

# Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

#### Coordination policies in a multi proxy set-up

Building Trust across a Landscape of AARC BPA Proxies

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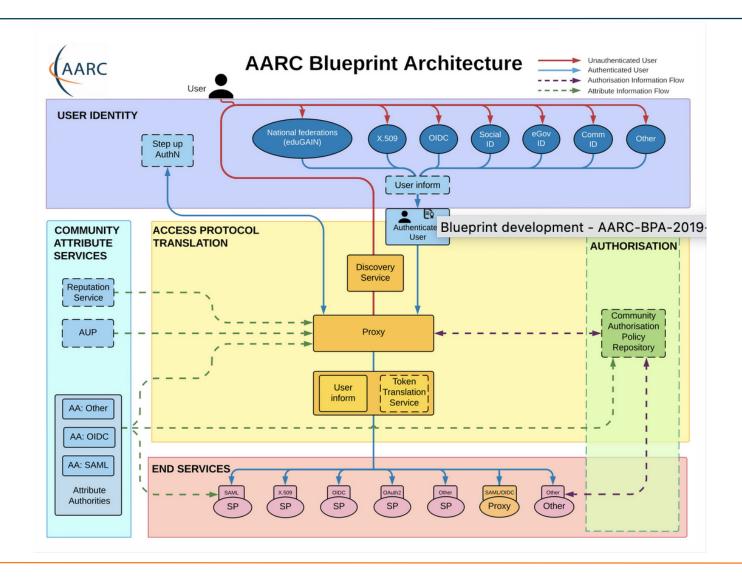
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## Arguably the best known picture from our AARC community





# Beyond a single BPA proxy – complexities in composite infrastructure

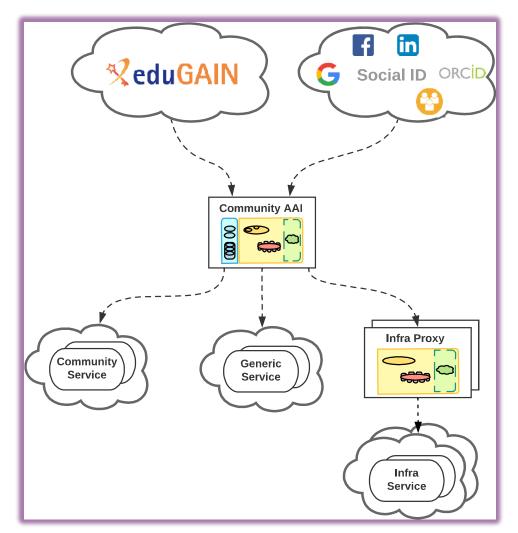


# EOSC AAI was one of the triggers to extend the BPA but is and will not be the only one!

 2019 "BPA Reloaded" (AARC-G045) lead us to composite proxy architectures

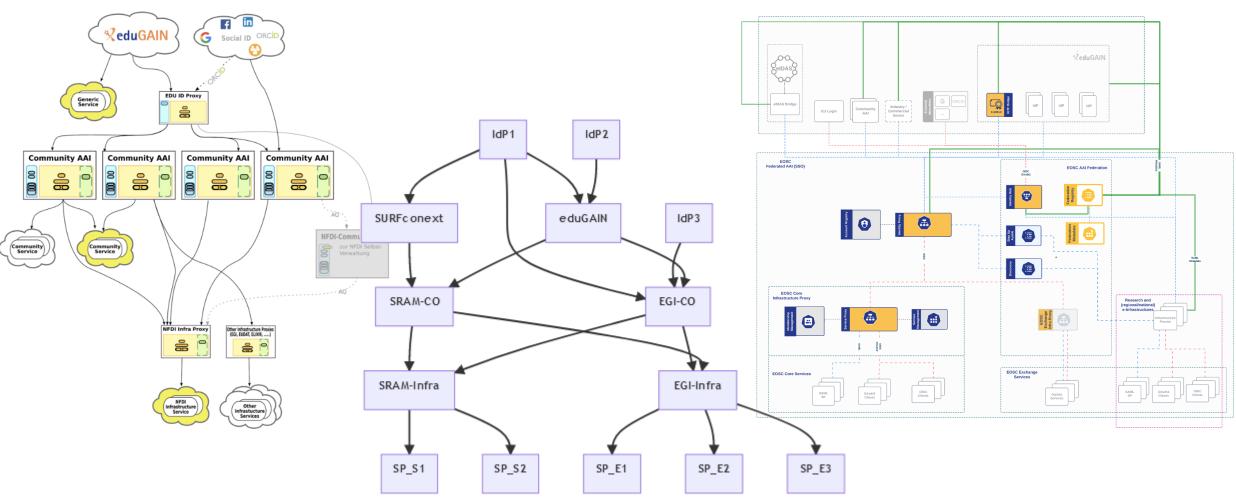
 and as we see the need grow for multiple instances of community and e-Infra proxies to work together, we end up with ...

