



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration



## RCauth.eu CILogon-like service in EGI and the EOSC

*Deployment and Sustainability Models  
for the AARC CILogon-like TTS Pilot*

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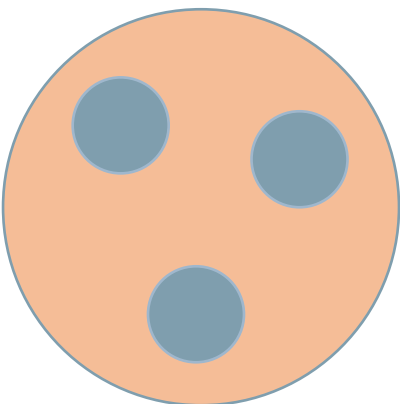
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# Aim: seamless access to existing services with eduGAIN for all



**Pan-European Access**  
*not country-opt-in based  
 standards-based assurance*



**Dispersed User Base**  
*critical mass is beyond  
 any single institution*

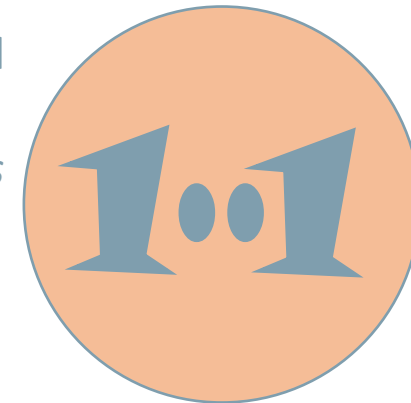


**Concentrate Sensitive Components**  
*no long-term token needs in the VO portal  
 credential management by the Infrastructures*

