

# Trust and Security in the EUGridPMA and EOSC

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# Meanwhile in Europe ...



**51<sup>st</sup> plenary proceedings**  
*'consolidate & diversify'*



**TCS Elliptic Curves**

**BPA Policy Guidelines**

**European Open Science Cloud –**  
AAI for heterogeneous  
connected services

**ongoing SCI work items –**  
*AUP and Policy  
Development Kit*

**Assurance Profiles**  
*risk based*  
*wait for the ISGC presentation!*

**SCCC JWG** – ensuring  
communications channels

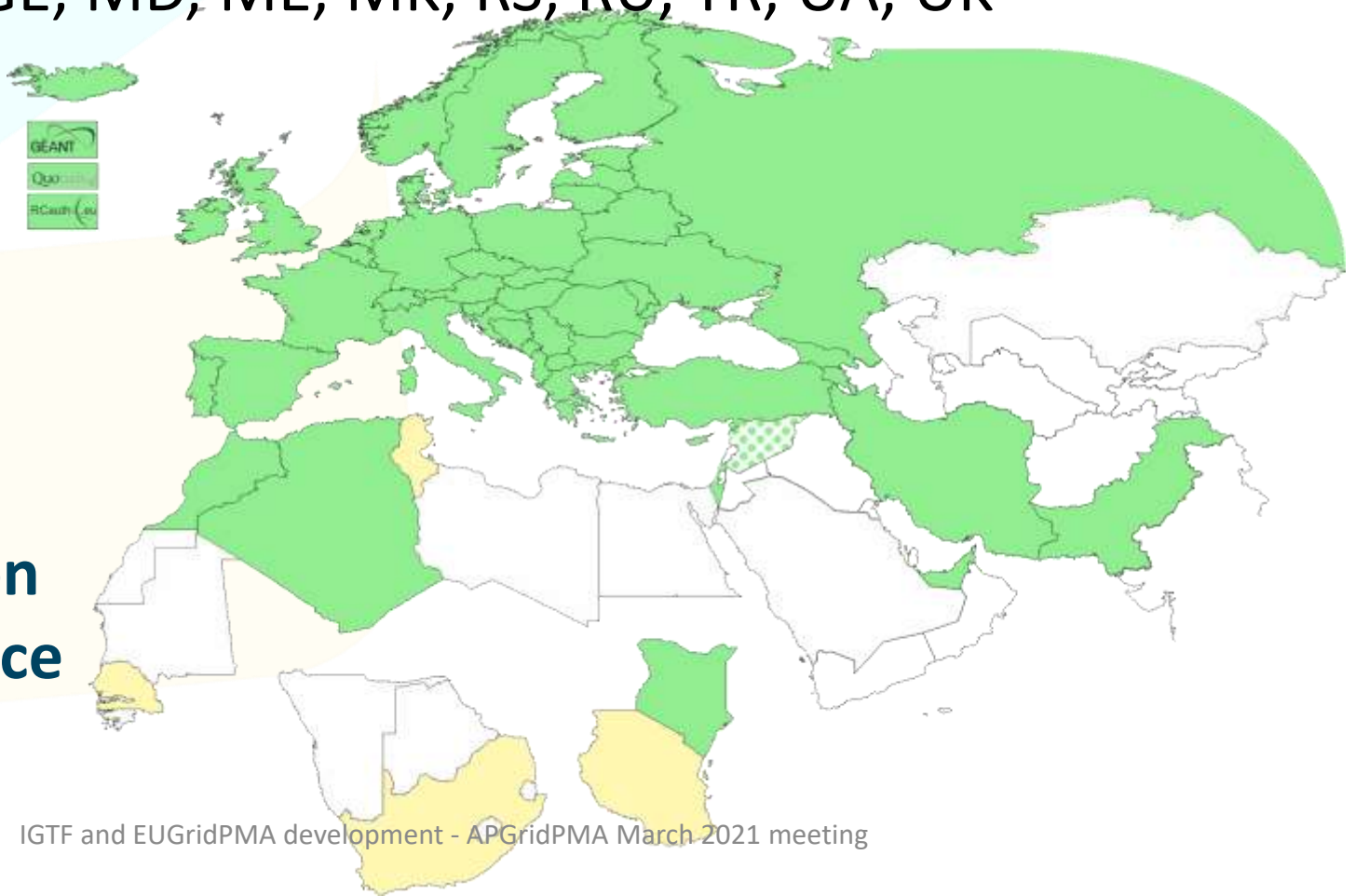
**Secure Operations**  
*for AAs & proxies*

**EOSC Trust & Security**  
*a risk-based approach  
with a strong core*

# IGTF EMEA area membership evolution

- Europe: GEANT TCS and CZ, DE, DK(+FI+IS+NO+SE), FR, GR, HR, HU, NL, PL, PT, RO, SI, SK; AM, GE, MD, ME, MK, RS, RU, TR, UA, UK
- Middle East: AE, IR, PK
- Africa: DZ, KE, MA
- CERN, RCauth.eu, DigitalTrust (AE)

**Emphasis on collaboration  
across the whole T&I space**



# Membership and other changes

- Identity providers: both reduction and growth
  - RAuth.eu distributed operations (GRNET, STFC, Nikhef)  
*using a shared key (and some smart border-guard-proof distribution mechanisms)*
  - TCS Gen 4 now operational – although with some rough edges
  - INFN discontinued (with unavailable CRL)
- Self-audit review
  - Cosmin Nistor as review coordinator
  - Self-audits are slacking a bit – fewer CAs ...

TR-Grid CA (Turkey) (Authority member) (TACAR OK)	Feyza Eryol	Specific Policies and Practices CA TRGrid (accredited:classic): CERT CRL concerns: <a href="mailto:ca@grid.org.tr">ca@grid.org.tr</a> A2:31:9E:C8:90:AF:D9:6D:F4:4A:59:31:F2:E6:D2:D5:39:EG:1D:F0	2005-09-29	2016-01-20	2016-01-20 (0.2yr)
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UK e-Science CAs (Authority member) (TACAR OK)	Jens Jensen (9210F006) David Kelsey	CA UKeScienceRoot-2007 (accredited:classic): CRL concerns: <a href="mailto:support@grid-support.ac.uk">support@grid-support.ac.uk</a> A1:39:B0:F3:04:6C:0B:F9:F5:0A:1B:33:00:06:4F:B3:6B:7D:4F:3E	2000-12-04	2016-01-20	2014-01-14 (2.2yr)
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Ukrainian Grid CA (Authority member) (TACAR FAILURE)	Sergii Stirenko Oleg Alienin	Generic CP and CPS statements			
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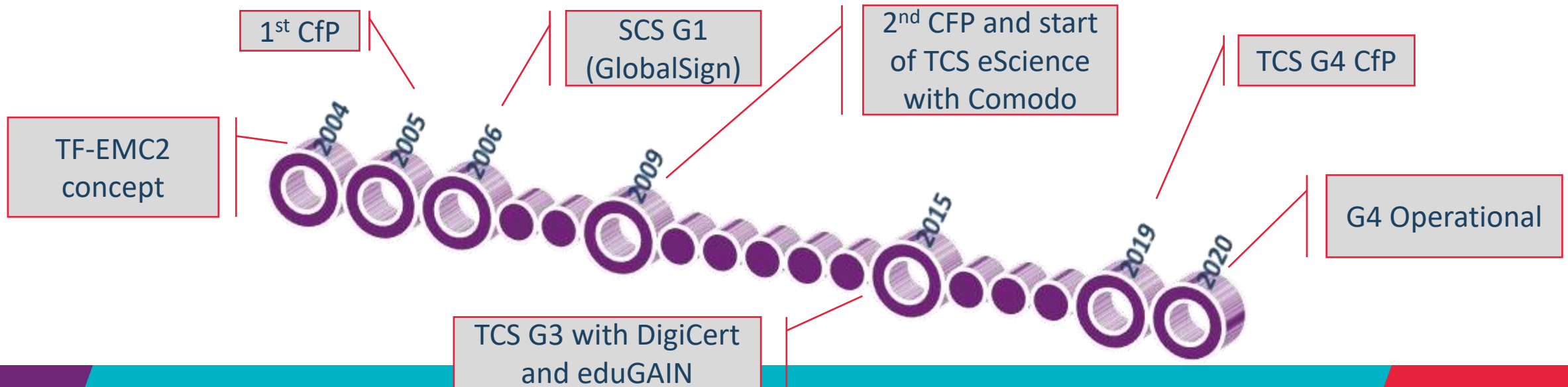


# **(TCS) EVOLUTION – AND ECC CERTS**

# 15 years of TCS and going strong ...

**driven by public web trust, with the eScience use cases very much in mind**

- NREN (GEANT constituency) relies on public trust, OV, today still EV, but also eIDAS
- in a way that scales to 45 countries and ~100k active certificates today, increasing steadily
- and also ~10k organisations, most of which cannot deal with certificates ... nor with change
- now going to its 4th iteration: GlobalSign, Comodo, DigiCert, ... and now Sectigo again



**SECTIGO**

## Digital Certificate Enrollment

You have been authorized to enroll for a digital certificate. Please validate that your name and email addresses are correct.

Name: David Groep

Email: davidg@nikhef.nl

Organization: Nikhef

Please select the correct certificate profile and desired private key format. If a private key is generated a password is required to protect the download.

Certificate Profile

- ☐ GÉANT Personal Certificate
- ☒ GÉANT IGTF-MICS Personal
- ☐ GÉANT IGTF-MICS-Robot Personal

IGTF MICS Robot Personal Certificate" - provides secure client authentication for software agents and processes running under your control, and authenticate these to e-Infrastructure services.

Private Key

- ☐ Generate RSA
- ☒ Generate ECC
- ☐ Upload CSR

Choose file No file chosen

P12 Password

## New 'SAML portal'

Newly developed by Murray @Sectigo

Picks profile and name form directly from product type

includes ePPN as uniqueID

Support .P12 generation and CSR ...

... and ... ECC!