... a federation of proxies ?! ©



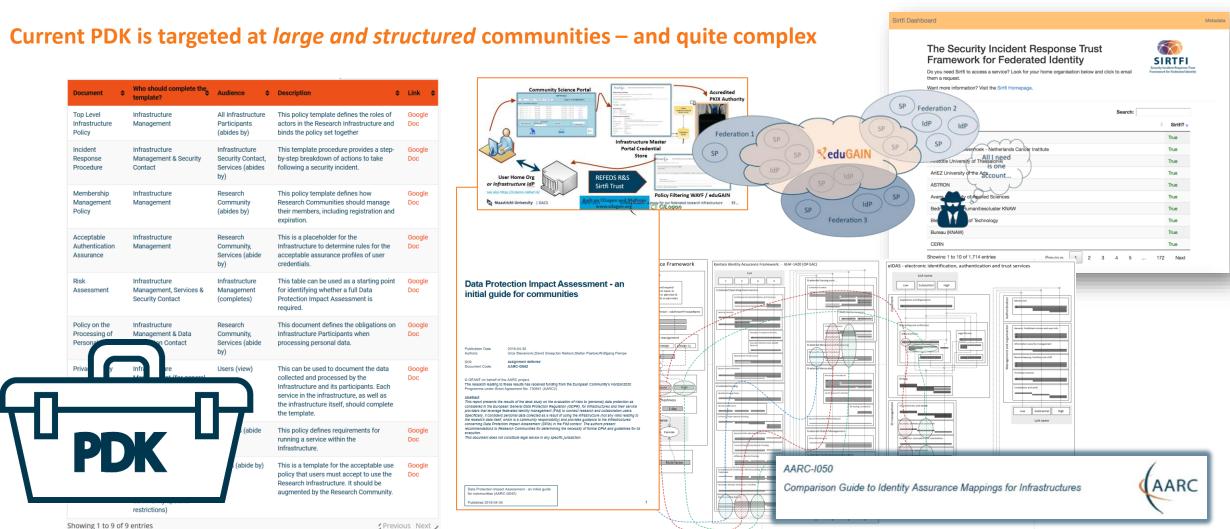
#### Composite proxies and more proxies!





#### And an AARC beyond Sirtfi, RCauth, and the Policy Development Kit?





#### Effort in AARC TREE to address issues and explore policy needs



- AARC-TREE topics are scoped (and effort assigned to each), with results defined in terms of how guidelines support proxy use cases and communities
- Participatory model, with FIM4R, AEGIS, and community management authorities
- What is needed for operational trust in terms of, e.g., 'baseline requirements'?

Let's look at some we identified when writing AARC-TREE ...