**No Changes to the Model**  
*for infrastructures and  
 their service providers*



**Command-line and VOMS**  
*with delegation and brokering*

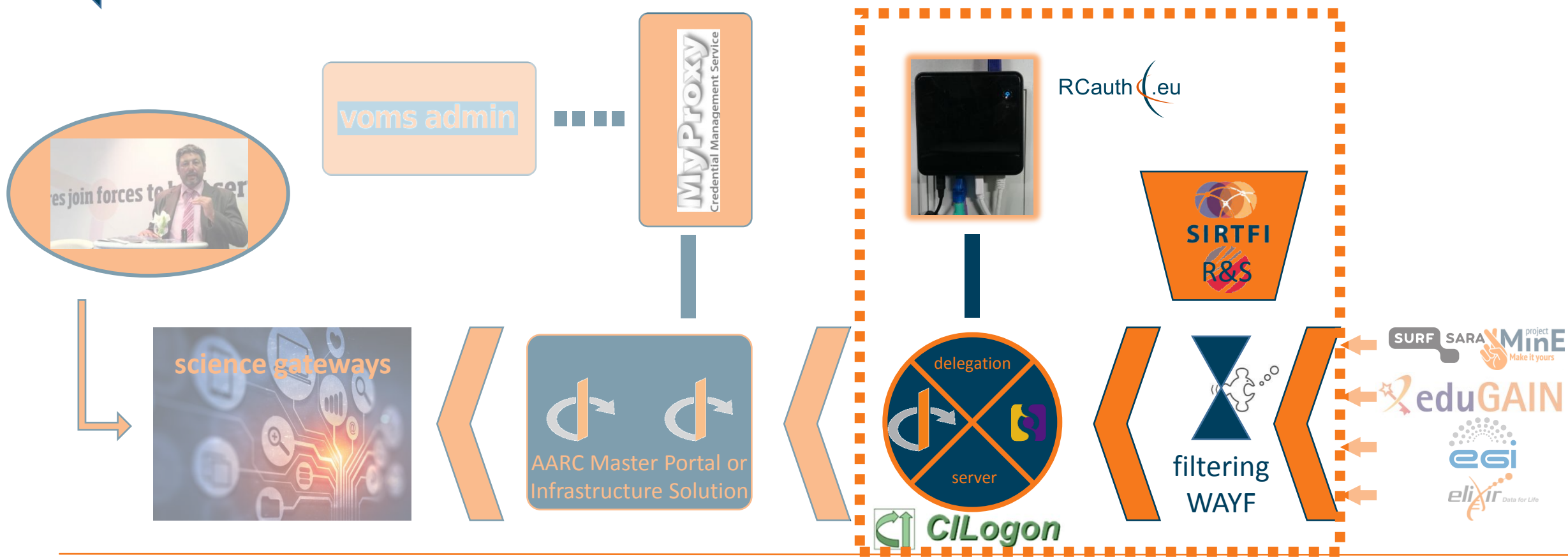


**Minimal Coding**  
*for the VO portals*

# CILogon-like TTS Pilot, the User's work flow

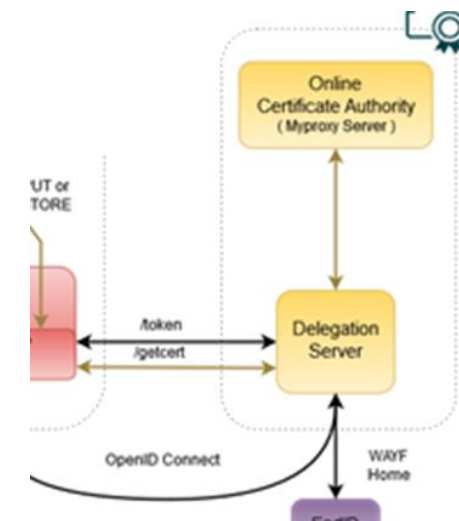
user login flow: VO portal → Community Infrastructure → RCauth service → federated AAI

credential flow: authentication, SAML federation, Policy Filter, OpenID Connect, PKIX+OIDC, (VOMS), proxy-on-portal



## Token Translator RCauth.eu service component

- Needs **security and policy expertise** (people) – and ability to maintain accreditation
- Needs **operational and technical capabilities** (hardware): hardware security modules, managed data centres, off-line and on-line secure areas, trained personnel, designate infrastructure to security operations
- Connects to – a handful of – Master Portals (MPs) with explicit agreements *to take care of user credential protection and compliance*
- Connects (many, we hope scalably) federations, IdPs and (few) SP-IdP-Proxies
- Serves many communities, some of which we don't yet know, and beyond just the European e-Infrastructures



### Considerations:

Trust and compliance, with IGTF accreditation

Single logical instance, with HA built in for production

Managed by a consortium: in Europe agreed by at least EGI, EUDAT, GÉANT, ELIXIR, and SURF

## Where are we today?

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- In ‘pre-production’ since May 2016, now several connections deployed to EGI, ELIXIR, DNI/SURF, ...
- ‘production demonstrator’ instance of *Rcauth.eu* set up in the ‘right way’ at Nikhef (only for now):
  - Dedicated secure environment, FIPS 140 level 3 approved HSM, anchored in a stable way
  - Policy and practices accredited under ‘unique-identifier’ profile at the IGTF
    - good enough for some infrastructures, and within EGI *in combination with* vetted & managed communities
  - Scalable negotiation model based on Sirtfi and REFEDS R&S section 6
  - Requirements on attached credential stores defined (for key protection)
  - Trust anchors in production (RCauth.eu is part of the ‘EGI-CAM’ package)

