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The Italian National Research Infrastructure MIRRI-IT and new challenges to face

The Joint Research Unit (JRU) MIRRI-IT is mainly aimed at the development of the Italian network of collections of microbial resources supporting the implementation of the Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure MIRRI-ERIC.

It was recognized by the Italian government as a **National Research Infrastructure** in 2021. Recently, the project "**Strengthening the MIRRI Italian Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Bioscience and Bioeconomy**" (**SUS-MIRRI.IT**) has been funded to support its empowerment.

The main objectives of this project are:

- to implement MIRRI-IT's organisation and set up its operative procedures and quality standards;
- to improve the Italian microbial Biological Resource Centers database quality and conceive MIRRI-IT's services based on the partners' expertise and genetic resources;
- to set up a single entry point platform to promote MIRRI-IT's resources in terms of data, services, cutting-edge technologies and expertise.

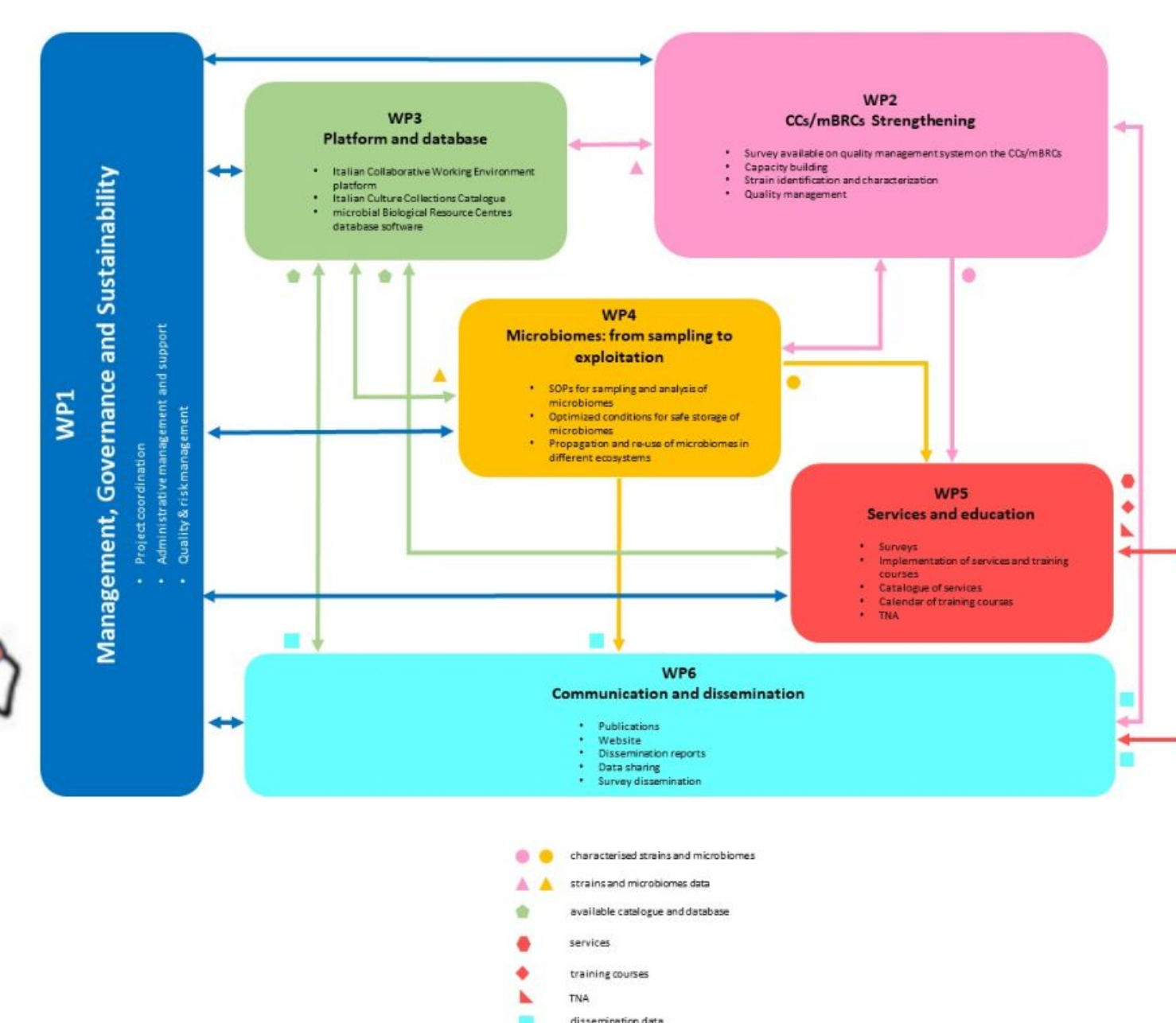
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SUS-MIRRI.IT project

