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Spiros Athanasiou is a project manager and scientific associate at the Athena Research Center and has been working on open data, open science, and open governance for more than a decade, supporting the open community in Greece and Europe. Among others, he is responsible for the design, development, and operation of geodata.gov.gr (one of the first open public data portals in the world) and the Hellenic Data Service (HELIX – the national scientific infrastructure for open science), while he has contributed to the EOSC architecture as well as several other scientific infrastructures. He served as the coordinator of the Open Science Working Group and the preparation of the National Open Science Plan, and has the honor of being elected as the first president of the Hellenic Open Science Initiative (HOSI). Finally, he is coordinating the managed service provision of the EOSC EU Node, EC's "seed in the ground" for promoting innovation and optimising research processes.