just adding on top of national system.

Last DigHum workshop

Minutes <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TJhiqFYUjLit7ETC8iMQg84iuS7u-fko>

Budget <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nslx7HuclVKxgHVDDCOIqQgoIVi-oFI1/view>

EOSC Nordic WP6 status

Proposal has been submitted in time. Result expected March/April.

Agreement with The Carpentries

<https://carpentries.org/members/> Platinum membership on behalf of CSC, CSUI, DeiC, ETAIS, SNIC and UNINETT Sigma2 AS

Coordination discussed and member council representative chosen at

https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/CodeRefinery2-SG-meeting-2018-10-22#Partnership_with_The_Carpentries_.28discussion.29

No intention to interfere nationally!

Input skill mapping exercise

No national equivalents known. Ambitions very much diminished: Michaela creating a list of suggested competences to be tracked within infrastructure and test it internally on NeIC staff early next year.

National status

brief update from current CSC customer training topics:

- We have announced the new computing and data management system procurement with Atos. This will create a lot of customer training activities around Finland during the next year starting in spring 2019.

https://www.csc.fi/-/csc-valitsi-atosin-suomen-seuraavan-supertietokoneen-toimittajaksi?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.csc.fi%2Fhome%3Fp_p_id%3D101_INSTANCE_sQifOEbidMrG%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-2%26p_p_col_pos%3D1%26p_p_col_count%3D5

- We have also started collecting the curriculum inputs for training year 2019-2020.(August-June 2020) Hope to publish our preliminary curriculum by June 2019.
- We will also launch our training for trainers programme in 2019 with shadowing, pedagogical and presentations skills training possibilities for those interested in developing their training skills.
- We have organised two training BOFs this year: First on the 23.10 about current practises and customer training team member changes, and practical tips for making the course arrangements + web pages, and the second on the 15.11. about video training matters. We plan on continuing the BOFs next year.
- Our Virtual training team meets two times during autumn and two times in the spring.
- New NORDIC collaboration: Course/webinar of Video related services available in the Nordics and supported by NORDUnet, such as Zoom, Kaltura, and Adobe Connect: Erik Kikkenborg and national Video experts.
- We would like to benefit from the NEIC/RATATOSK collaboration and Carpentries membership by participating in the available trainings as well as contribute by organise a workshop if possible next year.
- Special development areas for next year: AI related trainings development and virtual learning management system for course delivery: Machine learning, deep learning, PRACE MOOC, Python for HPC with Future learn(Jussi Enkovaara, Martti Louhivuori)

NO: <https://www.sigma2.no/content/nird-toolkit>

SE: new users of the system don't have skills in FORTRAN and C any more, moving MPI courses towards Python

Future of Training calendar: PRACE working on HPC-Europe view also on Training, What is the impact of the training calendar? More people want to advertise their events in the training calendar.

Quite useful in the beginning.

IS: <https://cs.hi.is/HPC/hpcworkshop2018.html> 25 recipients, well received.

Next meeting

AP Michaela: do a Doodle poll for a final meeting to approve the report.

Continuation of the group: an annual workshop could be a good idea, very beneficial with Nordic collaboration. Network for the time continuing as CodeRefinery reference group to discuss training in general and sustainability aspects.

AP Michaela: to discuss this possibility within CodeRefinery.

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