Total funded budget: +16M €

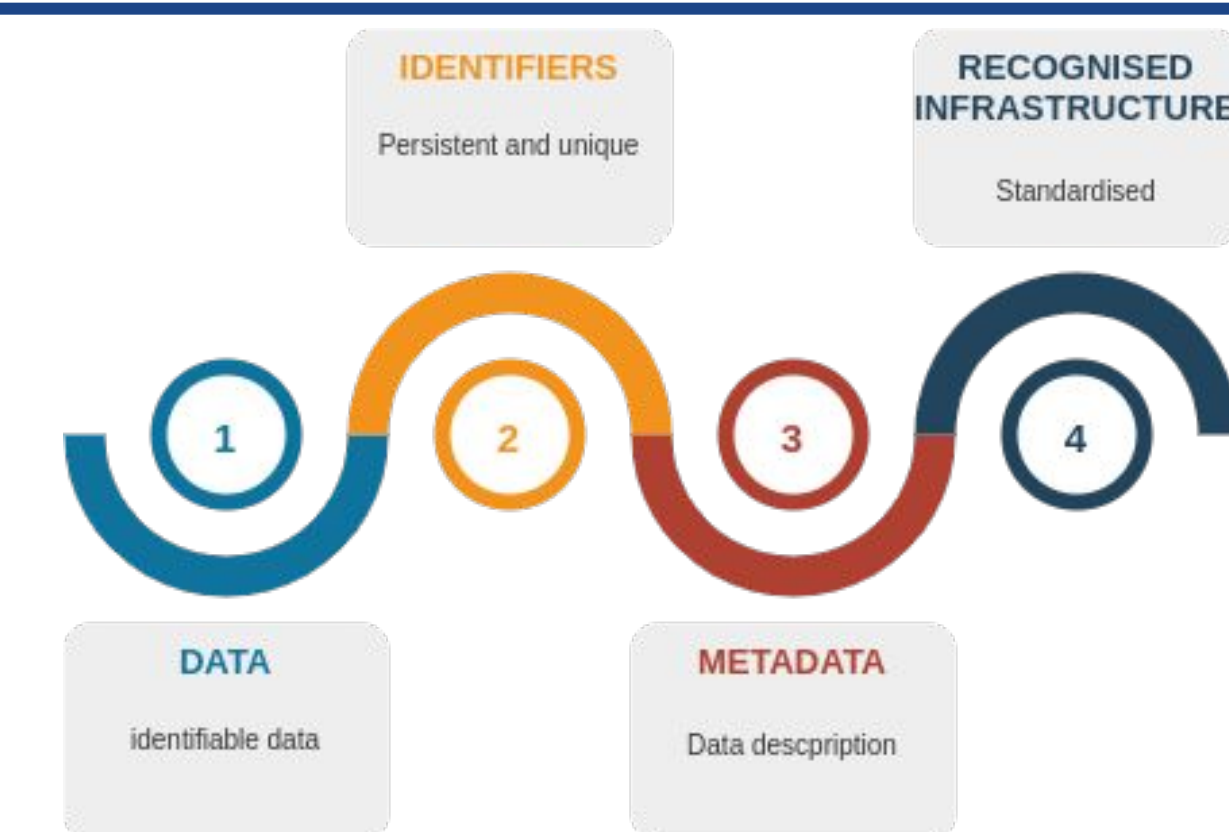


How to enhance the FAIRness of MIRRI-IT data

In the context of this project, the new needs for data **integration** and system **interoperability**, stressed by the **FAIR approach** to data sharing, have become evident and urgent.

We propose a pilot project to investigate how the semantic annotation of microbial information could be suitably stored using the **open-source repository software Dataverse Harvard**, one of the most common tools for improving data FAIRness.

