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# Eliciting Knowledge on Science Software Sustainability from the Earth Science Informatics Community

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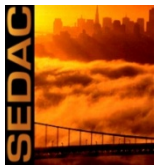


# Why Seek ESIP Perspectives on Science Software Sustainability?

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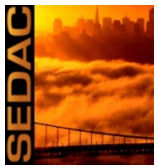
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- ESIP community practices data management
- Software is critical for managing and using Earth science data
- Sustainable software contributes to sustainable data
- Earth science informatics community viewpoints can inform science software sustainability practices of other communities



# Focus Group Methodology



- Participants of the 2014 Summer Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) Meeting invited to participate in roundtable discussions on science software sustainability
- Recruited 36 facilitators to convene focus groups at each assigned table
- Attendees assigned to tables of 8 participants

Source: Downs RR, Lenhardt WC, Robinson E, Davis E, Weber N. 2014. Community Recommendations for Sustainable Scientific Software. <http://dx.doi.org/10.7269/P3VX0DFX>

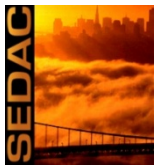


## Method Continued: 3 Question Categories

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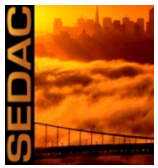
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1. Definition of sustainable scientific software
2. Perspectives on sustainable scientific software
3. Recommendations for near-term activities for the ESIP community to improve practices for scientific software sustainability



# Analysis of Results



- Responses received from 25 tables of attendees
- Initial content analysis conducted on responses for the third category of questions
- Analysis revealed actionable recommendations for the ESIP Community to improve the sustainability of scientific software