# A new thing: ECC IGTF certs

- Although ECC certs were available in TCSG3 as well, it was ‘a well-hidden option’ and never advertised and through the IGTF we never distributed the ECC variants of TCS G3
- New self-service portal for TCS G4 personal – since it generates key pairs on the CA side – now makes ECC certificates very prominent, and a first-class citizen of the ecosystem
- TCS G4 ECC intermediates, and the USERTrust ECC CA root, as ‘experimental’ CAs in the IGTF 1.106 release

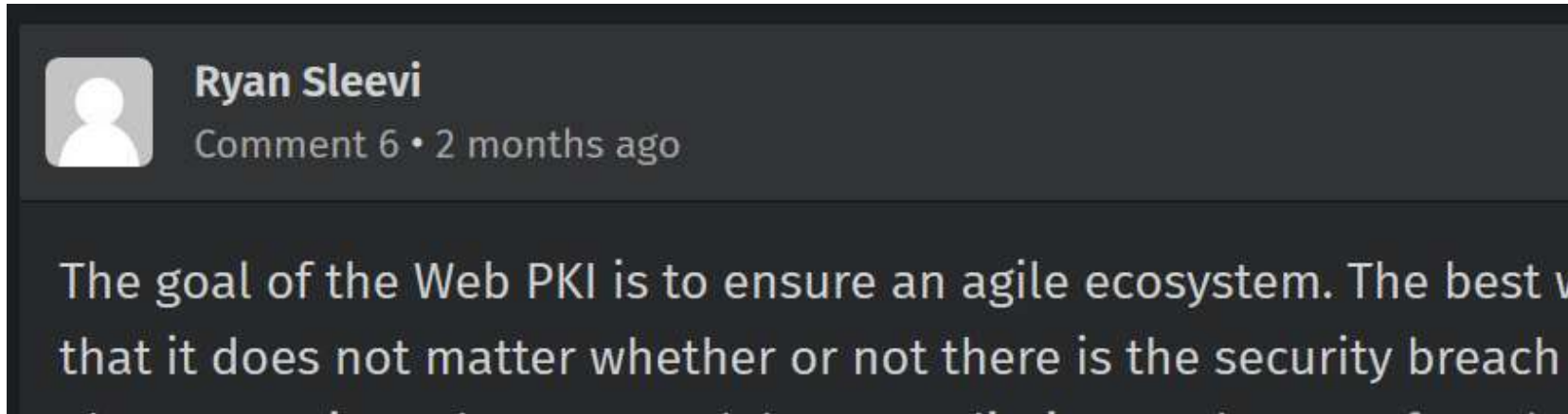


# ECC certs in the main RP contexts

- introduction of ECC anchors in 1.106 did not result in any issues
- at least *voms-proxy-init* in emi-ui  $\geq 3.7$  does not explode, which is good™ (but the same in versions  $\leq 3.3$  is known to get confused by them)
- Installing as extra trust anchors should be harmless, until a user trigger one

# Validation remains challenging

Issue brought to new heights during enforced mass revocation in July 2020



[https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=1650910](https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=1650910)

and since people like Ryan continue to exert influence over end-relying parties ...

*(it would be nice if the goal of WebPKI were to have a secure ecosystem,  
instead of thinking agility is a goal in and of itself ...)*

and more useless agility is coming – in browser trust sphere, expect ~3mo validity!  
– so there you need prepare for ACME if you (also) need web trust



Baseline Acceptable Use Policy

Policy Development Kit

From IGTF RAT CC to 'Security Communications Challenge Coordination' - SCCC

# **WISE SCI INTERWORKING AND POLICY**

<https://www.eugridpma.org/meetings/2021-02/>




# SCI - WISE AUP & PDK

AUP officially published, adopted by many

- relying parties can in the scheme can leverage user acceptance at any peer *specifically: at the community AAI*

## Policy Development Kit

- broad work on new 'top level' with UK IRIS
- self-assessment review guidance & Implementer's Guide



### The WISE Baseline Acceptable Use Policy and Conditions of Use

Version 1, 25 Feb 2019

**David Kelsey et al.**

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Policy Area	New Template	Lead Participants
Top Level	Infrastructure Policy	IRIS (UK), EOSC-hub
Data Protection	Privacy Statement	WLCG, IRIS
Data Protection	Policy on the Processing of Personal Data	EGI, WLCG
Membership	Community Policy	IRIS, EOSC, GN4-3, IGTF
Membership	Acceptable Authentication Assurance	GN4-3, IGTF
Operational Security	Incident Response	eduGAIN, Sirtfi, GN4-3, EOSC & many opsec groups
Operational Security	Service Operations	EOSC-hub, IRIS

**Conditions of Use**

defines the rules and conditions (processing, and storage of data) defined by {community, agency, or goals and policies governing the use, the community, agency, or roles or conditions, or references must not conflict with the clauses changed.>

with the purposes and limitations of the Services, you have an obligation to collaborate in the resolution of issues arising from your use of the Services.

[wise-community.org/wise-baseline-aup/](https://wise-community.org/wise-baseline-aup/)

# Communications Challenges – who picks up the call?

TI Reaction Test [TI-XI #107402165633] - Mozilla Thunderbird

File Edit View Go Message Enigmail Tools Help

Get Messages Write Chat Address Book Tag

Enigmail Good signature from Trusted Introducer

From ti@trusted-introducer.org ☆

Subject TI Reaction Test [TI-XI #107402165633]

To security@nikhef.nl ★

Dear TI Colleagues,

please take a short moment by clicking on the URL below please contact someone that is representative(s).

The time of your teams reaction will be recorded.

Please visit the following <https://up.trusted-introducer.org/>

Best regards,  
the Trusted Introducer

[EGI #16469] Site Security Contact Communication Challenge

File Edit View Go Message Enigmail Tools Help

Get Messages Write Chat Address Book Tag

From [redacted] via RT <csirt@rt.egi.eu> ★

Subject [EGI #16469] Site Security Contact Communication Challenge

To security@nikhef.nl ★

Dear security contact for \*\* NIKHEF-ELPROD \*\*, == Why you have received this message ==

To verify the security contact data set in the GOC-DB, == What action is required ==

Confirm that this contact is still correct by visiting <https://csirt-challenge.egi.eu/2020S-fe775a375>

No further action is required except for the above.

== Additional information ==

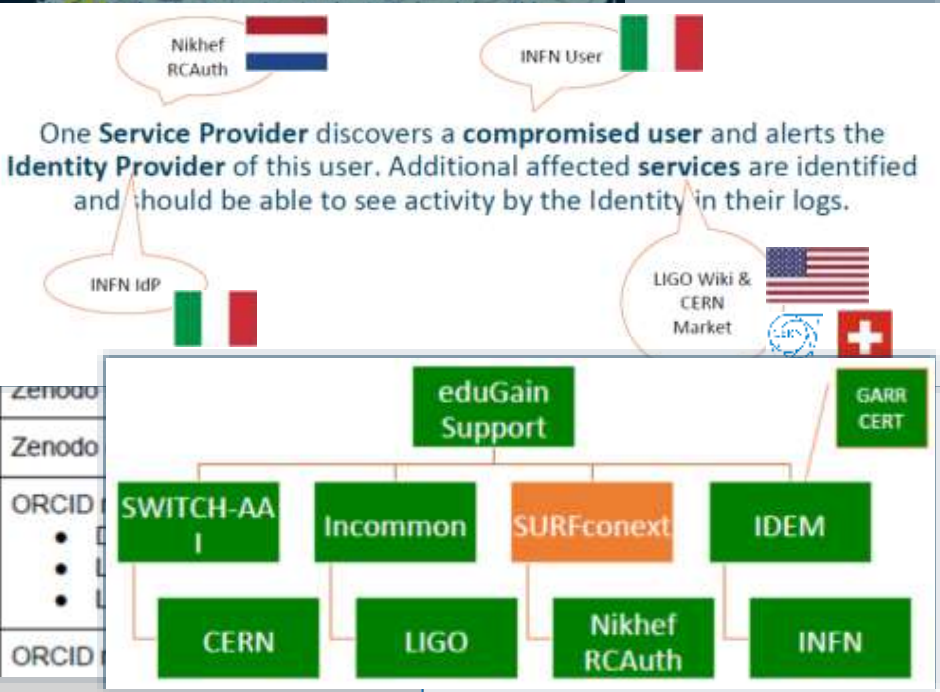
The EGI Security Incident Response Procedure requires sites to respond to requests from EGI CSIRT within 4 hours during an incident. For this reason it is essential that the contact information in GOC-DB is kept up to date and remains valid. Challenge emails such as this are used occasionally to test this validity.

More information and links to the procedure are available here - [https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI\\_CSIRT:Incident\\_reporting](https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI_CSIRT:Incident_reporting)

Thank you

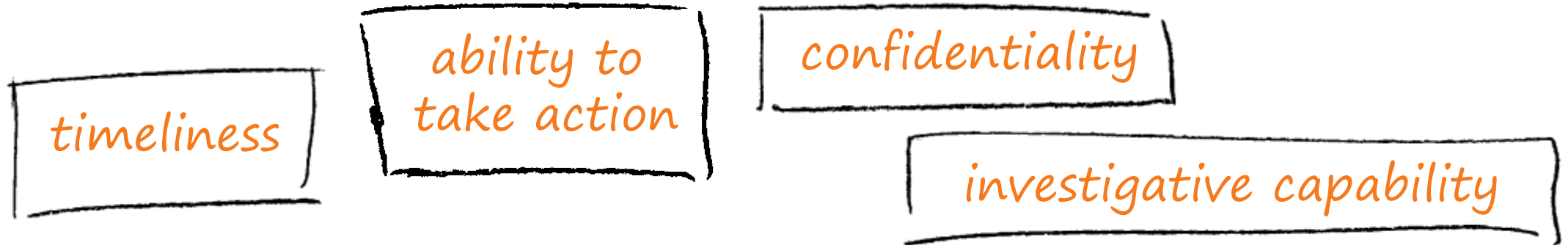


Timeline	
Day	Time (CEST)
Monday 22nd	11:00
	11:54
	15:00
	15:44
	15:56



## Challenge elements – what is valued or expected might differ ...

A single test and challenge can answer one **or more** of these questions



- when data available: infrastructure can set its *own level* of expectancy and gives *deep trust*
- assessment supported with community controls (suspension) gives a *baseline compliance*

### Communications challenges build ‘confidence’ and trust – an important social aspect!

- different tests bring complementary results: responsiveness vs. ability act , or do forensics
- unless you run the test yourself, you may not be growing more trust in the entities tested
- for a ‘warm and fuzzy feeling of trust’, share results: but this is sociologically still challenging ...



## Continued engagement and coordination: WISE SCCC **JOINT** WG

# WISE Community: Security Communication Challenges Coordination WG (SCCC-WG)

### Introduction and background

Maintaining trust between different infrastructures and domains depends largely on predictable responses by all parties involved. Many frameworks – e.g. SCI and Sirtfi – and groups such as the coordinated e-Infrastructures, the IGTF, and REFEDS, all promote mechanisms to publish security contact information, and have either explicit or implicit expectations on their remit, responsiveness, and level of confidentiality maintained. However, it is a well-recognised fact that data that is not

**WISE**  
**SIG-ISM**  
**REFEDS**  
**IGTF**

## Subsidiary aim: make security contacts less ‘scary’

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The most basic response is to (sorry!) click on a harmless link: making it a challenge to respond ‘as fast as possible’ – a bit like a competition

**Ask also a very simple ‘question’ to raise awareness,**

‘for security contacts, do you want to be (proactively) informed if we have security information relevant to your organisation?’

***esp. if the contact is the technical rep, i.e. there is no Sirtfi contact***

‘you got this message because there is no designated security contact for your organisation. Would you want to receive security information, or who (if not you) should be your security contact?’

Are you aware of Sirtfi?’

And we can add some ads for Sirtfi, although having *any* kind of contact is better than none ...