It will be carried out thanks to a strong collaboration between **MIRRI-IT** and the **MIRRI task force for the FAIRification of MIRRI Information System (MIRRI-IS)**, potentially leading to new best practices for semantic annotation of microbial information.



Dataverse MIRRI infrastructure

This pilot project will be based on a **Dataverse repository instance** made up of five main components: the application, the database, the search engine, the file storage and the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) service (Fig. 1). To ensure a high level of performance, security and scalability for the whole project an open-source cloud Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS), namely **OpenDeep (OD)** will be specifically developed (Fig. 2). OD platform will be a template to deploy an **"HPC secure tenant"**. Technically, OD deploys a virtual compute cluster on encrypted storage volume pre-configured with software components including an authentication service (Keycloak), docker registry (Harbor), micro-service orchestrator (Kubernetes), a multi-tenancy manager (capsule), a firewall+VPN (Pfsense). Fig. 3 reports the common exploitation of the developed infrastructure.

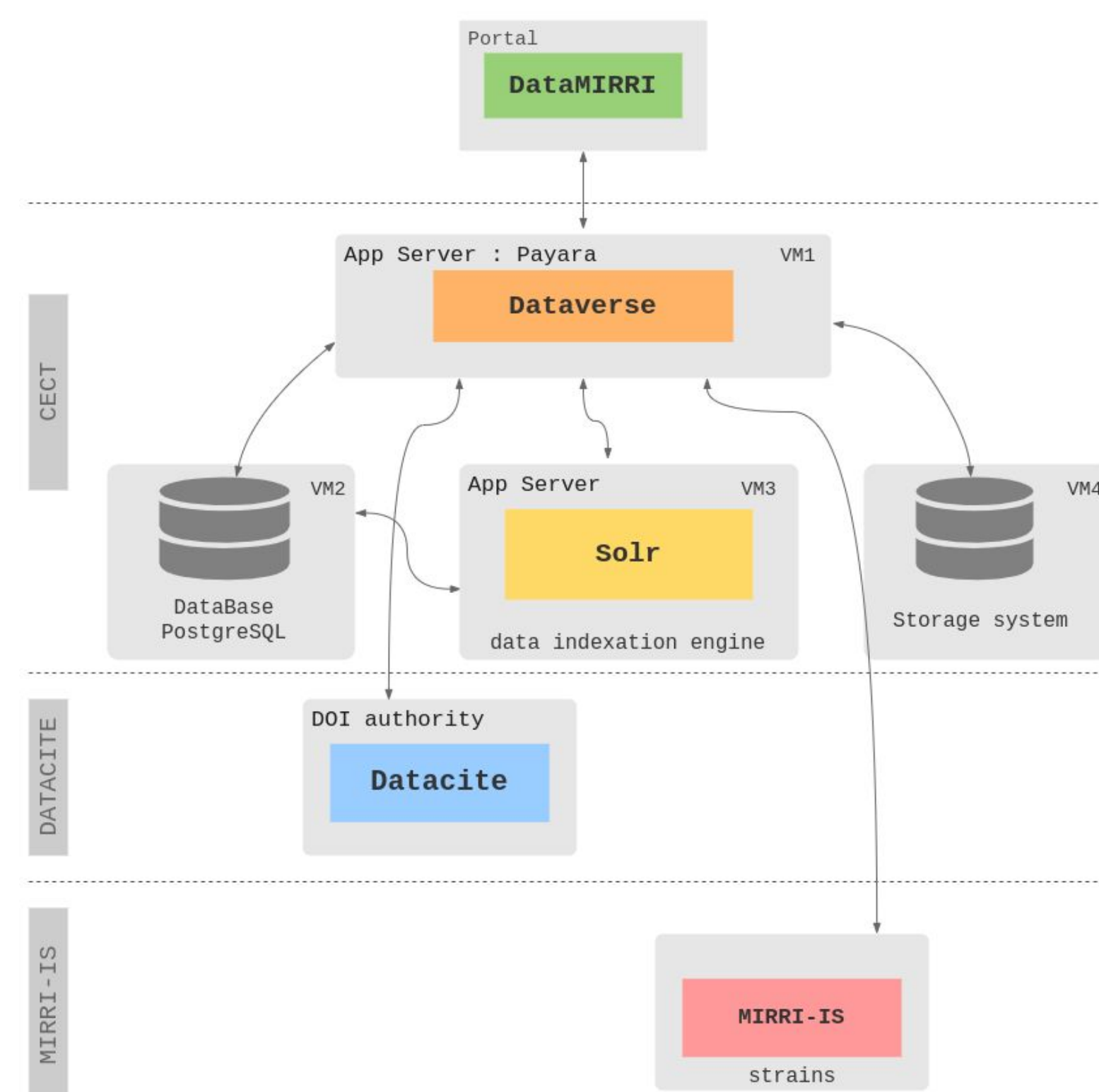


Fig. 1: **MIRRI-IT Dataverse** instance in which each component is a Docker Container deployed on **OD**.

