

# Building the future of Europe's Natural Science Collections

The logo for Dissco, featuring the word "Dissco" in a stylized, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are interconnected, with the 'i' and 's's overlapping, and the 'o's being circular and overlapping each other.

Distributed System of Scientific Collections

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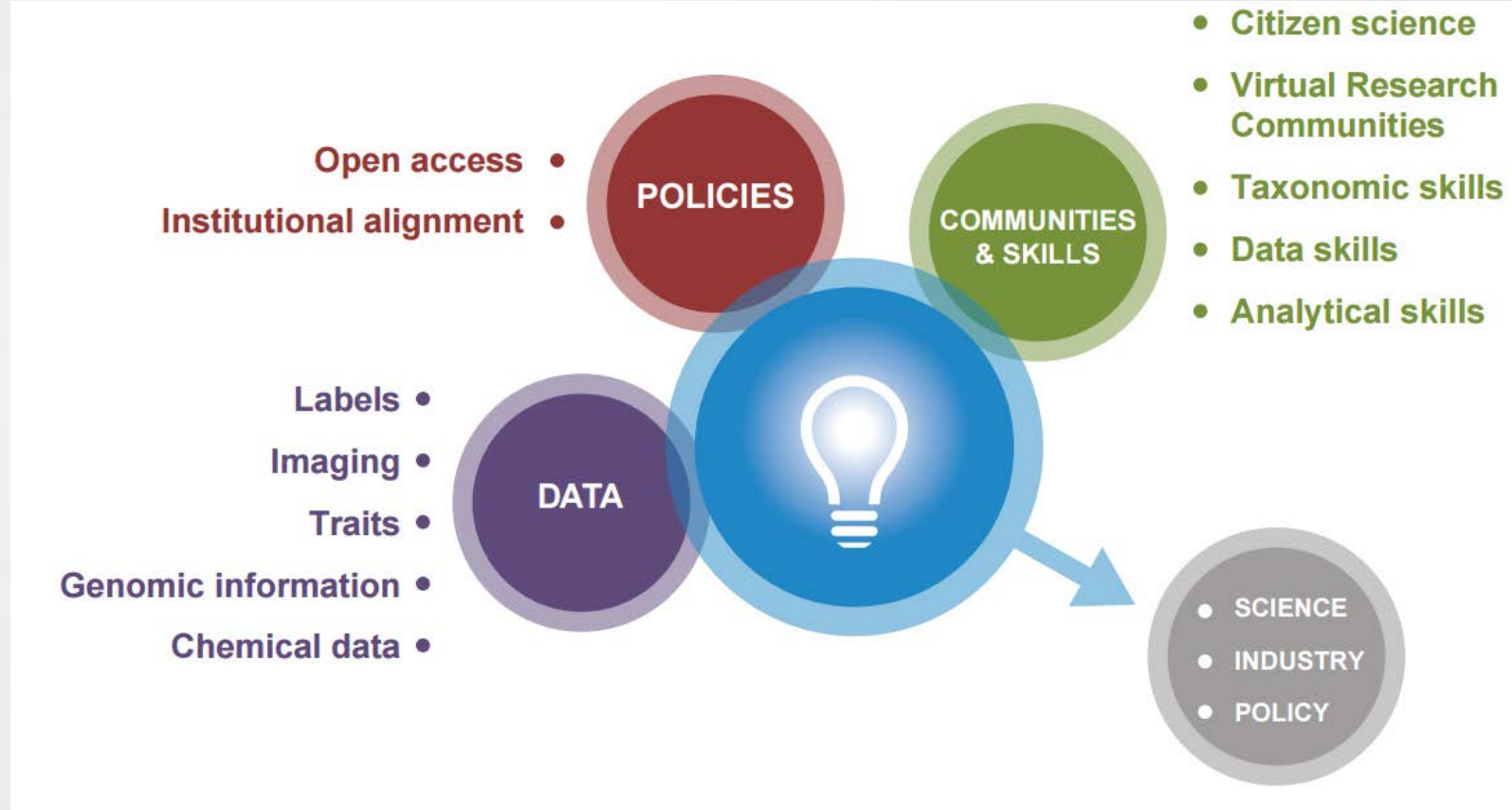
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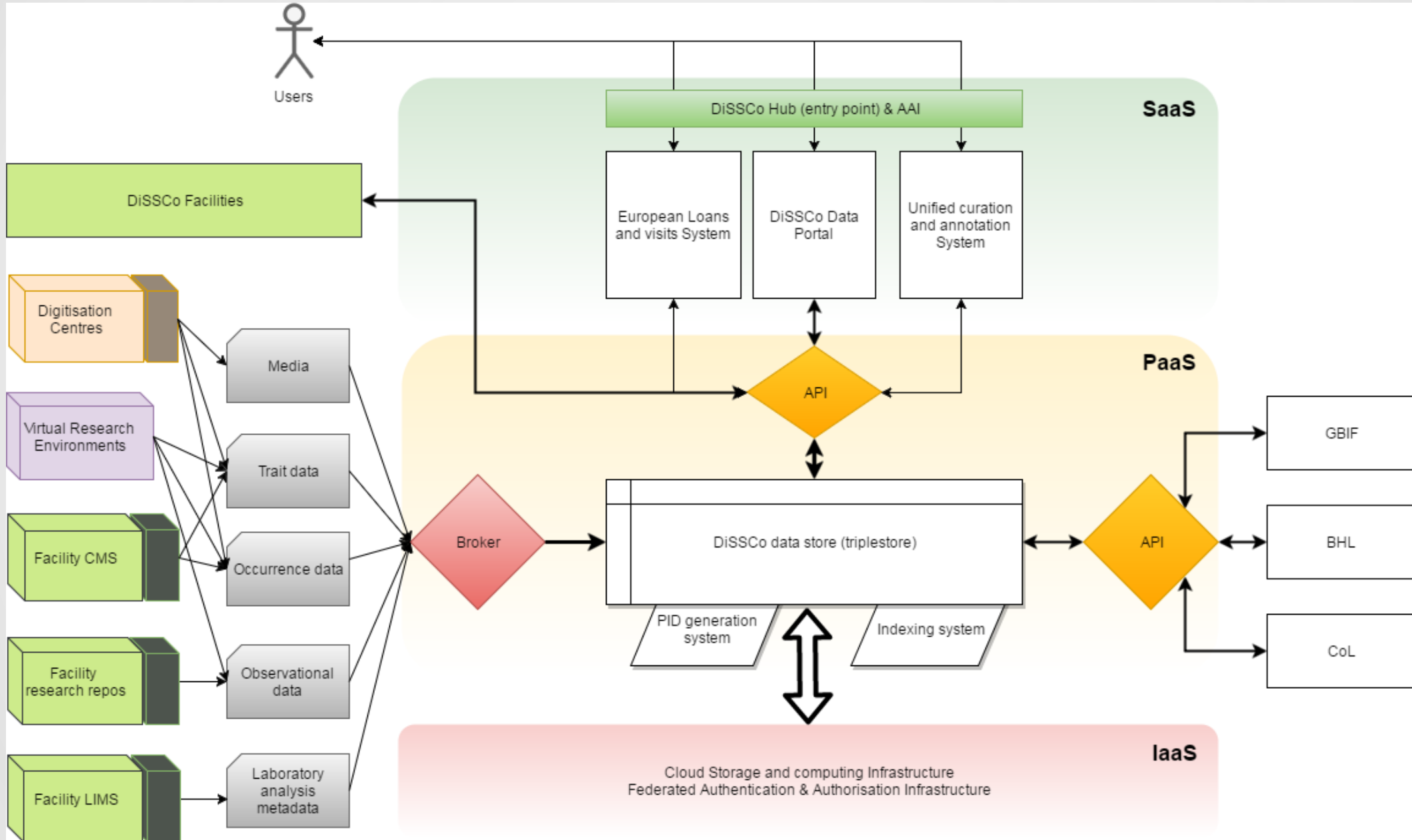
Join forces in Europe to connect 1.5 billion biological and geological collection objects representing 4.5 billion years of the Earth's history, with 21st century science

Natural Science Collections, sometimes referred to as *the Cathedrals to nature*, will be transformed into *Cathedrals of data, knowledge and expertise*.

The Research Infrastructure will enable collections to be integrated with other sources of information, **uniting phenotypic and genetic data** across **temporal, geospatial and taxonomic frameworks.**



Size and complexity of the structured data will make DiSSCo an interesting dataset for research by KEYSTONE participants



## The development of DiSSCo will rely on three pillars:

- Digitising and mobilising content from Collections through open access, comprehensive tools and innovative services
- Harmonising data policies, processes and workflows
- Maximising the use of expertise, enhancing skills and engaging communities



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