## Would *you* like to be contacted?

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1. Do you have a security contact listed for your organisation?  
Is your CERT contact public?
2. Do you run (or control) an IdP, and do you support *Sirtfi*?
3. What kind of communications would you like to receive there?
  - information about **incidents in connected services**, where your users are actively involved?
  - information about incidents that are **currently affecting institutions like yours** and are spreading and attacking you soon?
  - information that **people with an email address** from your domain are using non-federated services?
  - **communications challenges**, to see whether you're awake?
  - **surveys** and questionnaires? 😊



# WISE SCCC-WG – participate!

## WISE Community:

### Security Comm

### Coordination V

#### Introduction and backgr

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responses by all parties involved. N  
coordinated e-Infrastructures, the  
contact information, and have eith  
and level of confidentiality maintai  
verified becomes stale: security co  
infrastructure may later bounce, or

One of the ways to ensure contact  
compare their performance agains

[Dashboard](#) / ... / SCCC-JWG

## Communications Challenge planning

Created by David Groep, last modified on Oct 12, 2019.

Body	Last challenge	Campaign name	Next challenge	Campaign
IGTF	November 2015		October 2019	IGTF-RATCC
EGI	March 2019	SSC 19.03 (8)		
Trusted Introducer	August 2019	TI Reaction Test	January 2019	TI Reaction

### Campaign information

Campaigns can target different constituencies and may overlap. The description of the constituency given here should be sufficient for a h  
detailed description or a list of addresses (which would be a privacy concern since this page is public). Challenges can also probe to differ

## IGTF-RATCC4-2019

Campaign	IGTF-RATCC4-2019
Period	October 2019
Initiator contact	Interoperable Global Trust Federation IGTF (rat@igtf.net)
Target community	IGTF Accredited Identity Providers
Target type	own constituency of accredited authorities
Target community size	~90 entities, ~60 organisations, ~50 countries/economic areas
Challenge format and depth	email to registered public contacts expecting human response (by email reply) within policy timeframe
Current phase	Completed, summary available
Summary or report	Preliminary result: 82% prompt (1 working day) response, follow-up ongoing

WISE, SIGISM, REFEDS, TI joint working group  
*see wise-community.org wiki and join!*

<https://wiki.geant.org/display/WISE/SCCC-JWG>

co-chairs: Hannah Short (CERN) and David Groep (Nikhef)



voPersonAffiliation – can you heuristically create one?

# **AARC: ABOUT PROXIES AND THE BPA**

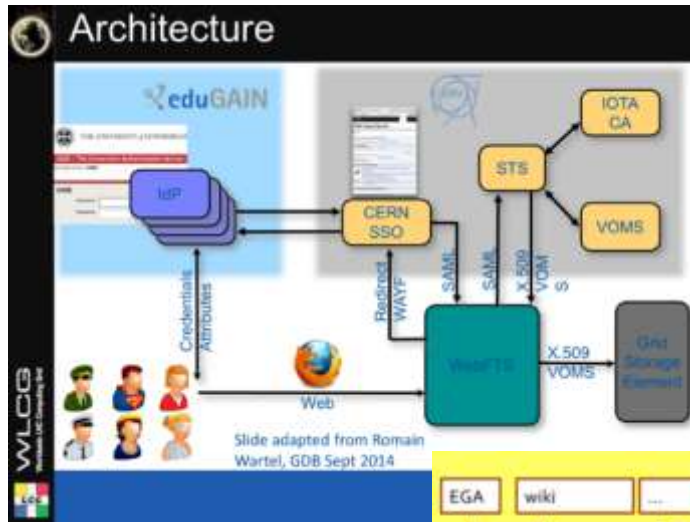
# Federated Access

Login to services often via a service proxy  
*TERENA proxy was one of the first, but it's a common pattern ...*

*"Where are you from"*  
discovery screen  
showing entities from  
the eduGAIN global  
interfederation

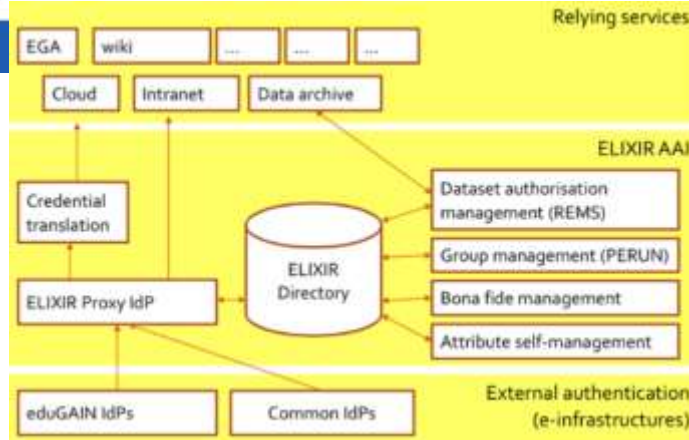


# Managing complexities of distributed identity sources

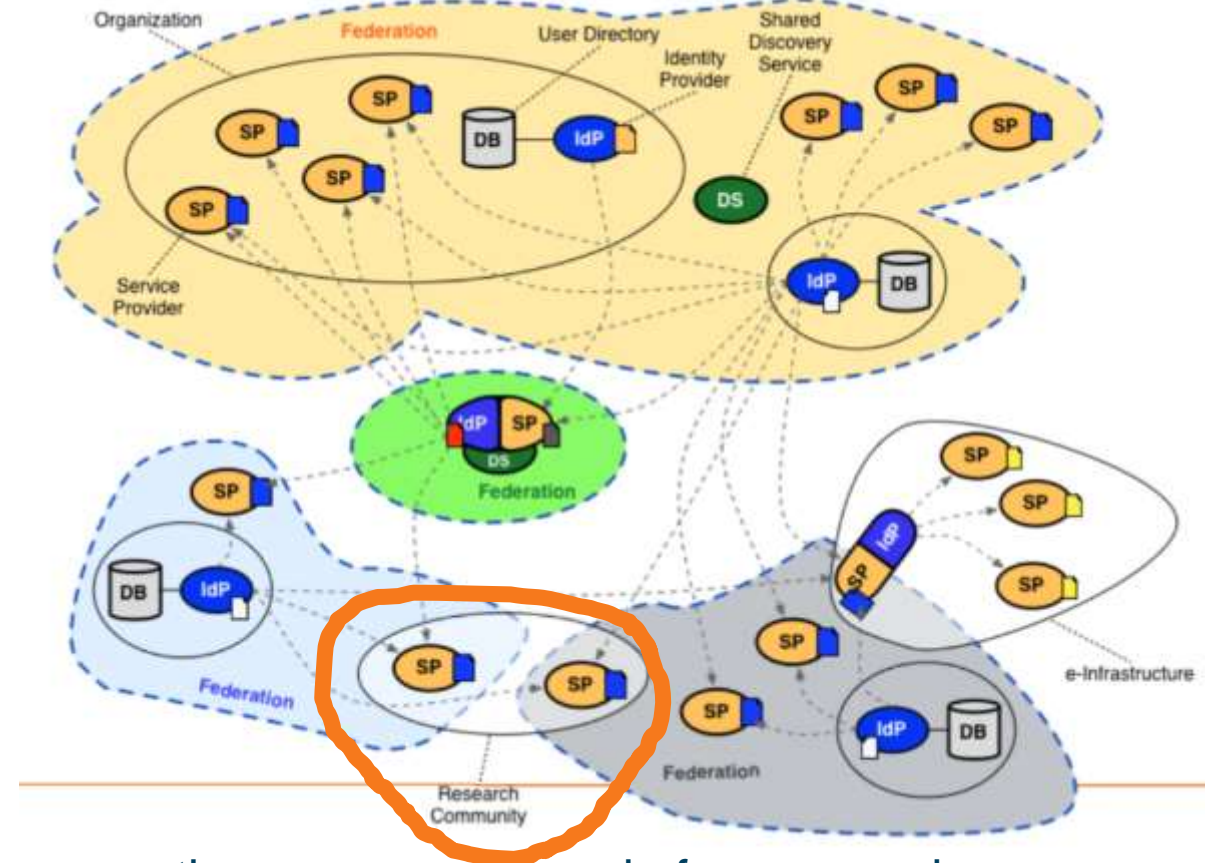


WebFTS prototype  
'FIM4R' in wLCG  
Romain Wartel et al.

ELIXIR reference  
architecture  
Mikael Linden et al.



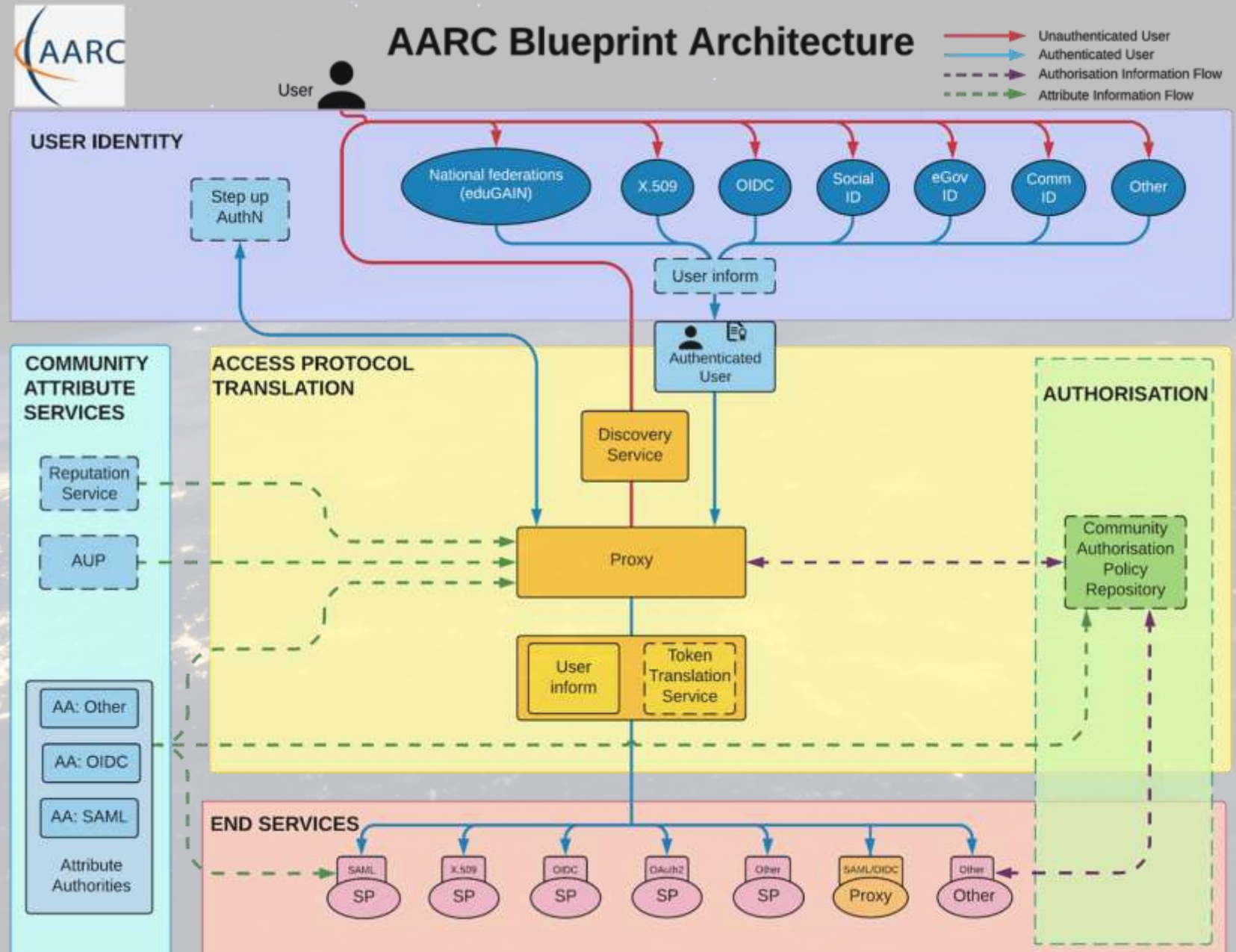
communities had either invented  
their own 'proxy' model to abstract complexity



or they were composed of many services  
each of which had to manage federation complexity



# AARC BPA



# All about the AARC BPA

**Not sure how to begin with the AARC Blueprint Architecture?** There are plenty of [guidelines](#) available but it can be a minefield at first. Here you can find common questions matched to the relevant Blueprint Architecture component, along with links to guidelines that can help.