#### New good practices ... and there are more and different policy needs now



#### Infrastructure alignment and policy harmonisation: helping out the proxy

- Operational Trust for Community and Infrastructure BPA Proxies
- Snctfi increasing acceptance of research infrastructure proxies with R&E identity providers and sources of authentication
- Review infrastructure models for **coordinated AUP, T&C, and privacy notices**, improving cross-infrastructure user experience

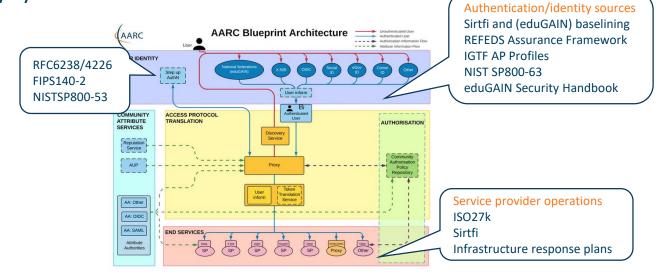
#### User-centric trust alignment and policy harmonization: helping out the community

- Lightweight community management policy template
- Guideline on cross-sectoral trust in novel federated access models
- Assurance in research services through (eIDAS) public identity assertion
- FIM4R policy workshop series on validation of the restructured policy framework (together with the new 'BPA')

#### "Operational Trust Framework for Community & Infrastructure Proxies"



In the authentication and service management space there are well-recognised operational security systems available ...



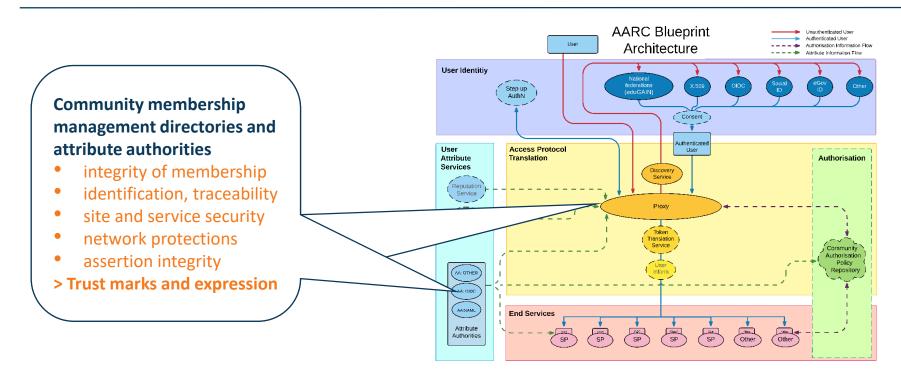
but proxies themselves are (far more!) valuable.

How are these to be protected?

Can we learn from each other as these are proliferating?

#### AARC G071 is there to help, but do we 'get the trust across'?





But when proxies are proxying proxies, can we proxy the trust?

Agree to a common baseline – that was successful before!

... set of (one or more) guidelines that represent a widely agreed and jointly-developed operational trust baseline for infrastructure membership management and proxy components. Supplemented by policy guidance on how to connect sectoral federations with more specific policies. Driven by your (FIM4R, WISE, EOSC, ...) feedback, and those of current proxy operators (in AEGIS).

# Can we build on trusted 'AAOPS' to increase acceptance of research infrastructure proxies with R&E identity providers



May never get 'interesting attributes' apart from affiliation from home IdPs, but ...

- still need assurance statements and REFEDS Assurance Framework attribute freshness
- unless 'well hidden', proxies are met with scepticism by IdPs to release personalised to R&S

and do Entity Categories 'traverse' proxies? and can proxy ops rely on their 'downstreams'?



#### review and enhance effectiveness of Snctfi

the set of guidelines that describe a (self-) accessible framework of policies that bind a set of service providers behind an AARC BPA Proxy

and thereby encourage trust in the proxies and their connected services

## Proxies have their own challenges as well: AUPs, T&Cs, Privacy notices, ...



#### For large 'multi-tenant' proxies:

- some subset users in some communities use a set of services how to I present their Terms and Conditions, and their privacy policies, so that the users
  - only see the T&Cs and notices for services they will access
  - this does not to need to be manually configured for each community
  - is automatically updated when services join

as well as for community and dedicated proxies:

- when new (sensitive) services join, who needs to see the new T&Cs?
- can we communicate acceptance of T&Cs to services even if 'we' are small and 'they' are large?



beyond AARC-G040

What is an acceptable user experience in clicking through agreements? What is most effective in exploiting the WISE Baseline AUP? What do *you* need?

