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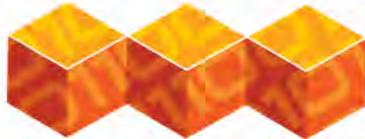
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- Start date: 1st October 2011
- Duration: 36 Months
- Budget: 16.3 M€ (9.3M€ EC)
- EC Call: INFRA-2011-1.2.2
- Consortium: 25 partners from 13 countries
  - National data centers, technology providers, research
- Objectives:
  - Cost-efficient and high-quality CDI
  - Meetings users' needs in flexible and sustainable way
  - Across geographical and disciplinary boundaries



Researchers, citizens,  
industry and society...

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# Data centers and Communities



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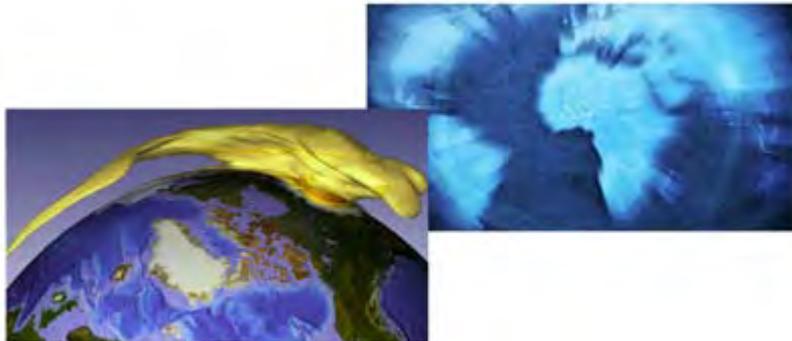
