



Community Governance & Strategic Direction

Open research infrastructures depend on coordinated governance, sustainability planning, and active collaboration. This session provides a community update and strategic overview.

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VIVO Today

*A global, open, community-governed
research information platform.*

20+ years of open
community development

100+ institutions
globally

4 new CRIS registrations
from Latin America in 2026



Community-led governance

Leadership Group driving roadmap decisions with transparent minutes and open meetings.



Development Roadmap

4-milestone plan: disambiguation/dedup, ORCID sync, OpenAIRE export, cloud-native deployment.

vivoweb.org/roadmap



VIVO 1.16 in testing

Community testing underway with ORCID integration, UI customization and ElasticSearch/OpenSearch support.



VIVO for the Future

Strategic whitepaper setting the vision: cloud-native, semantically rich, globally interoperable.

vivoweb.org/VIVO-For-the-Future.pdf



Interoperability progress

Lyrasis CST project specifying VIVO–DSpace integrations (SWORD, COAR-Notify); RFP planned summer 2026.



Signed: Barcelona Declaration

VIVO committed to open research information principles on governance, transparency and sustainability.

POSI Self-Assessment

Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructure · Task Force active now

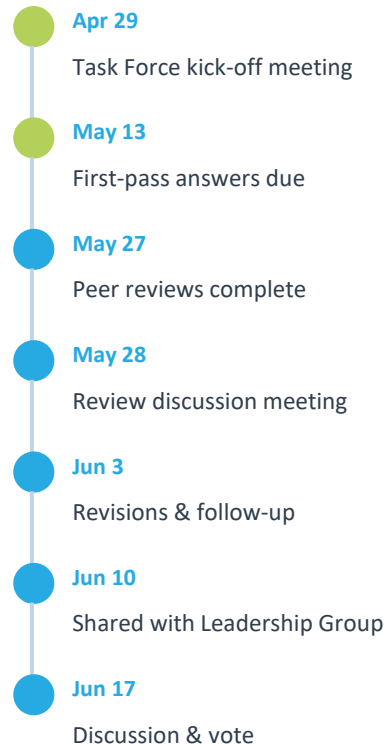
The VIVO community launched a structured POSI v2 self-assessment — documenting practices, identifying gaps, and reinforcing transparency.

Objectives

- Document current practices and gaps
- Conduct structured POSI v2 assessment
- Publish results publicly
- Prepare community webinar on outcomes

Task Force Members

- Christian Hauschke (TIB) – Lead
- Bridget Almas (Lyrasis) – Facilitator
- Brian Lowe (Ontocale) – Member
- Robert Cartolano (Columbia) – Member



VIVO Cloud

A Strategic Shift — Voted and Adopted by the Leadership Group

The VIVO Leadership Group has formally approved a VIVO-branded cloud hosting service (Governance meeting info [here](#))



Self-Hosted

Download VIVO, run locally. No participation requirement (but highly recommended). Fully open source.



VIVO Cloud Service

Managed cloud hosting with SLAs, support hours, and built-in community membership.



Certified Service Providers

Third-party providers delivering hosting, customization, and regional support globally.

The Cloud Hosting Resolution

Passed unanimously by the VIVO Leadership Group · April 2026

1

VIVO-branded cloud hosting service approved as an additional revenue stream.

2

Membership model continues unchanged.

3

No changes to the program's governance structure.

4

VIVO software license unchanged — self-hosting remains fully permitted.

5

Per-instance flat fee (adjusted by region & institution size) contributes to VIVO program revenue.

6

Other registered service providers may offer VIVO hosting under identical fee terms.

7

Each hosted instance added to the VIVO global registry with contact info.

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Marketing Task Force delegated to begin negotiations with hosting providers and recruit customers.

What's Next

Immediate priorities as VIVO transitions to its next chapter



Complete Hosting MVP

Disambiguation & deduplication module, Docker packaging, multi-tenant support — MVP extended to December 2026.



Ratify Governance Frameworks

Updated Organizational Home MOU with reduced costs; POSI self-assessment to inform next governance and accountability cycle.



Launch VIVO Cloud Pilot

Marketing & Roadmap Task Force begins hosting provider negotiations and customer onboarding kit.



Define cloud subscriptions tiers

Roll out new tiered model linking cloud subscriptions to community membership and governance participation.



Regional Outreach Campaigns

Targeted campaigns in Latin America, Europe, and Asia; SP certification program to begin.



VIVO 2.0 Rebranding

Leadership voted to rebrand the MVP to 'VIVO 2.0' — signaling a generational leap in capabilities.

GO VIVO!

Join us. Support VIVO's next chapter.



Contribute to the Development Fund

Two VIVO members have pledged \$45,000 in a dollar-for-dollar match of new contributions. Every dollar you contribute today is doubled.

Use code 2026match · Email vivo@lyrasis.org



Become a VIVO Member

Join the community that governs VIVO. New members and membership upgrades both qualify for the matching pledge.

Include 2026match in your membership form



Explore VIVO Cloud Hosting

If your institution is interested in a managed VIVO Cloud service, get in touch. Early adopters will help shape the model.

Contact vivo@lyrasis.org · vivoweb.org

Thanks

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