## Getting Started:

- How should I design my infrastructure? What is the AARC Blueprint Architecture? [AARC-G045](#)
- How should I approach performing a Data Protection Impact Assessment? [AARC-G042](#)
- How should my infrastructure support Federated Security Incident Response? [AARC-I051](#)

## Access Protocol Translation:

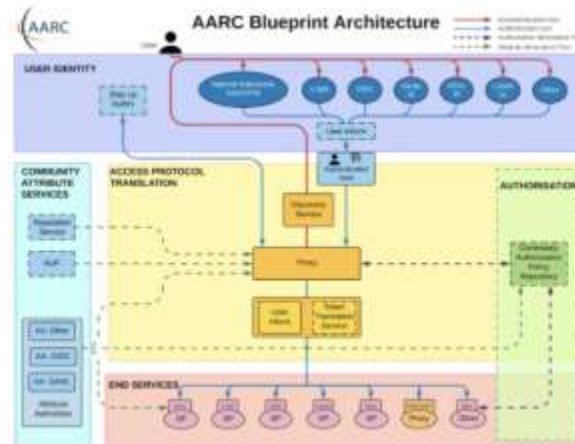
- Which best practices should I follow for my Token Translation Services? [AARC-G004](#)
- How should I translate from Identity Federation information to X.509 certificates? [AARC-G010](#)

## Proxies:

- How can I ensure that my proxy is able to accurately claim that it supports best practices in Identity Federation? [AARC-G015](#)
- How should I express assurance information for users when interacting with another proxy? [AARC-G021](#)

## Community Attribute Services:

- How should attributes from multiple sources be aggregated? [AARC-G003](#)
- How should I express the home institute of a user? [AARC-G025](#)
- What are the best practices for running my Attribute Authorities securely? [AARC-G048](#)
- Which Acceptable Use Policy should I use to facilitate interoperability? [AARC-I044](#)



## End Services:

- My service needs to act on behalf of the user - how should I handle credential delegation and impersonation? [AARC-G005](#)
- My services are not web based, how can I use identities from the proxy? [AARC-G007](#)
- How should Services hint which IdP they would like users to use? [AARC-G049](#)
- Which Security practices should I follow? [AARC-G014](#)

## User Identity:

- How should I integrate Social Media Identity Providers? [AARC-G008](#)
- How should users link accounts, and how does that affect Assurance? [AARC-G009](#)
- How should services indicate that they would like users to authenticate with multifactor authentication, and how should my proxy forward that information? [AARC-G029](#)

## Assurance:

- How should assurance information of external identities be calculated? [AARC-G031](#)
- What can I say about assurance of identities from social media accounts? [AARC-G041](#)
- How is assurance impacted by account linking? [AARC-G009](#)
- How should assurance information be shared with other infrastructures? [AARC-G021](#)
- Which Assurance Profiles should I use, there are so many! [AARC-I050](#)

## Authorisation:

- How should I manage authorisation information from multiple sources? [AARC-G006](#)
- How should group and role information be expressed to facilitate interoperability? [AARC-G002](#)
- How should resource capabilities be expressed? [AARC-G027](#)

**What next?** Are you looking for a kick start with your policies? Take a look at the [Policy Development Toolkit](#) which provides a set of templates.

Certain guidelines are being adopted by the AEGIS community to support interoperability between infrastructures - consider prioritising [these best practices](#).

On the AARC and FIM4R site

Many thanks to Hannah !

<https://edu.nl/h3dm4>





- Hannah Short made a great structured guide to the AARC Blueprint Architecture

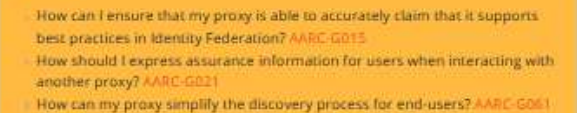
- identifies relevant standards for each area
- links to the **Policy Development Toolkit PDK**

 <https://aarc-community.org>

The AARC Blueprint architecture (BPA) is a set of software building blocks that can be used to implement federated access management solutions for international research collaborations. The Blueprint Architecture lets software architects and technical decision makers mix and match tried and tested components to build customised solutions for their requirements.

- **User Identity:** services which provide electronic identities that can be used by users participating in international research collaborations.
- **Community Attribute Services:** components related to managing and providing information (attributes) about users, such as community group memberships and roles, on top of the information that might be provided directly by the identity providers from the User Identity Layer.
- **Access Protocol Translation:** defines an administrative, policy and technical boundary between the internal/external services and resources.
- **Authorisation:** contains elements to control the many ways users can access services and resources.
- **End-services:** where the external services interact with the other elements of the AAL.

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## Example guideline G056: can you see ‘through’ the proxy to the home org?

*Is the service dealing with a (university) researcher, a student, ...?*

*Can the proxy infer some of this for the benefit of the SP?*

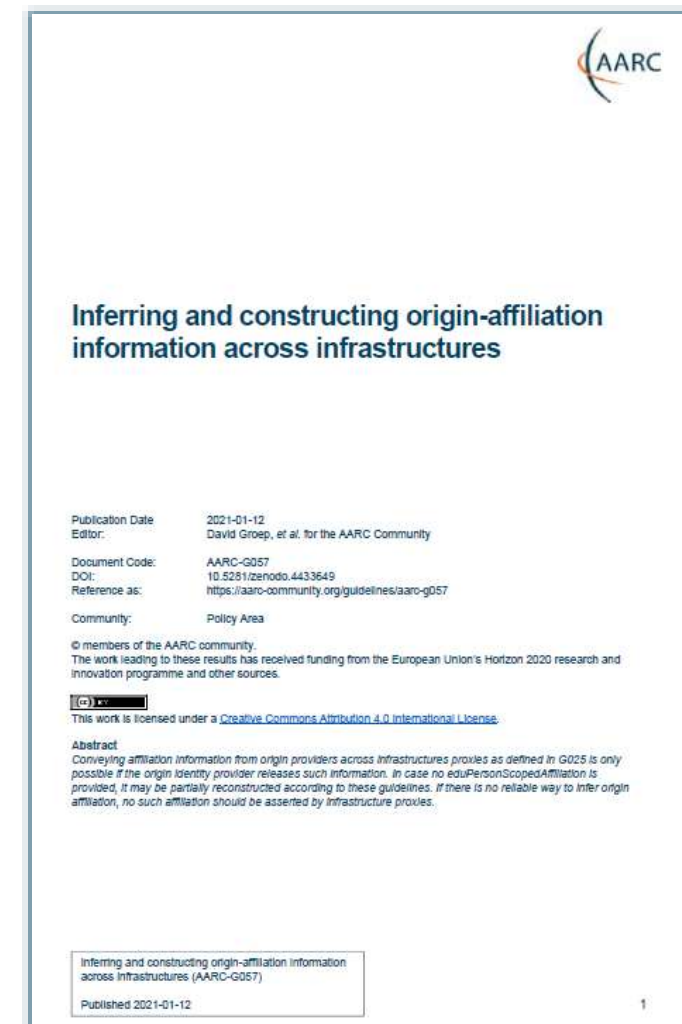
### 2. When to construct origin affiliation

A proxy SHOULD NOT assert *vPEA* unless the service provider requests this attribute. If no origin *ePSA* attribute is provided, and no *vPEA* is requested by the service provider, then a proxy MUST NOT construct a gratuitous *vPEA*.

If a service provider requests *vPEA*, but no *ePSA* is provided by the origin, a proxy SHOULD infer or construct a *vPEA*, and if it does, MUST do so only in accordance with this Guideline.

- get the *scope* right (e.g. using trusted meta-data or DCV)
- harmonise affiliation and ‘scoped’ affiliations
- allow both automated and verified enrolment by the proxy