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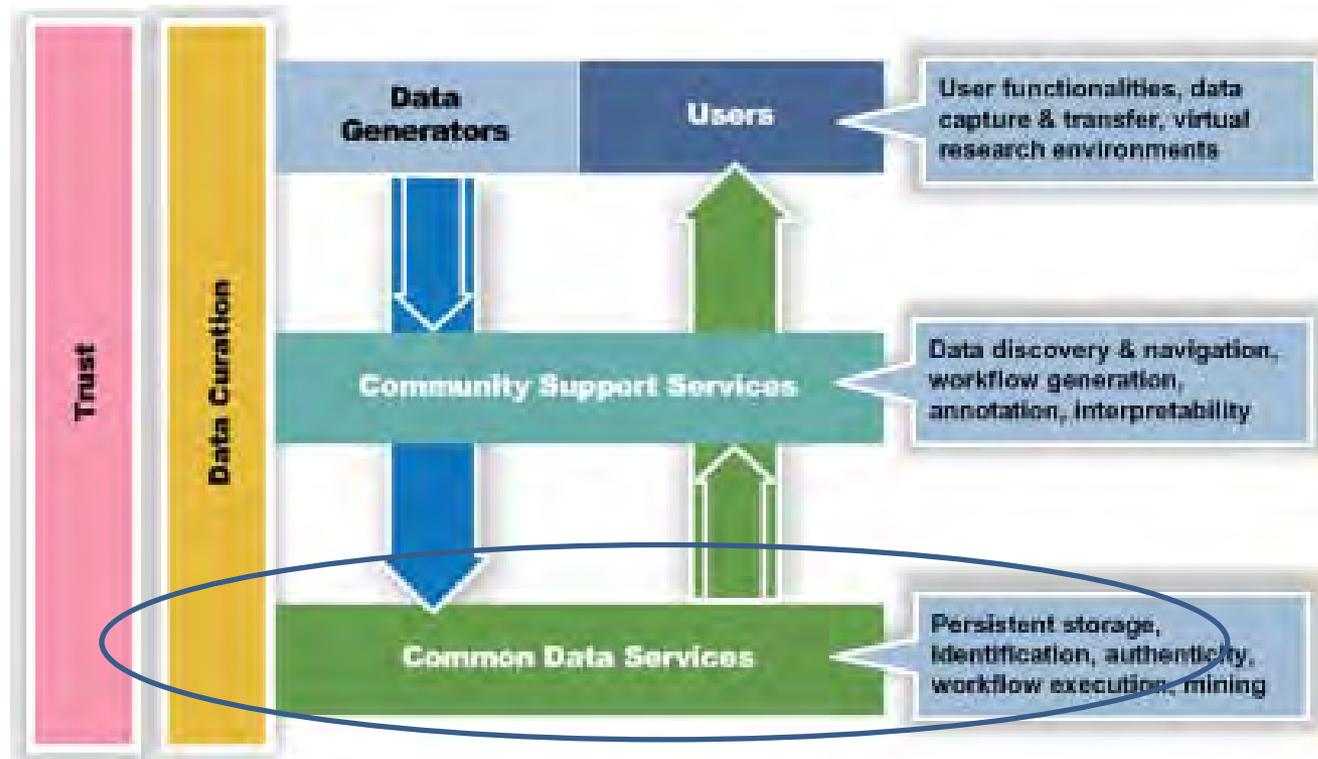
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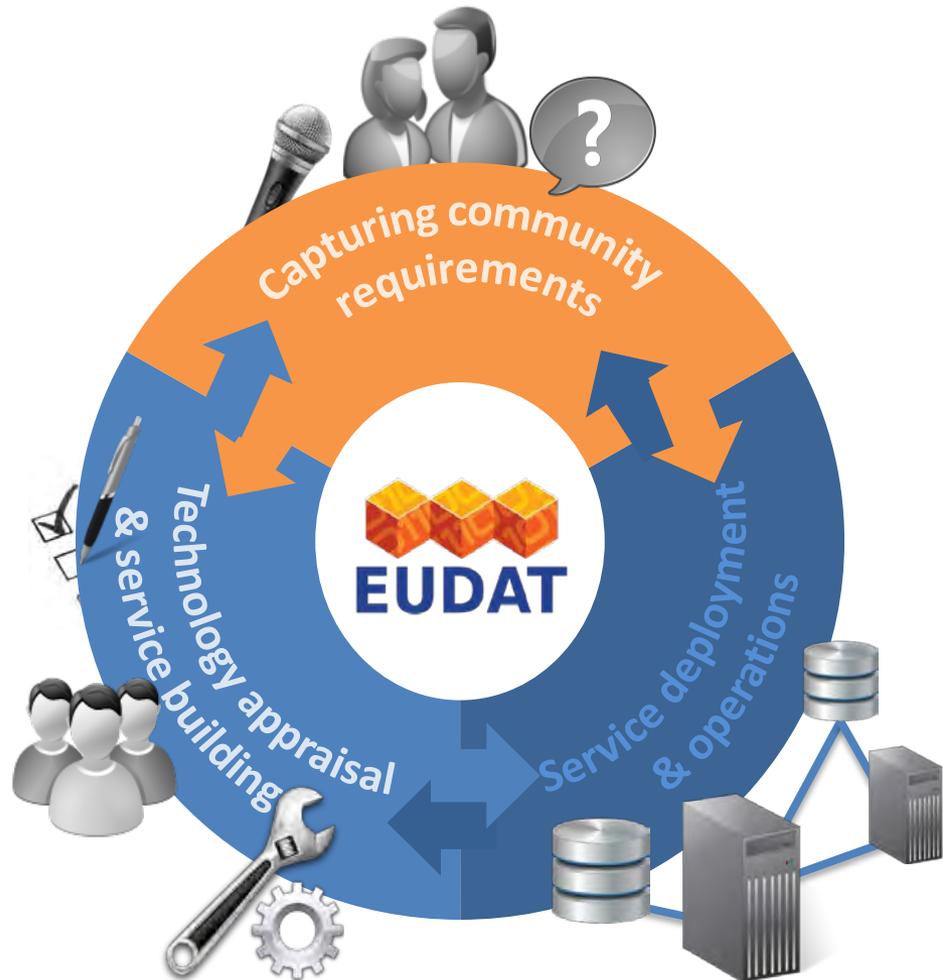
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