

# Monthly news

**Here are a few updates from the HUNT Cloud team as of January 2020.**

## Increased use

We are happy to see that more and more research groups prefer flexible cloud environments for their scientific computing.

Our activity almost doubled in 2019 up to 79 lab environments at the end of January.

It is inspiring to see more advanced analysis being run, and that more non-computational scientists are exploring cloud computing.

## Longer onboarding times

Unfortunately, increased use has led to longer onboarding times for new users. Account for weeks at this point. Notify us for those needing it sooner. We will improve our procedures.

## New agreements

We will introduce «Service agreements» as a new agreement layer this year. This will regulate the service delivery and simplify the establishments of new lab agreements. The goal is to allow research leaders to quickly deploy new labs into a lab portfolio.

## New server room

The last bits of equipment for our new server room arrived in January. The aim of the initial 5M investment is to allow for geographical redundancy of data as well as increased capacity. The goal is to be in production before the summer.

## New lab reports

This is the first month of our lab reports (this eBook). This version aims to raise awareness of lab resources. We plan to expand the content and appreciate feedback.

## Financial stability

The funding for our five employees are currently drawn from grants ending in December. Our primary priority for 2020 is therefore to ensure future financial stability of our services. We are working around the clock and will report progress on a monthly basis. Thus, response times for non-security related issues may be affected. We welcome all advices and support on this financial journey.