*should enable SPs to use and interpret voPersonExternalAffiliation*



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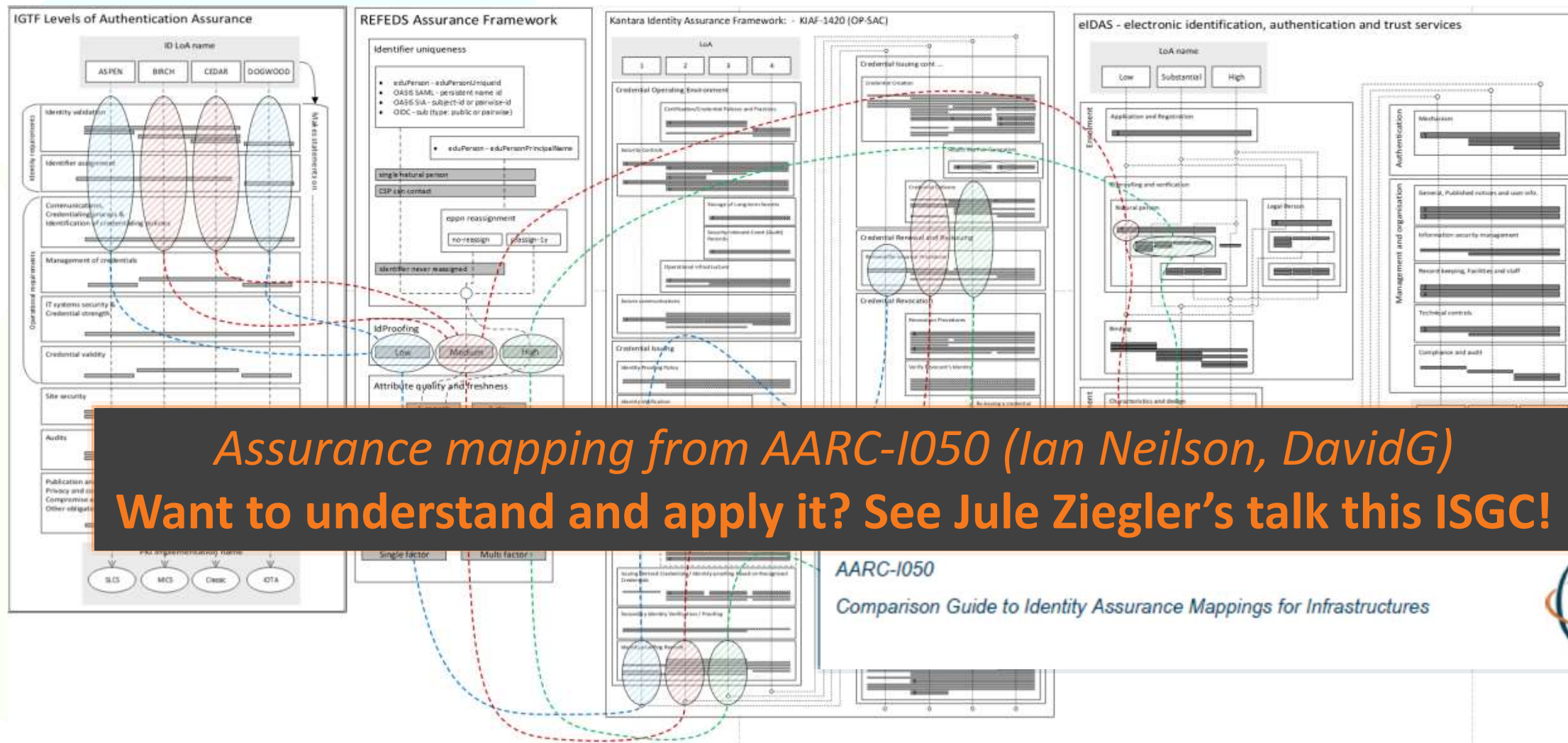
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Inferring and constructing origin-affiliation information across infrastructures (AARC-G057)  
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# Since even 'Identity assurance' components are already complex





Revising the Guidelines for Running a  
Secure Membership Management Service and Proxy

# **ATTRIBUTE AUTHORITY OPERATIONS “REV 2”**

# Policy guidance for proxy AAI components

## MFA

RFC6238/4226  
FIPS140  
NISTSP800-53

## Ephemeral credentials

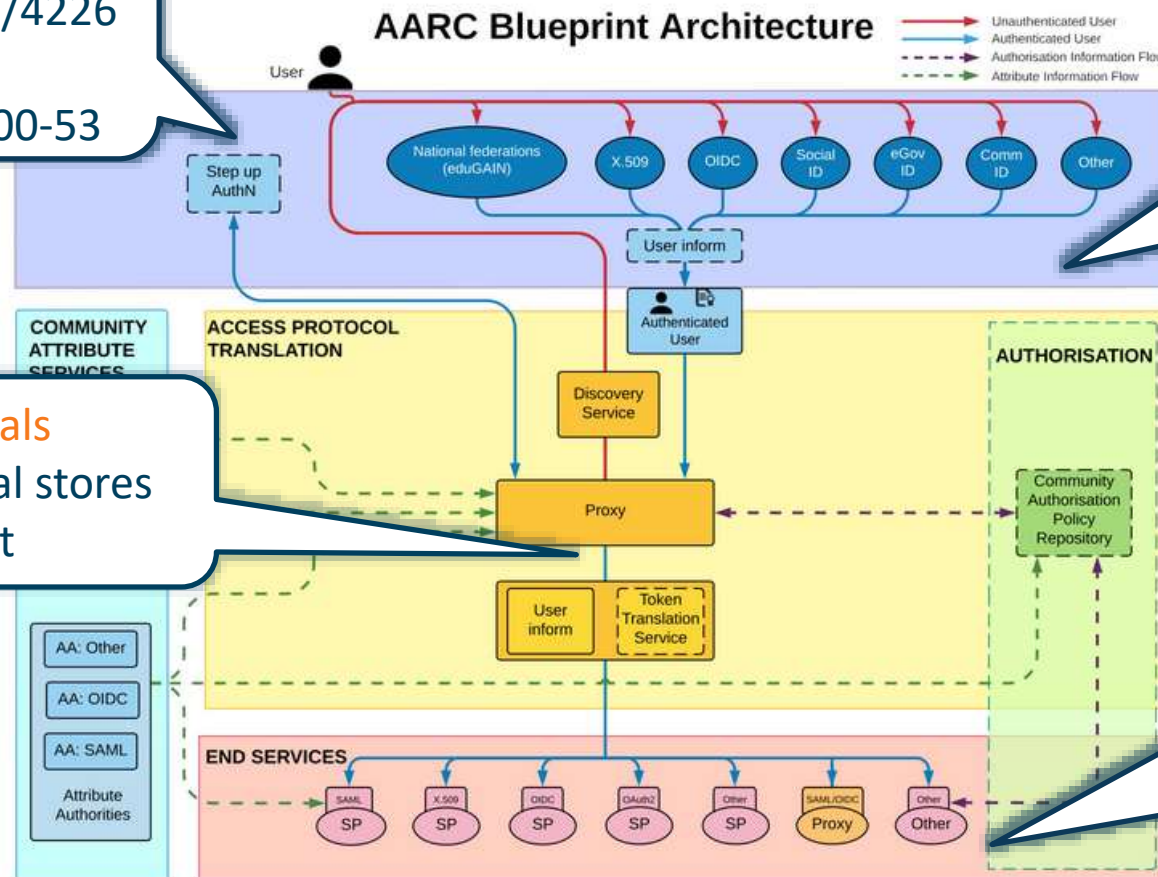
- trusted credential stores
- protection at rest

## Authentication/identity sources

Sirtfi  
(eduGAIN) baselining  
IGTF AP Profiles  
NIST SP800-63  
eduGAIN sec. team workflow

## Service provider operations

ISO27k  
Sirtfi  
Infrastructure response plans

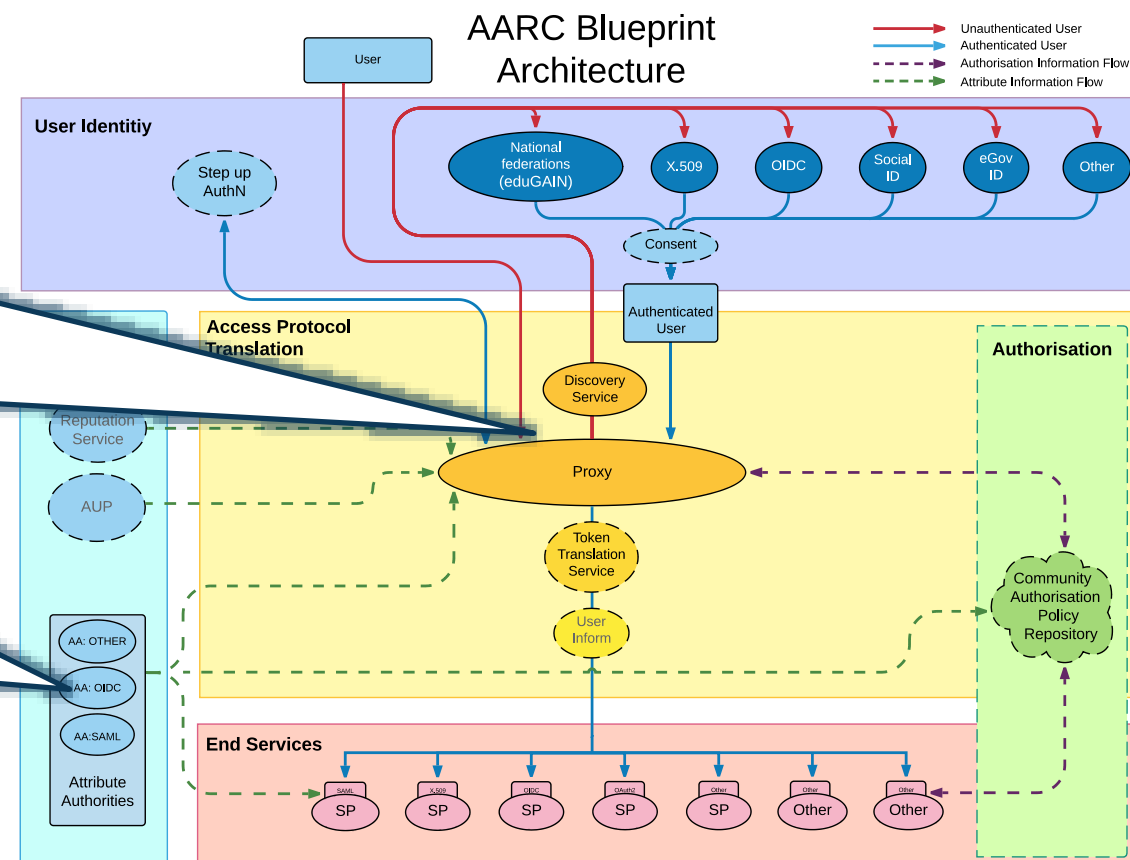


# Operational security in the BPA: beyond IdPs and SPs

## Membership management attribute authorities + *credential proxying*

- integrity of membership
- identification and naming
- assertion integrity
- traceability and logging

Guidelines for Secure Operation of Attribute Authorities  
and other issuers of access-granting statements  
(AARC-I048, in collaboration with IGTF AAOPS)

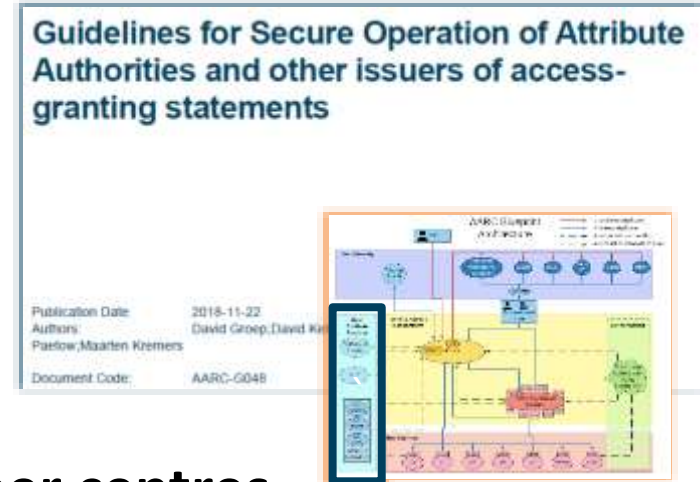




# AARC-G048: protecting the proxies users and services

trusted delegation of response from communities to operators,  
and from services to communities in recognizing their assertions

Structured around concept of “**AA Operators**”,  
operating “**Attribute Authorities**” (technological entities),  
on behalf of, one or more, **Communities**



**Many recommendations already implemented ‘implicitly’ in proper centres**

- common software implements it: e.g. signing SAML assertions and JWTs
- a good data centre already has network monitoring and central logging in place
- since the proxy signed up to Sirtfi (didn't you?) – so you collaborate in incident response