With Fewer Clicks to More Resources!

## Helping out the community – a simpler policy toolkit for communities



What we heard through the grapevine (and at TechEx 2022 ...):

"small to mid-sized communities do not have the resources to maintain a bespoke community management policy"

Leaves both communities and operators of membership management services unclear about trust assurance level of members - current templates in toolkit too complex and prescriptive

Membership	Infrastructure	Research	This policy template defines how
Management	Management	Community	Research Communities should manage
Policy		(abides by)	their members, including registration
			and expiration.
Acceptable	Infrastructure	Research	This is a placeholder for the
Authentication	Management	Community,	Infrastructure to determine rules for the
Assurance		Services (abide	acceptable assurance profiles of user
		by)	credentials.

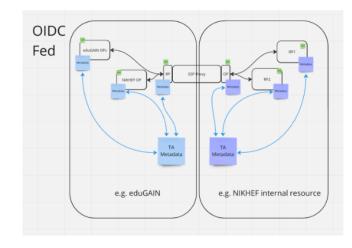
- community consultation on the 'minimum viable community management' we are here!
- template and implementation guidance (FAQ) on community lifecycle management
- how to implement the community management in the (EOSC) AAI services

#### New trust models – what is the role of the proxy in OIDCFed?



In today's BPA proxy links both sides by being opaque, **both** for attributes **as well as** for trust

- does it have to be that way?
- separate claims/attribute transformation from trust bridging?
- can OIDCfed structure convey trust transparently? Should it?
- can we then be more flexible? or will it just confuse everyone?
- easier to bridge trust across sectors this way?
   e.g. linking .edu, .gov, and private sector federations?



David Groep:

Raise of hands

Who knows about

- Proxy: most in the room
- OIDCfederation: few in the room
- Bridge PKI (public key infra): 1

What was the problem that triggered this session?

Proxies are wonderful, they can be opaque and expose things to the outside world..

Proxy into eduGAIN using SAML, token translation, attribute transformation, augmentation
Membership services?

OIDC world, to amalgamate a set of RPs

Essentially overloading the proxy with two roles, technical role of translating one for format to another (+ augment of claims), but also bridging trust between both "domains" In OIDC federation, you can chain metadata statements not by publishing to a list, but building hierarchies, trust anchors who can sign intermediates. multiple signatures on the same

ACAMP at TechEx23 – and TIIME?

#### We'll see more diverse sources of identity & assurance anyway

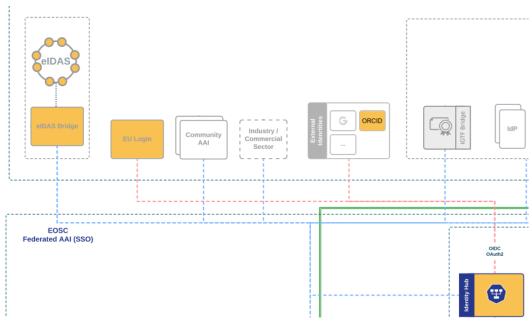


Most reliable (and most 'available') source of assurance may be the European government identity ecosystem.

- Step-up to at least substantial level can now readily be done 'at home' by users through their national eID schemes
- Joint work on eIDAS, Erasmus Student Mobility, and more makes this more accessible
- Better attainable than relying on home institutions?

#### ... but:

- what to do with non-European users?
- how to link the identities together



#### All About You – FIM4R and communities are the driving factor



Also in AARC-TREE we really need a "co-creation process" with you, our FIM4R communities

- we have resources to help run a couple of workshops in the next 2 years
- we need your critical review and your ideas and input on both policy and architecture
- start from the high-level requirements and some broad community input

May AARC-TREE be helpful to you ... with your input and brain dumps!

# Thank you Any Questions?

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Thank you

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