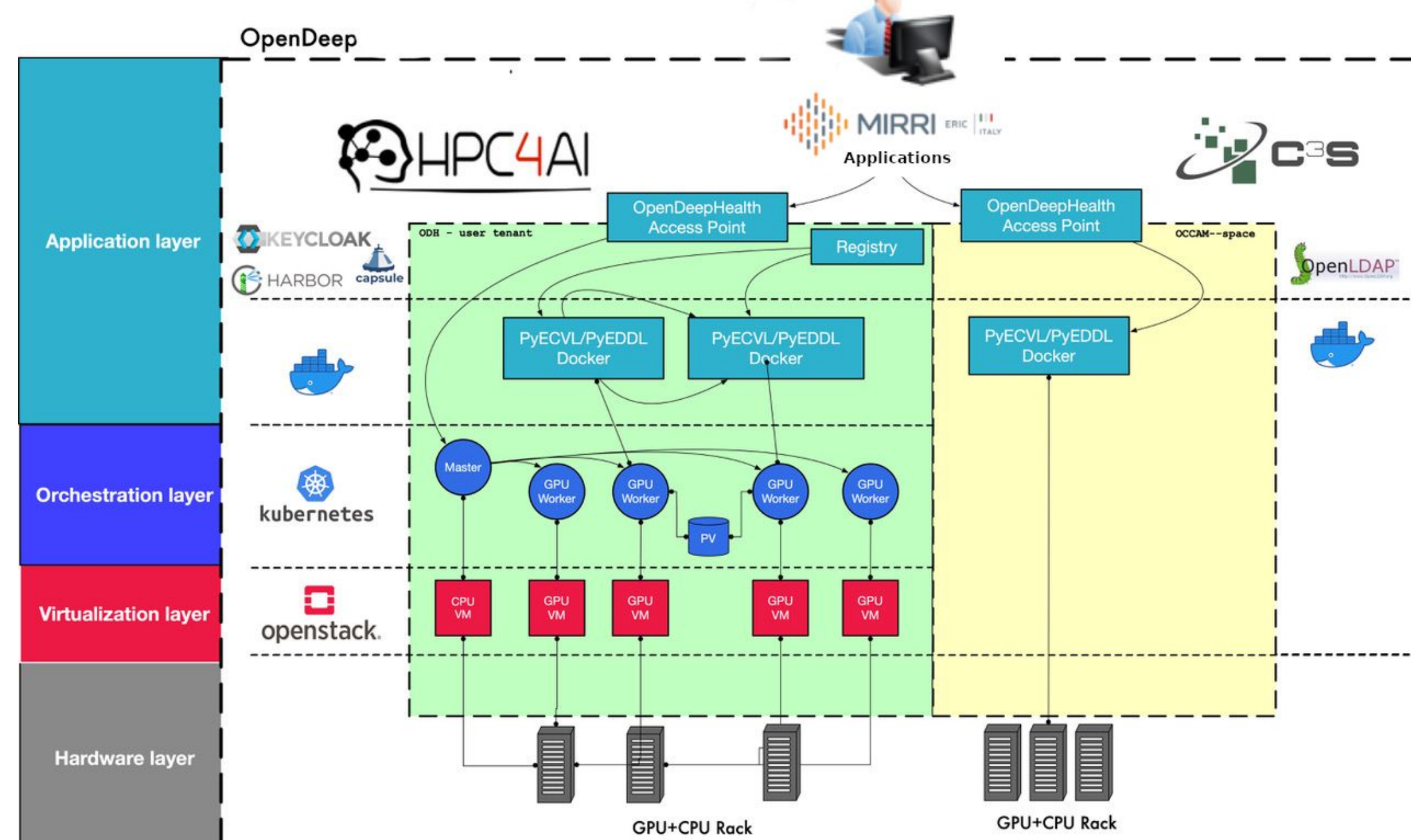


Fig. 2: Schema of the open-source cloud PaaS **OpenDeep** with respect to **SUS-MIRRI.IT** applications where MIRRI Application box is detailed in Fig.1