**or best practice, and knowledge worth sharing**

- like assigning a unique and lasting names, putting in transparency and sharing controls
- privacy notices and personal data protection are already mandatory

# Balancing generalisation and actionable guidance

## G048 Revision 2 Process

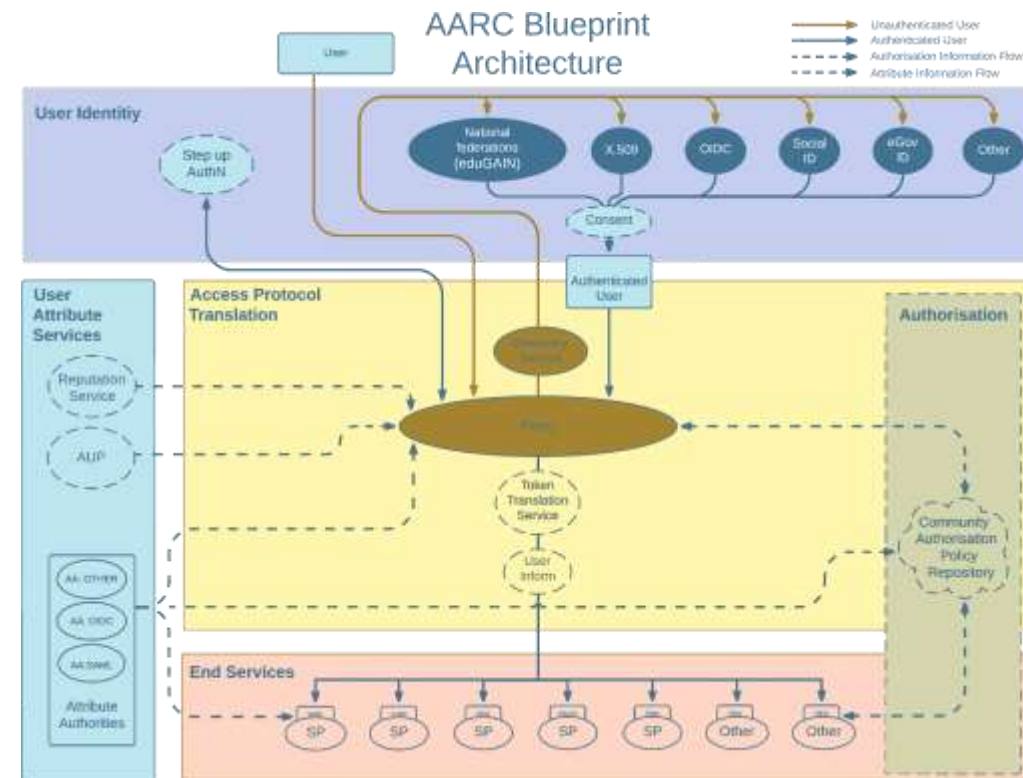
2. In addition to ~~The AA should~~ meeting its own regulatory obligations, the AA must respect data protection requirements of the ~~Infrastructure and Community~~. It is recommended ~~This may mean that AAs require client-side authentication, in addition to the encryption of the messages and the communication channel. The data than requested by the RP.~~
2. ~~a virtual environment only where the virtual environment has a better level of security than required for the AA itself, and for all services running in this environment, and it must not leave this security context. Any virtualization techniques employed (including the hosting environment) must not degrade the security context. Through its personnel or by contractual measures, the AA operator should ensure appropriate controls are in place over the security context. AA Operator should have control over the virtualised security context of the AA.~~
3. The AA must be located in a physically secure environment where access is controlled and limited to specific trained personnel.

Implementers of AAs SHOULD use placement policies to ensure physical and/or virtual separation of sensitive and non-sensitive services, containers, or VMs to reduce the risk of cross-compromise. In all cases, the environment itself must be protected according to current best practice, and a risk assessment of the environment should be performed[ e.g. based on the WISE SCI and Sirtfi requirements], taking into account both the integrity of the AA as well as the requirements of the communities hosted on the AA and the relying parties receiving attributes.



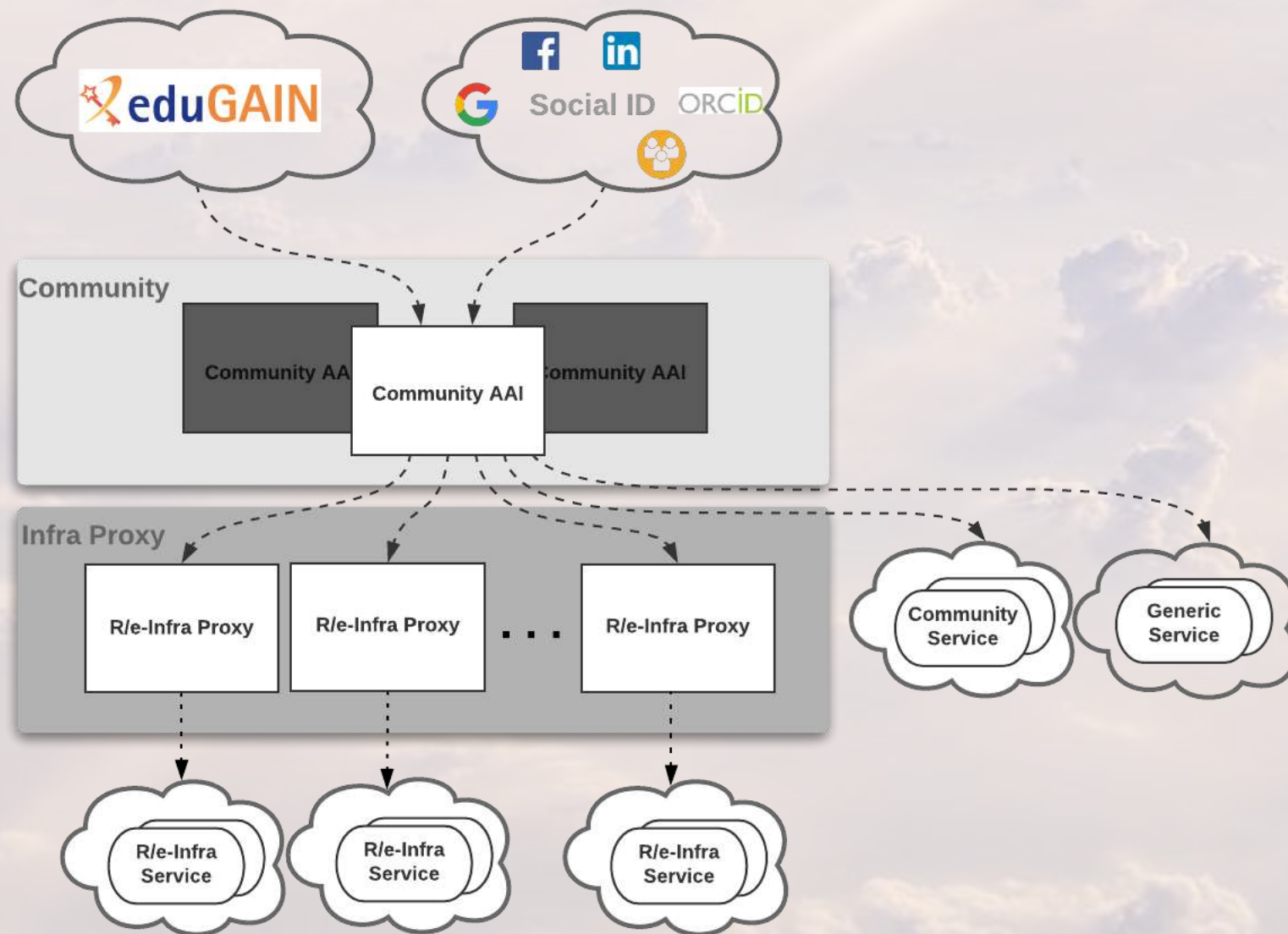
AARC BPA ‘Community First’ model and the EOSC  
Weaving participants, services, and infrastructures  
An ecosystem of fair services and data

