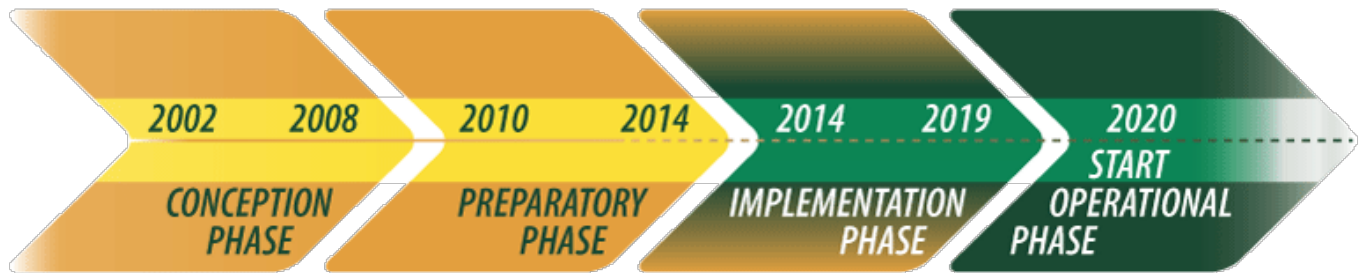


EPOS Timeline

EPOS has evolved from a simple concept to integrate and distribute digital data into a distributed research infrastructure for European solid Earth science, integrating existing research infrastructures to enable innovative multidisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research. The timeline charts the main milestones in this time.



Conception Phase (2002 - 2008)

The conception phase evolved thanks to a number of European and national-funded projects and initiatives which focused on integrating and distributing digital data.

- December 2008: EPOS approved by ESFRI and included in the European roadmap for research infrastructures.

Preparatory Phase (2010 - 2014)

- November 2010: EPOS Preparatory Phase (PP) project commences. EPOS PP is funded under the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme.
- May 2014: ESFRI proposes EPOS (along with two other projects) as priority project, based on the criteria that it pushes the boundaries of scientific excellence in the solid Earth area, is strategically relevant for Europe; is ready for immediate action towards implementation.
- October 2014: EPOS PP project finishes.

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Implementation Phase (2014 - 2019)

For EPOS to become an operational pan-European research infrastructure for solid Earth science, key structural pillars are required. The [Implementation Phase \(IP\)](#) will [do](#) just this with the establishment of the [EPOS-ERIC](#) agreed by the EPOS Governmental Representatives and the implementation of a technical, legal and governance, and financial framework for all its components. IT architecture and interoperable services will also be created.

- November 2014: The EPOS IP commences.
- October 2015: The [EPOS IP project](#) starts with 46 [partners](#) from 23 countries across Europe. The project is

funded under the European Commission's Horizon 2020 programme.

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Operational Phase (2020 +)

The service to the user community will start in the Operational Phase.