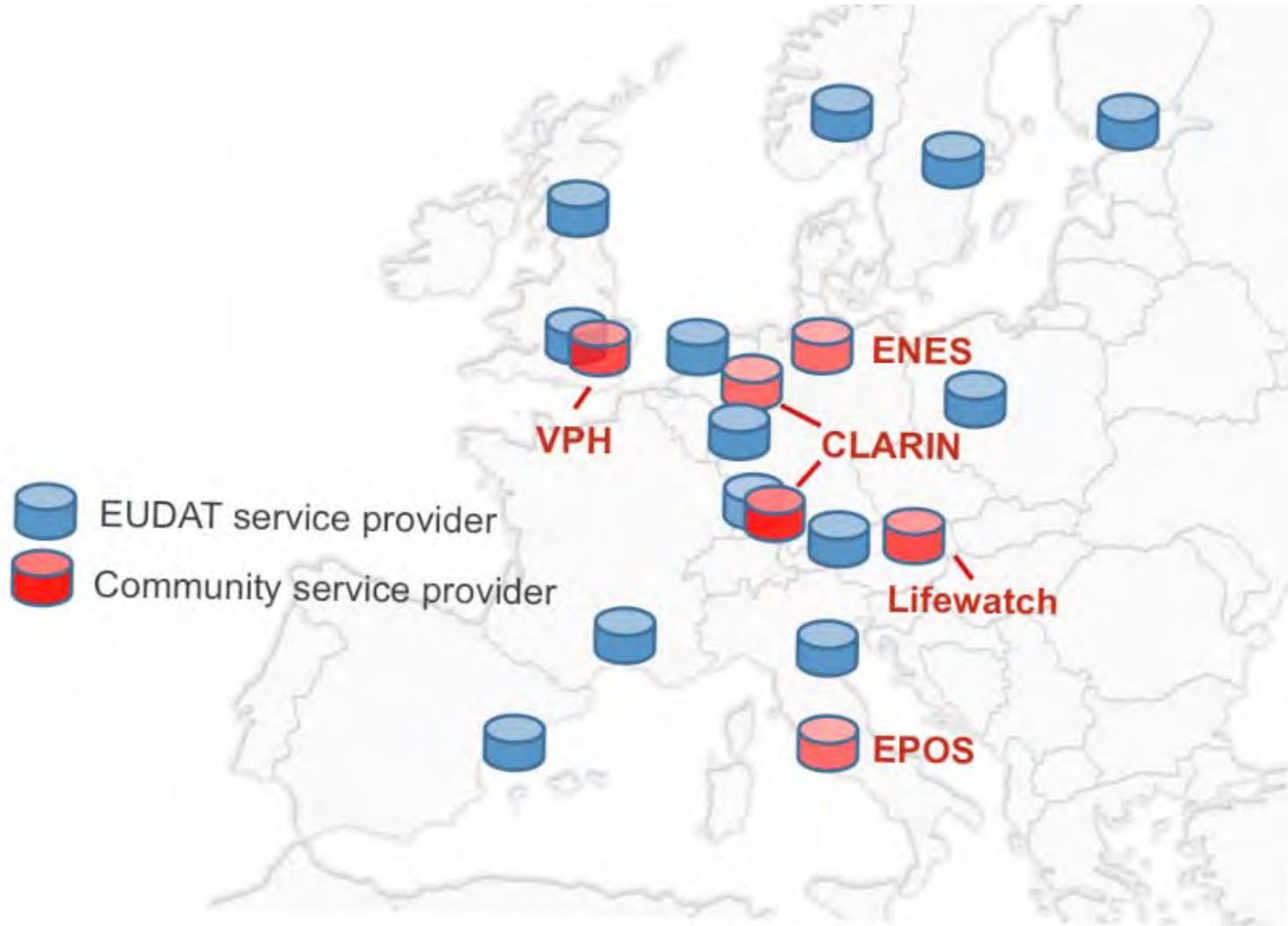


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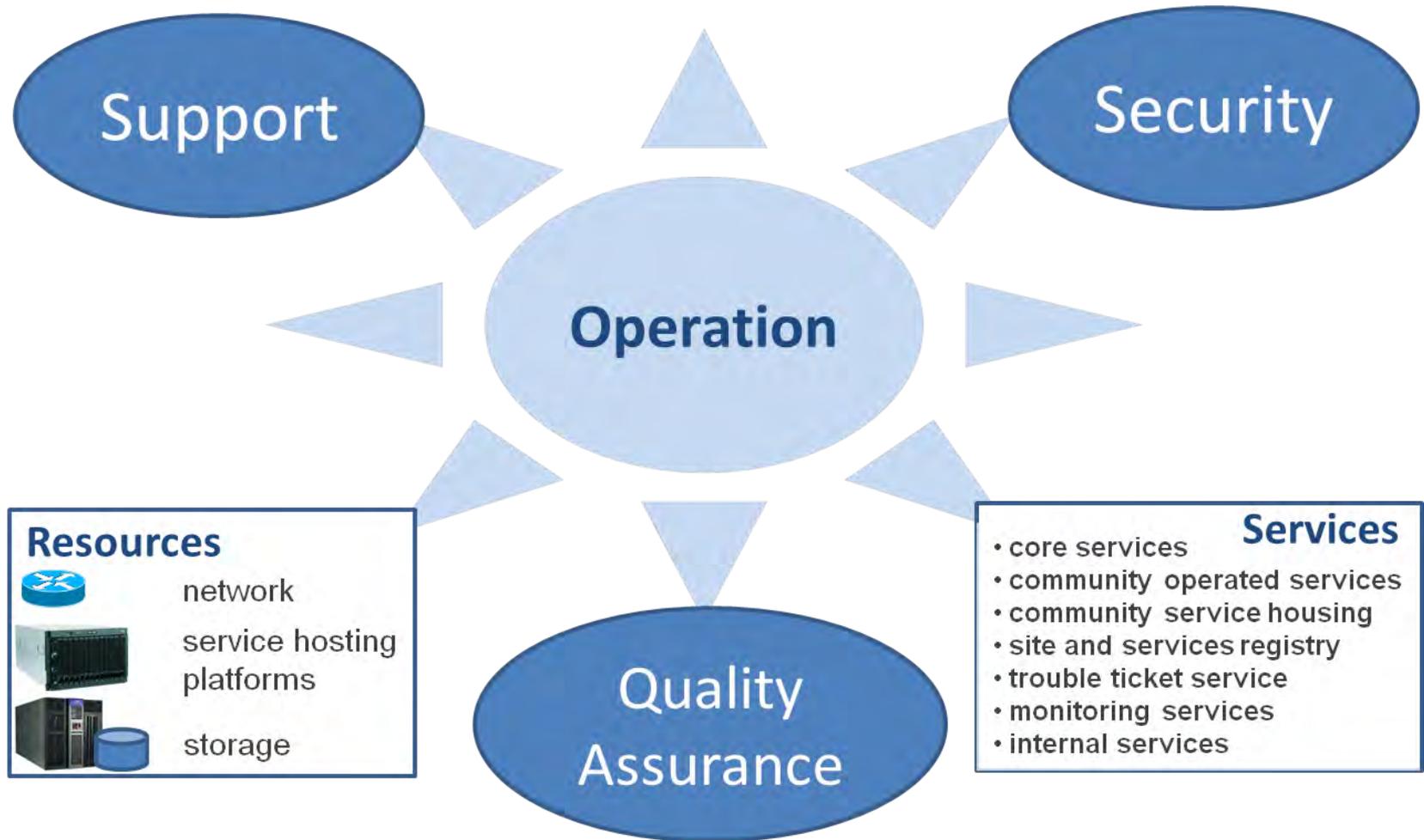
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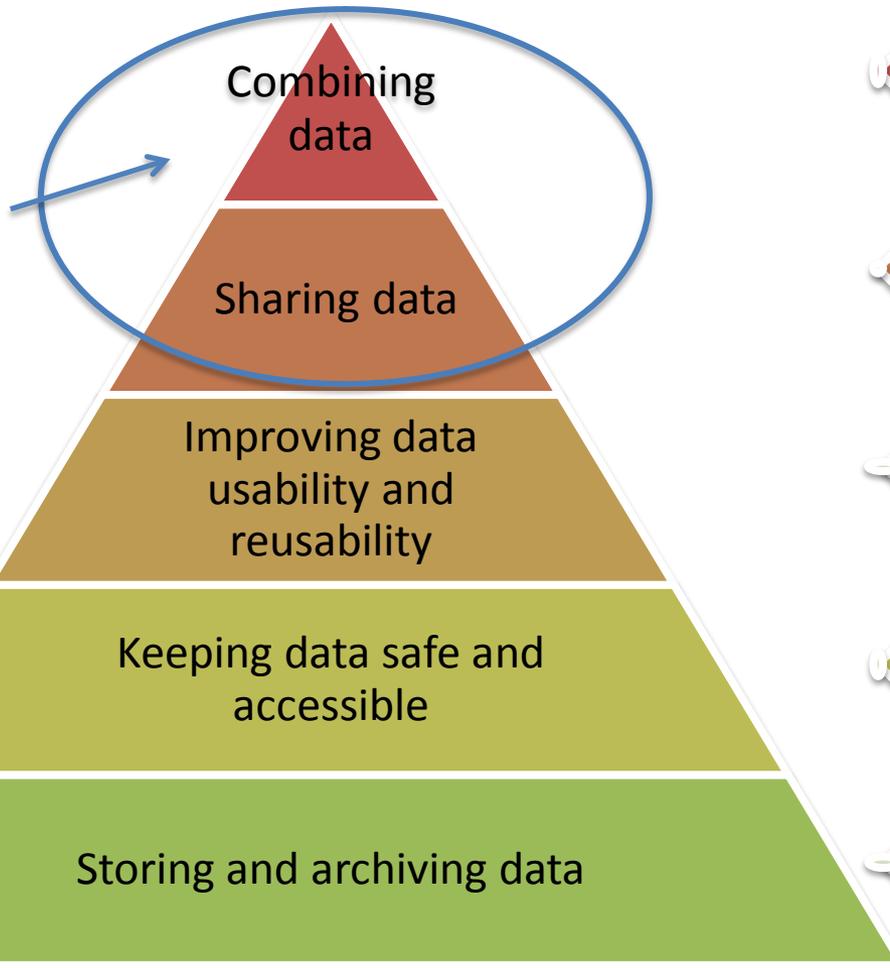