# AARC BLUEPRINT ARCHITECTURE AND THE EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD “EOSC”

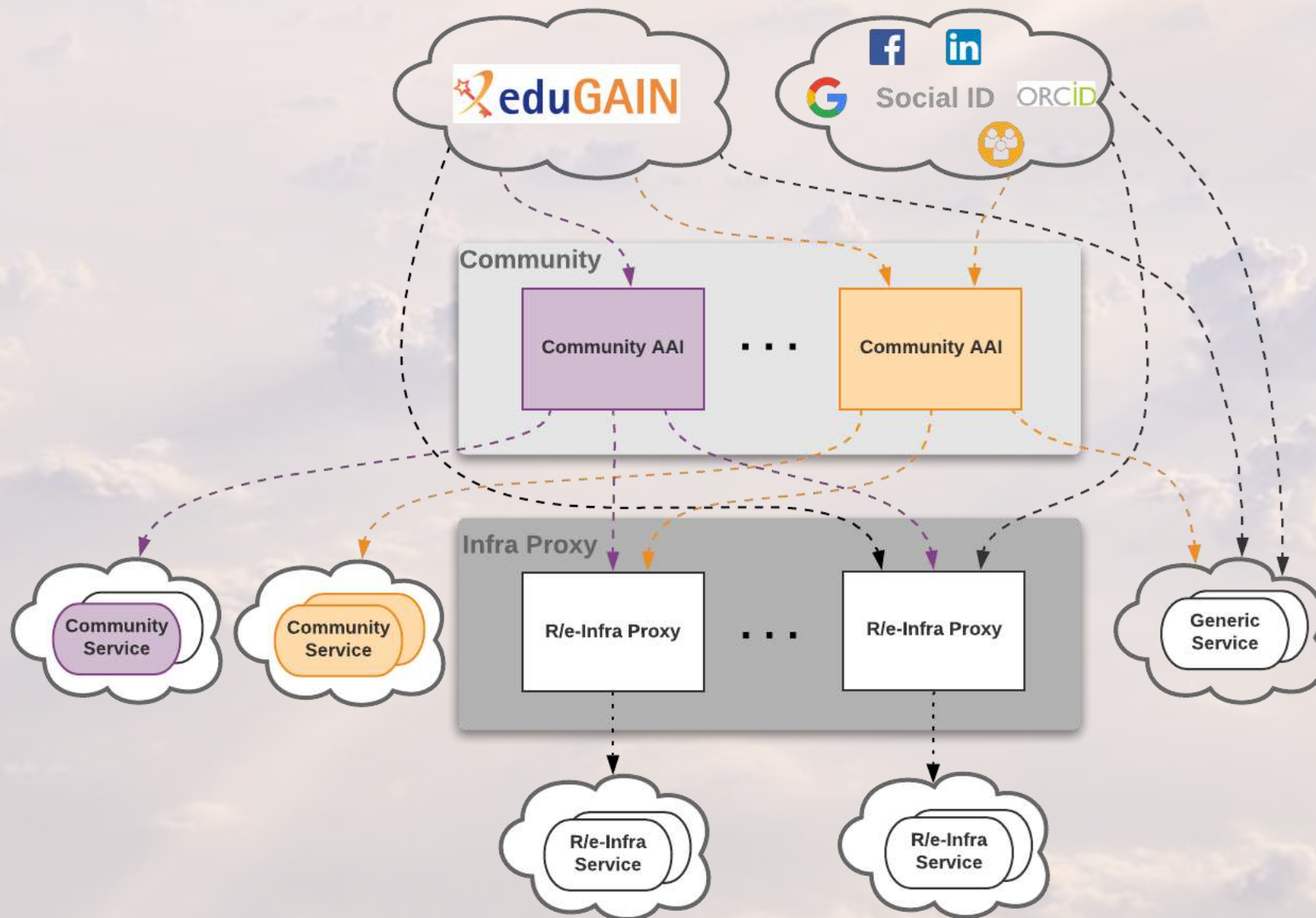




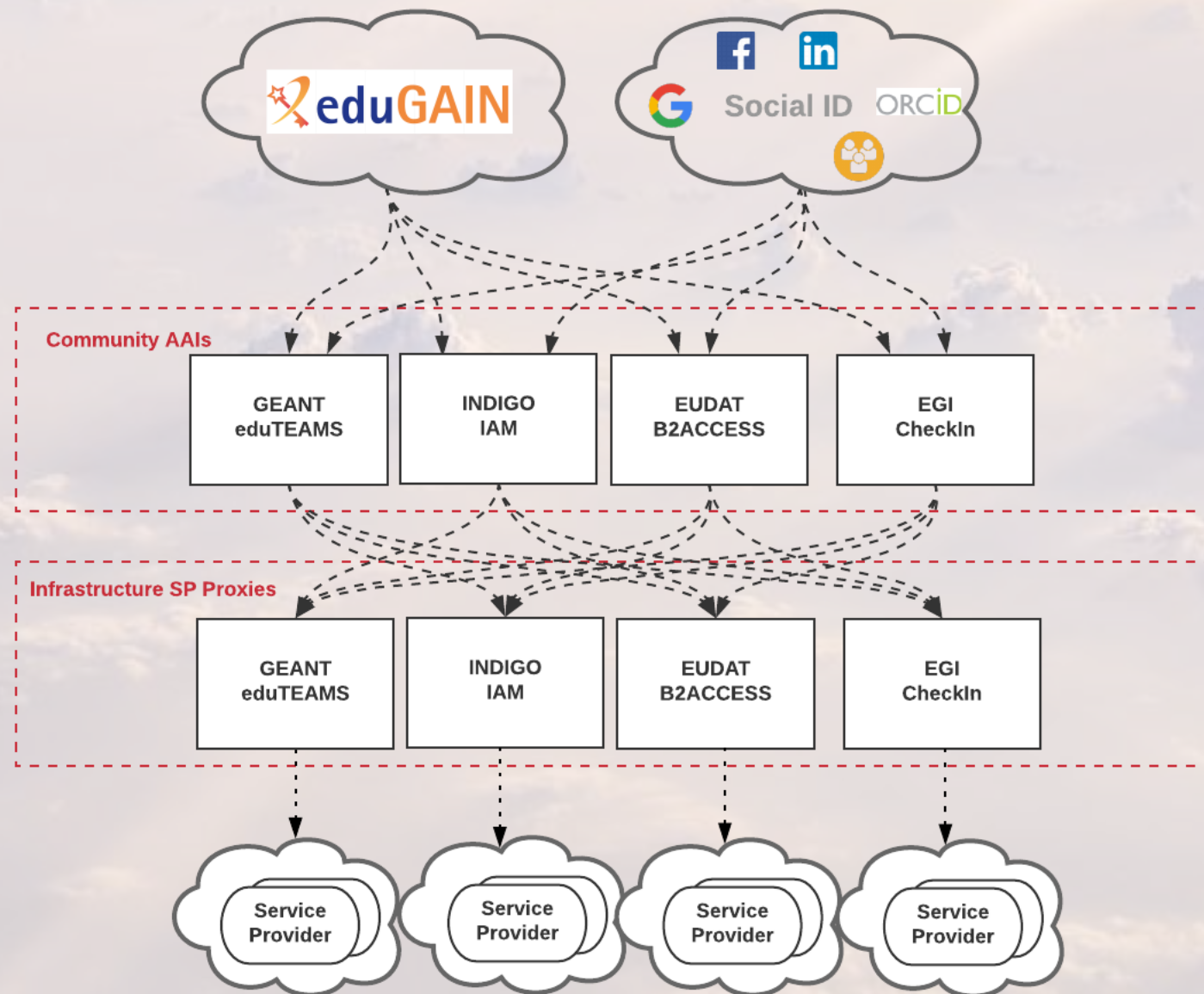
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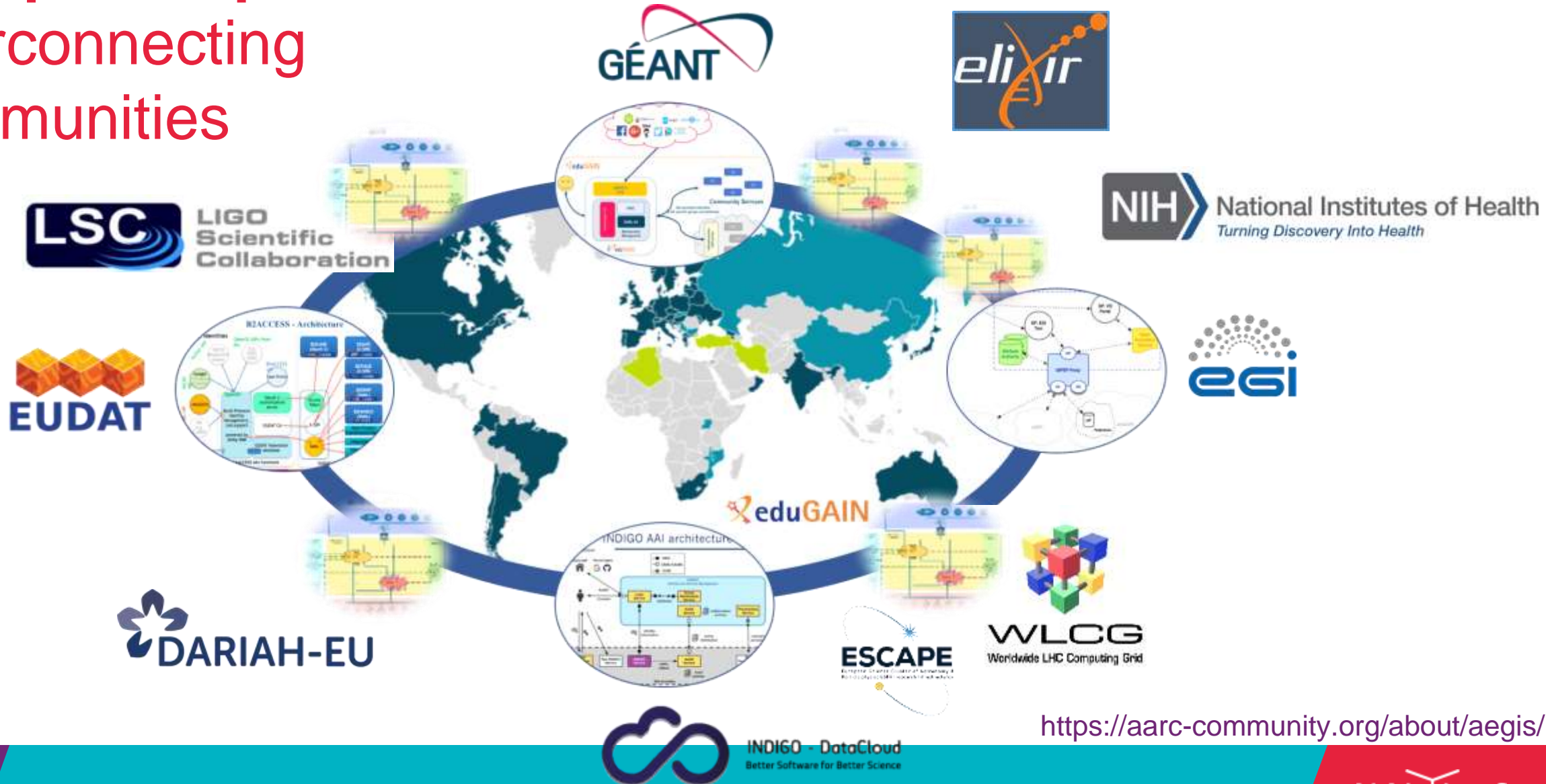
# EOSC Hub





# European Open Science Cloud

## Interconnecting communities



<https://aarc-community.org/about/aegis/>

# An ecosystem more than just the infrastructure

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) ecosystem. The background screenshot shows the main EOSC Portal homepage, featuring the European Union flag logo, navigation links (About, Services & Resources, Policy, Use Cases, Media, For providers, Subscribe, Using the Portal), and a large illustration of a globe with a ladder and people working on it. A sidebar menu lists various services: Sharing & Discovery, Processing & Analysis, Data Management, Compute, Storage, Networking, Training & Support, Security & Operations, and Help Desk. The foreground screenshot shows the EOSC Catalogue, which lists various data services. A search filter for 'DATA' is active, showing 50 results. Two featured services are highlighted: 'AMNESIA' (Anonymize your datasets) and 'French Tuna Atlas Spatial Data Catalog' (Catalog application to manage spatially referenced resources). Both services include star ratings, descriptions, and links to view more details.

**EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD**

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**ACCESS EOSC SERVICES & RESOURCES**

**EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD CATALOGUE**

About Governance Services & Resources Policy EOSC in practice Media For Providers

CATEGORY: DATA

Showing 1 - 50 of 50 results

Items per page: All

**AMNESIA** ★★★★★ 0 (0)

**"Anonymize your datasets"**

AMNESIA allows end users to anonymize sensitive data in order to share them with a broad audience. The service allows the user to guide the anonymization process and View more...

♡ 1 ADD TO COMPARE 129

**French Tuna Atlas Spatial Data Catalog** ★★★★★ 0 (0)

**"Catalog application to manage spatially referenced resources"**

Connect spatial information communities and their data using a modern architecture, which is at the same time powerful and low cost, based on International and Open View more...

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Anonymization OPENAIRE

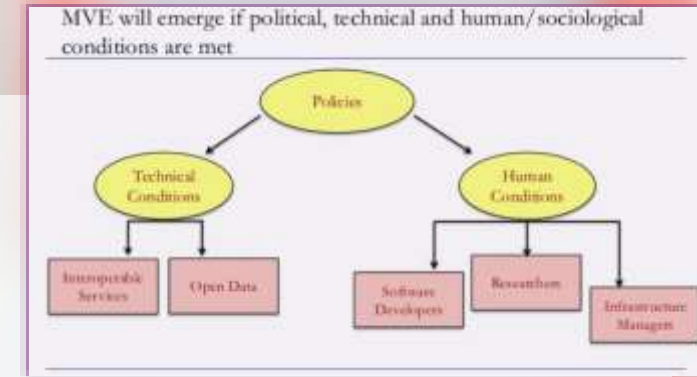
GeoNetwork BLUEBRIDGE

# Minimum Viable ... EOSC

Great Expectations ... but what about requirements?