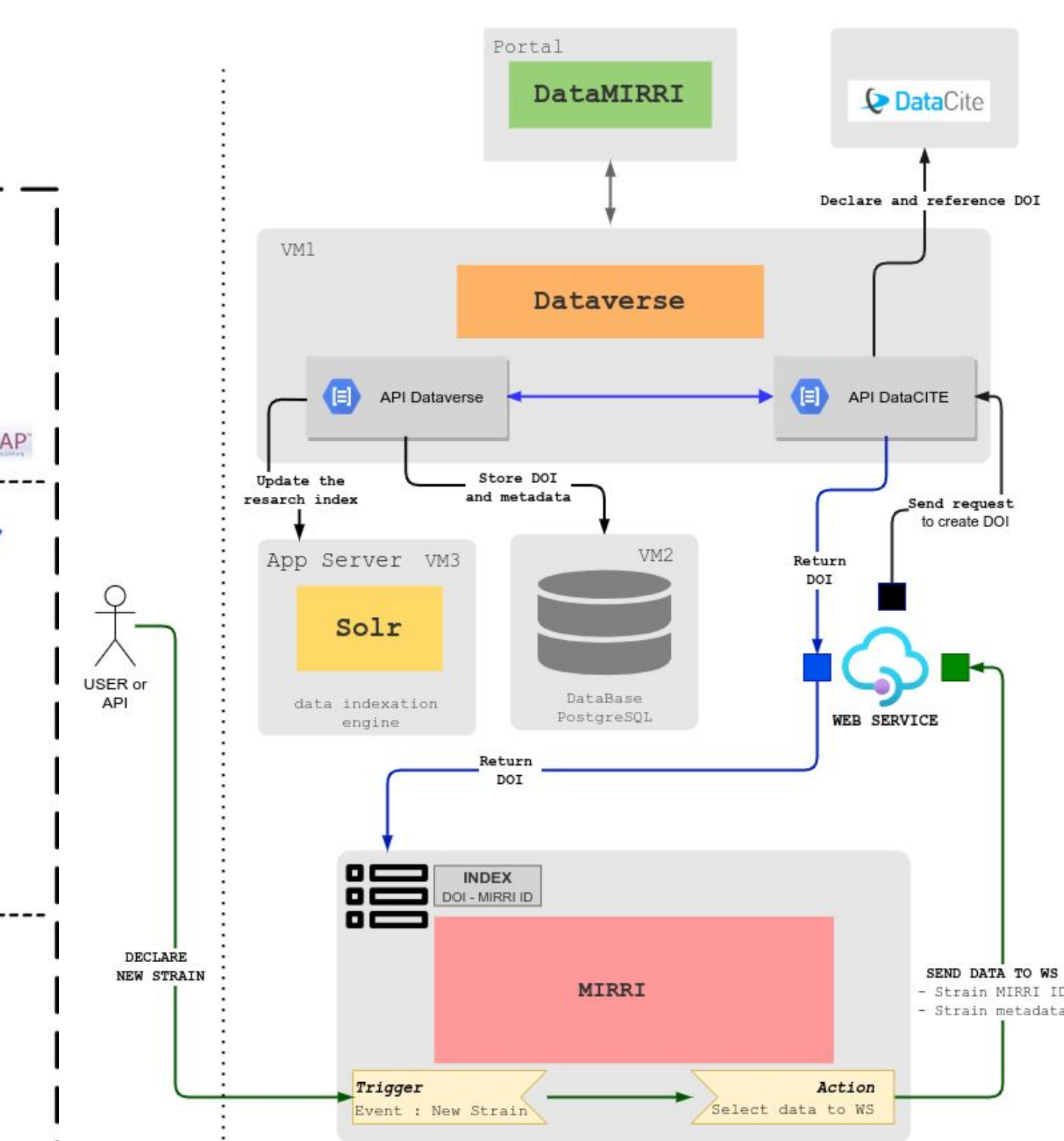


Fig. 3: Task flow diagram for **MIRRI-IT Dataverse**.

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