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though  
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Sharing data across communities

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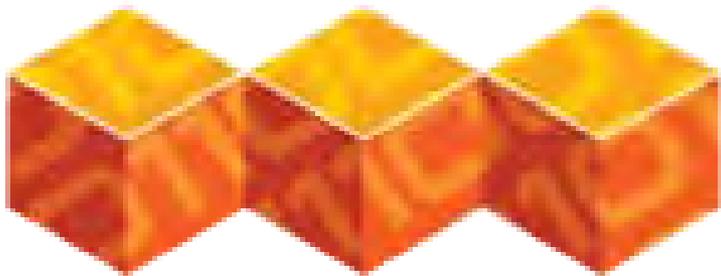
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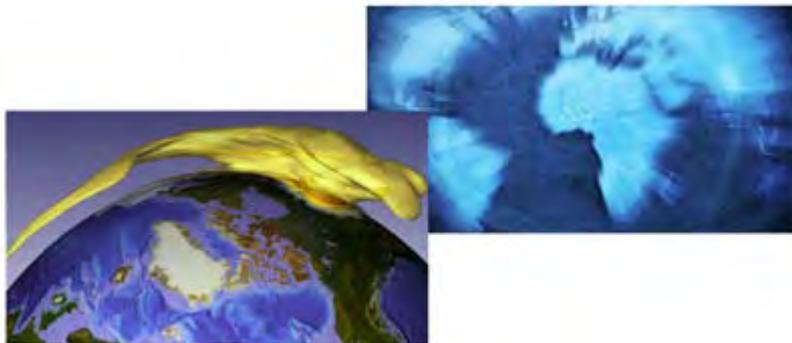
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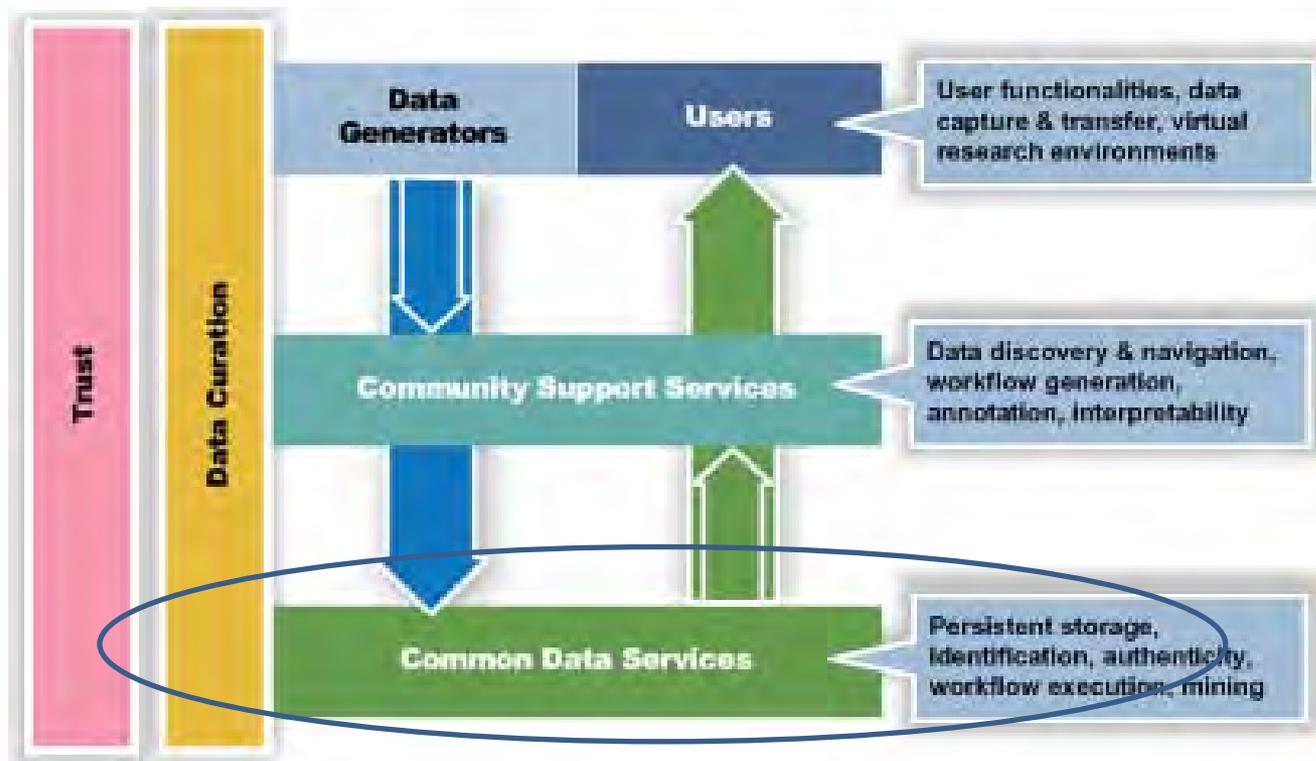
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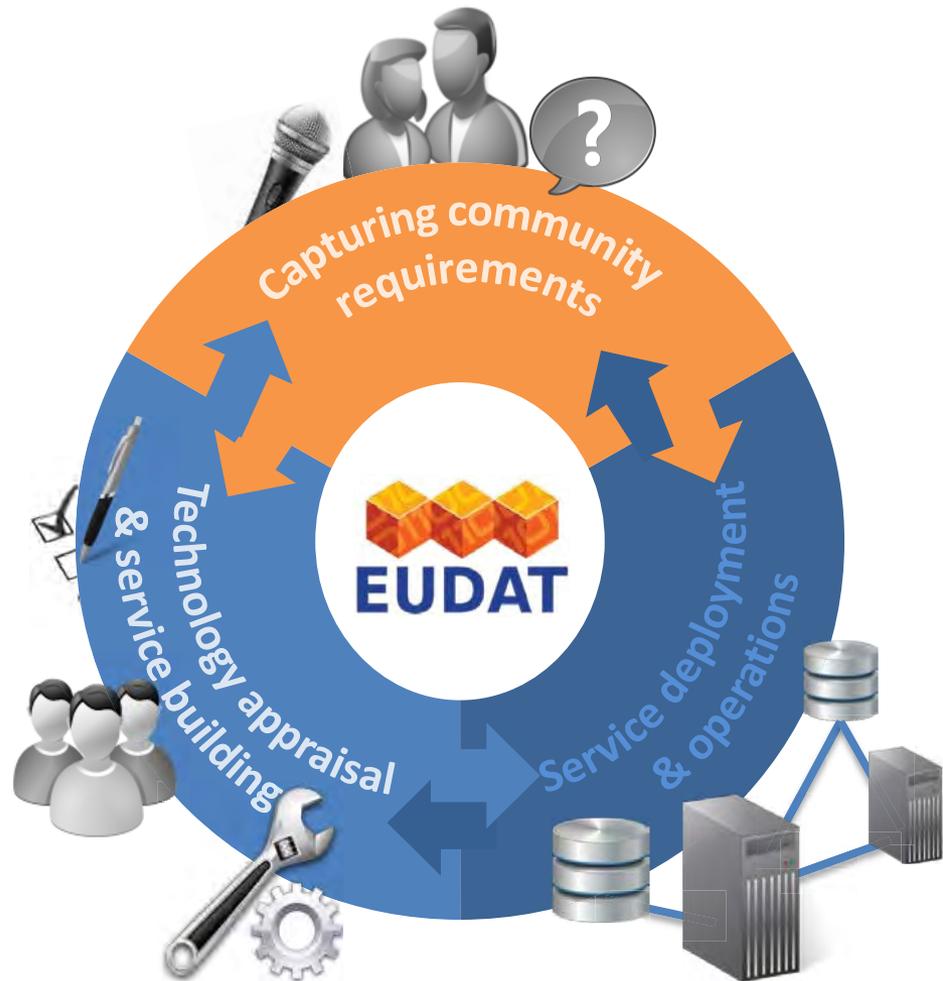
