From CDS to DSS, a decade of Data Stores











On behalf of all those that conceived, designed, implemented, contributed and supported the Data Stores Data Stores Team, Production Section, Forecast and Service Department, ECMWF

Data Stores in a nutshell

Underlaying infrastructure supporting the implementation of Copernicus Services at ECMWF on behalf of the European Commission making use of the wealth of experience in operating data provision services for about 40 years.

Robust and reliable backend that expose simple and harmonized interfaces that serve direct users and power federated platforms.

Innovation, evolution and adaptation driven by user requirements on their journey to seamlessly discover, retrieve, process and visualize a wide range of distributed and heterogenous datasets.

Simplification, harmonization and automatization are key.

Data Store Instances:

- C3S Climate Data Store (CDS).
- CAMS Atmosphere Data Store (ADS)
- CEMS Early Warning Data Store (EWDS)
- ECMWF Data Store (ECDS) Expected (Q1-2026).

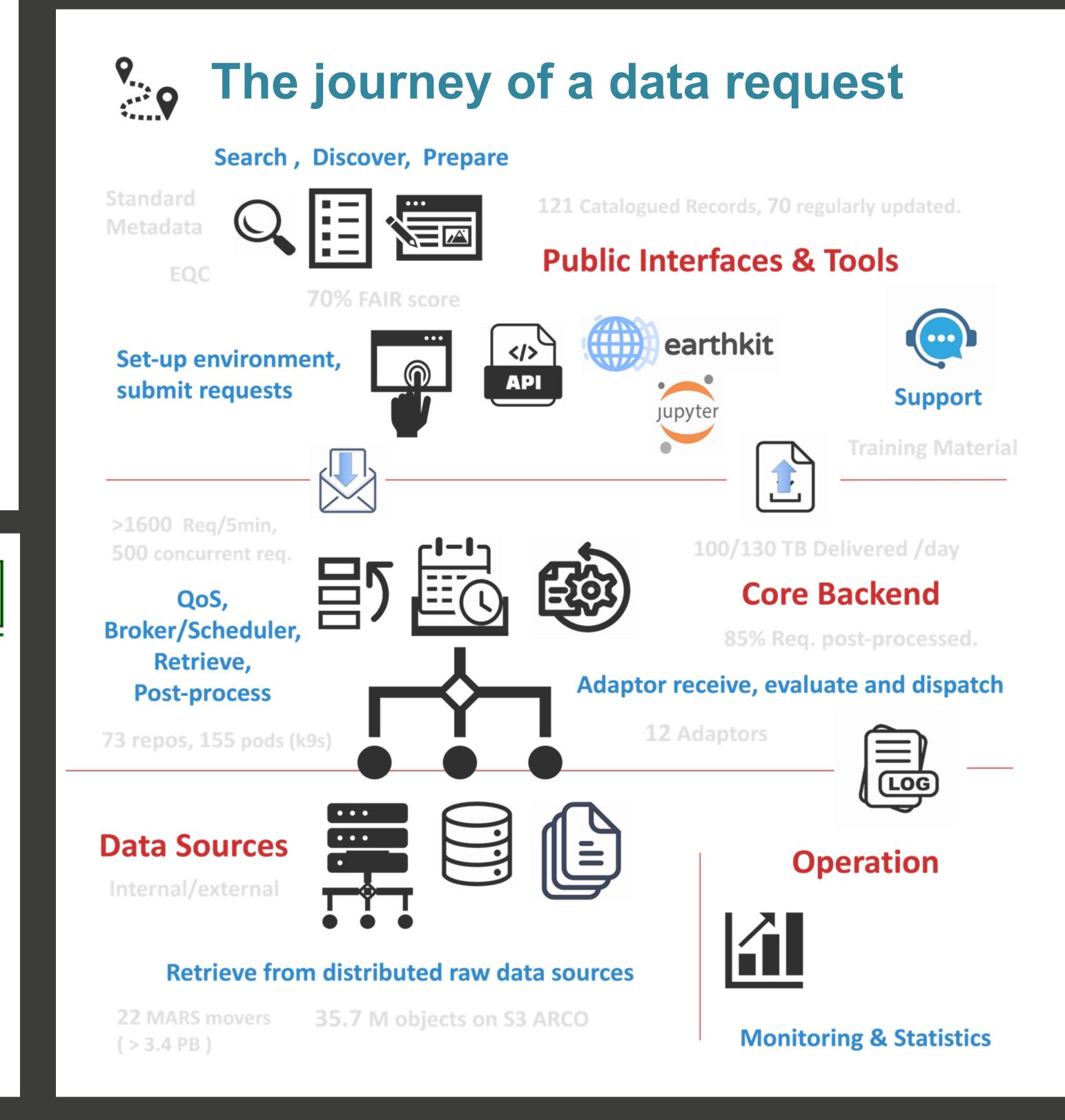
Hosted on ECMWF In-house Cloud (CCI) together with EWC benefiting from collocation.

Data Stores in numbers

- > 200k Registered Users, around 5k active on daily basis.
- > 550k Requests/day of which >80% post-processed and >95% from MARS originated data.
- 175 Catalogued records, 19 on ARCO versions (Zarr). >75% regularly updated (some daily)
- 88% FAIR Score (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, Reusability)
- Incremental trends in all operational stats and KPIs.
- 24/7 Open, used and monitored.

Milestones on Data Stores history

- 2014 Copernicus workshop at ECMWF. Gathering of requirements.
- 2016/2018 Development, implementation and public opening.
- 2019 EMS Technology Achievement Award
- 2012 / 2022 Migration to Bologna Data Centre
- 2022 / 2024 Software Modernization and hosting on ECMWF Common Cloud Infrastructure (CCI)
- 2016 / Onwards Towards Federation and new challenges.



Multi-layer Infrastructure

