FOREWORD

Open Science is at a crossroads. Researchers, research institutions, funding agencies, service providers, infrastructures and policy makers are all engaging at different levels, for Open Science adoption and implementation.

However, there is a discrepancy between progress and motivation among different disciplines and institutions, actors and organizations. This is further exacerbated by a lack of coherence of institutional, regional, national and international policies. At the same time, different models emerge, creating a seemingly fragmented ecosystem and enabling little headway within the traditional science communication system.

A systemic approach is needed, especially in strategies and policies approved at national and institutional levels. To enable international and interdisciplinary research, interoperability between communities and services is needed, while maintaining the ability to support the diversity of workflows and knowledge systems.

The Open Science Conference provides a discussion platform for researchers, librarians, publishers, practitioners, infrastructure providers, policy makers and other stakeholders on the latest and emerging developments in Open Science.

<u>Information Society Development Institute</u>, in collaboration with <u>Moldova State University</u> is organizing the 2nd edition of the national conference "Open Science in the Republic of Moldova". The conference is organized in the framework of the project 21.70105.40ŞD <u>Boosting engagement of the Republic of Moldova in Open Science: methodological and applied support</u>.