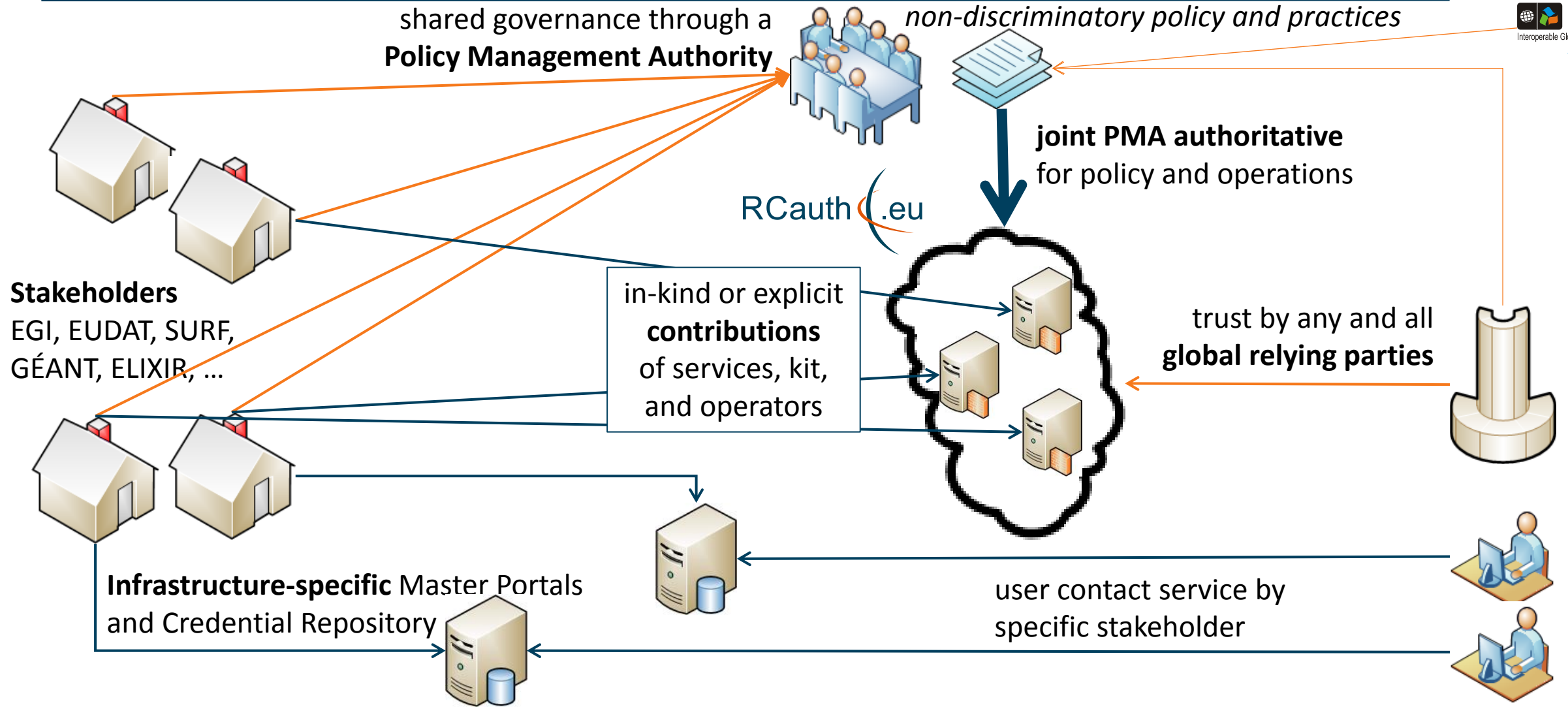
RCauth (.eu)

But it’s a **production demonstrator**, *not* true production, *without* an SLA, and with limited capacity (~2k users)

- ... and it’s a bit a ‘Heath Robinson’ service, using mostly pre-available hardware
- ... intended availability is high, but no on-site 24x365, nor redundancy



# Planned RCauth.eu management model



## Service distribution and support plans

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### Beyond just the 'Nikhef Best Effort' service

- what is 'the service' in this context: Delegation Service & WAYF
- can be anywhere between a few kEur to well over 100+kEur cost per year ...

### Recuperation model

- Master Portals (Credential Management) from other (non-RCauth) funding
- Delegation Service/RCauth.eu: free at point of use
- funded via in-kind contributions by the major e-Infrastructures
- distributed H/A setup, leveraging existing capabilities and some additional person effort

### EOSC Hub Consortium picked middle ground

- contribute effort and some hardware resources to the joint pan-European pool
- help steer the development through joint, independent, management body (PMA)
- partners with existing security operations expertise: GRNET, STFC, FZJ + SURF/Nikhef

## References

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<https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/Models+for+the+CILogon-like+TTS+Pilot>

<https://www.rcauth.eu/>

DIY demo – for users from Sirtfi'ed R&S Institutions, or through the IGTF eduGAIN bridge:

<https://rcdemo.nikhef.nl/>



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