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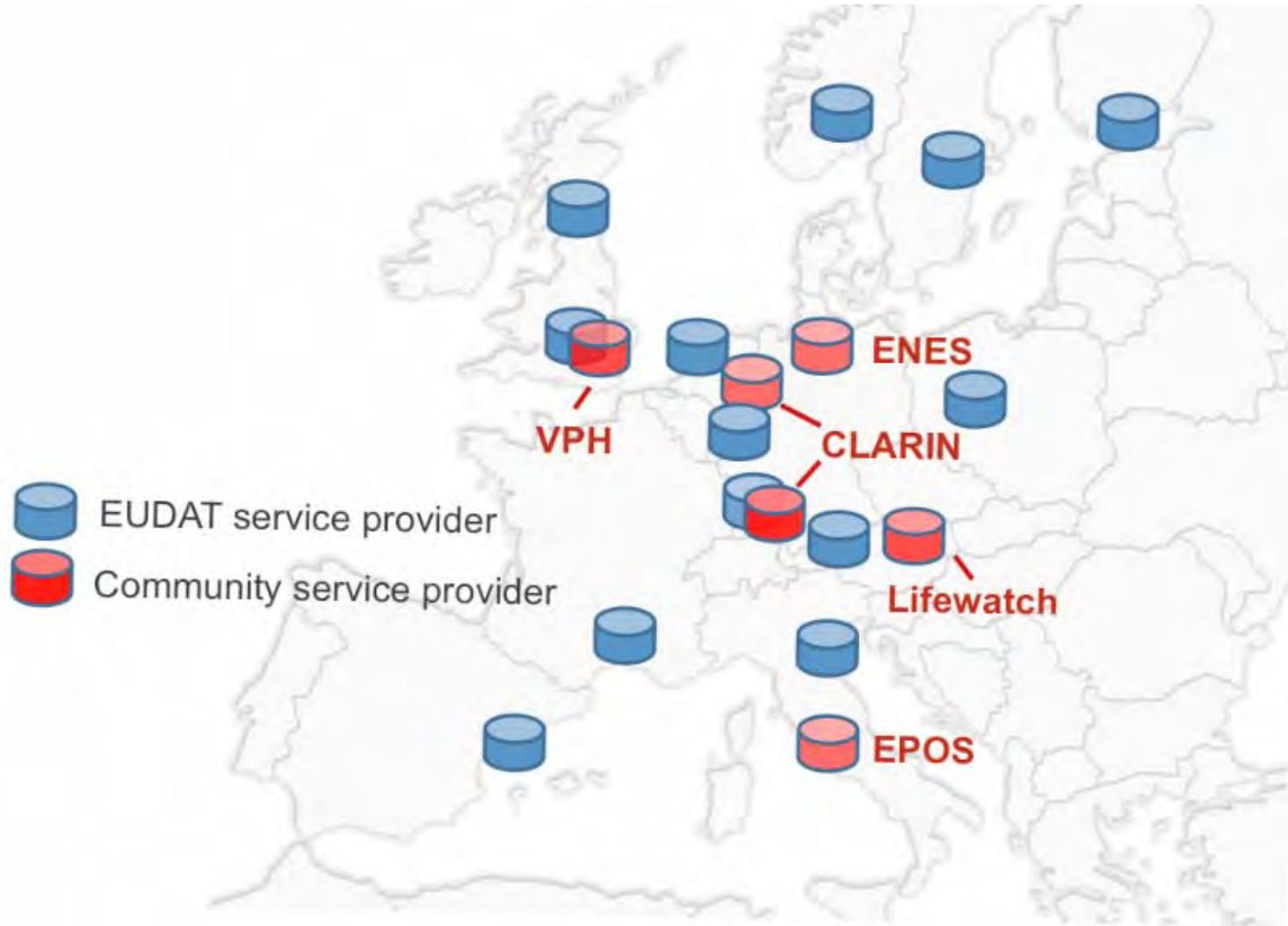


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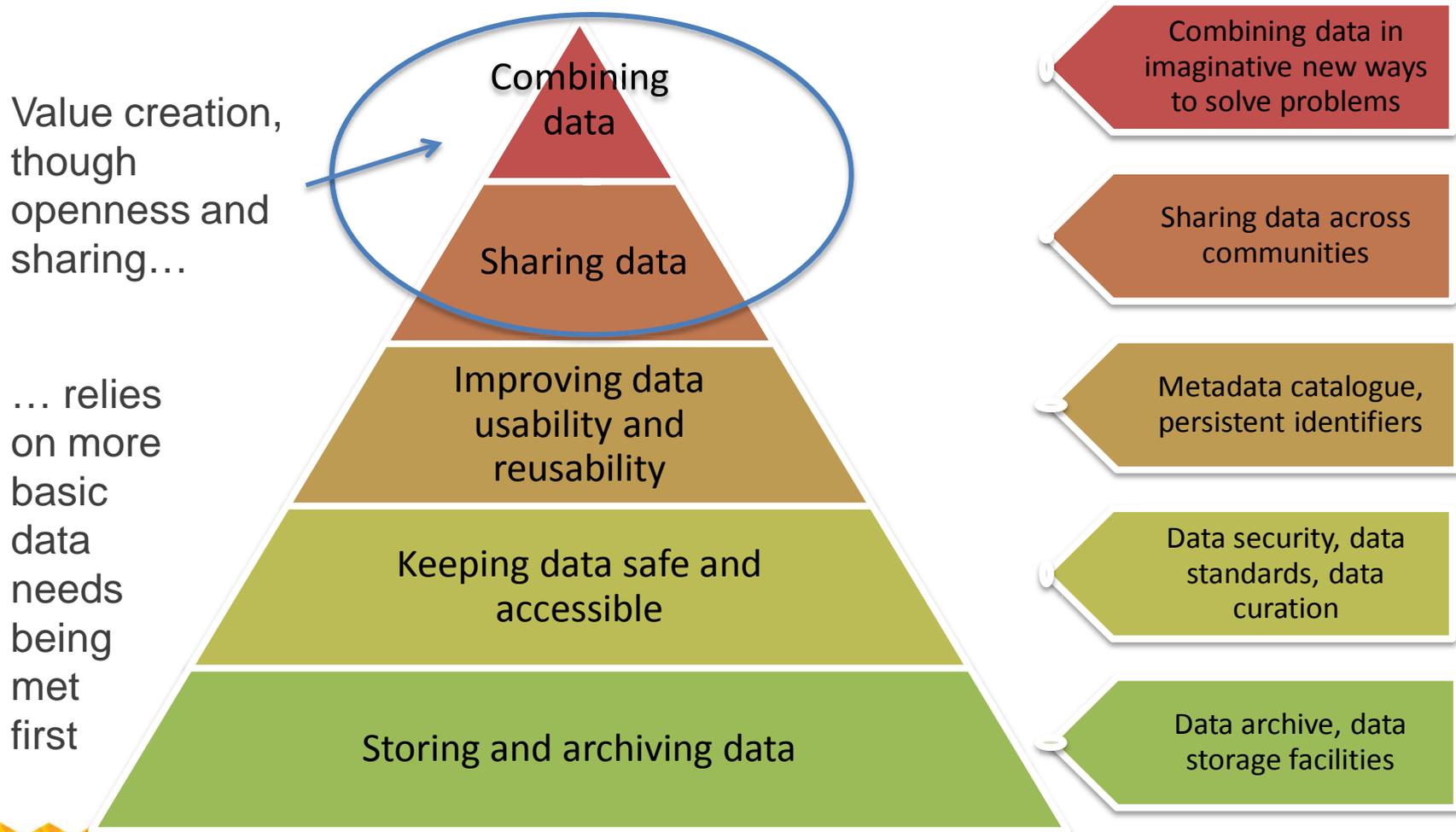
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