## ‘MVE – MINIMUM VIABLE EOSC’

includes some *Rules of Participation* to aid security & trust



### Core

- ‘distributed and participatory’
- ‘collaborative consensus’
- ‘interoperability standards, [...] and implementation via best practices’

### Exchange & Portal

- ‘research-enabling services’
- ‘national, regional, institutional, domain based, ... and commercial’
- ‘catalogue ...[for] research life cycle’

- it will be a mix, and in any case service providers will need to contribute
- *Sirtfi shows that is not completely unrealistic*

Sirtfi – security incident response trust framework for federated identity – see [refeds.org/sirtfi](https://refeds.org/sirtfi)



Photo: Patrick Perkins (Unsplash)



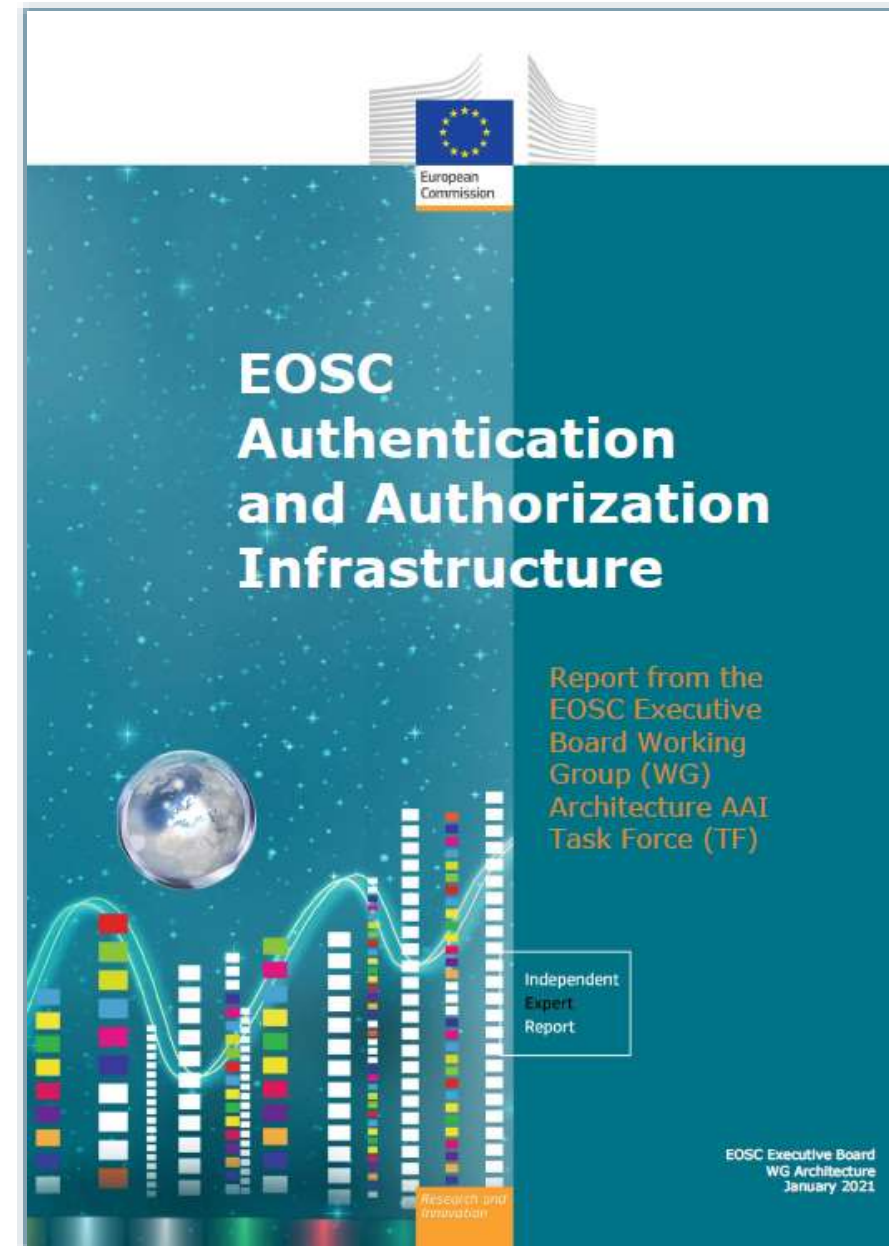
# EOSC AAI Core Principles

In order to outline a globally viable, scalable and secure EOSC AAI, the group defined the following three core principles, on which to base their work:

- **User experience** is the only touchstone.
- All trust flows from **communities**.
- **There is no centre** in a distributed system.

*“The human element was the starting point of our exploration. We believe that providing a good user experience and making use of the existing trust relations that users already have within their research communities are the key factors for delivering a successful EOSC AAI.”*  
[Klaas Wieringa, EOSC AAI TF chair]

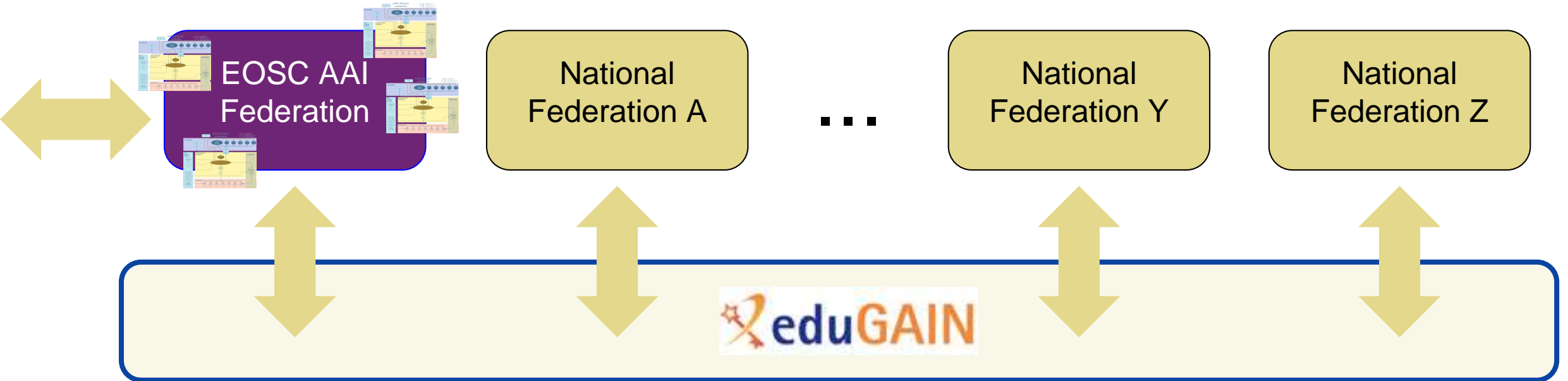
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# Linking the providers and users together

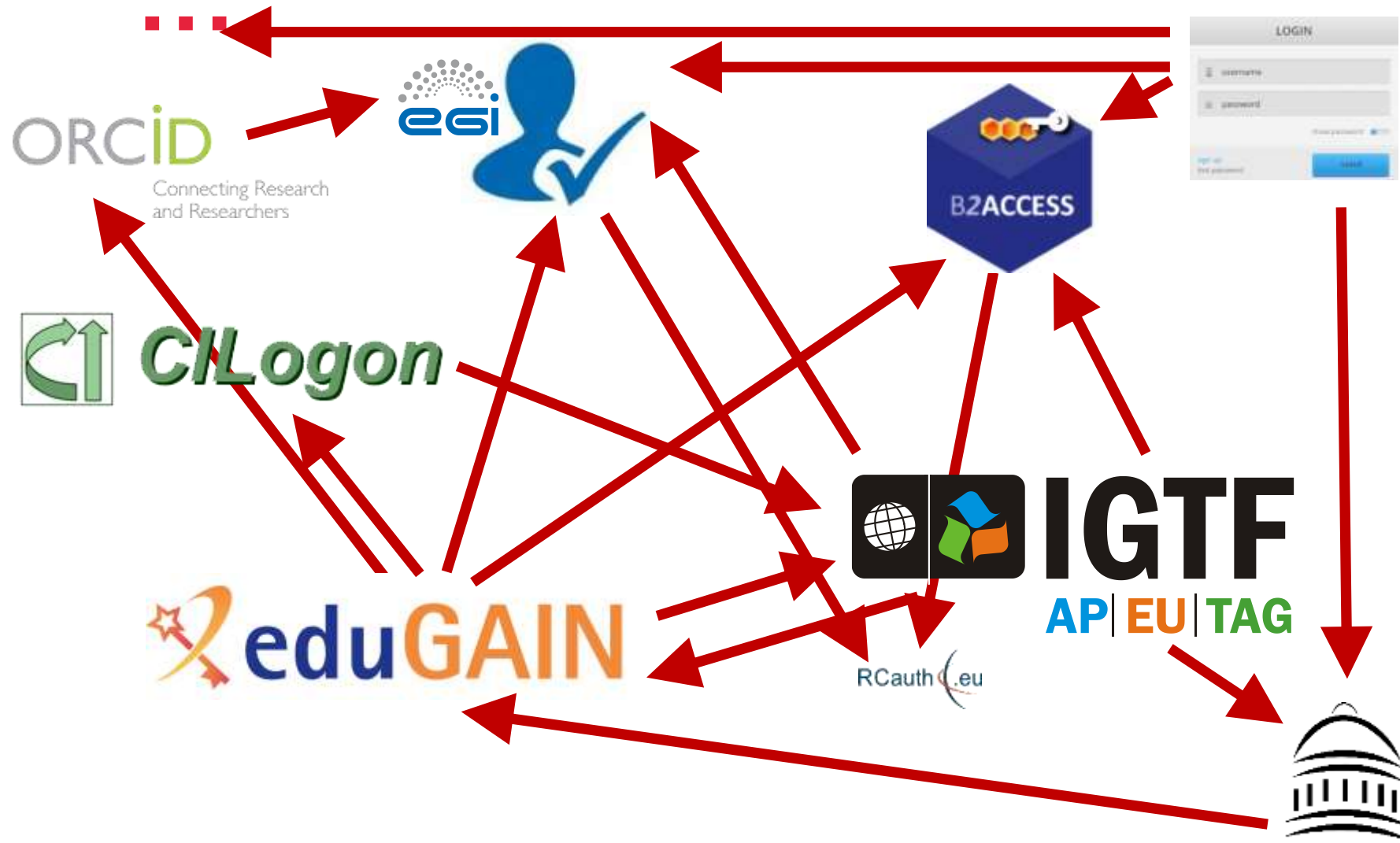
AARC BPA's 'community-first' model does not cover all EOSC cases, e.g. *infrastructures acting as providers **and** suppliers **and** as attribute authority*

You need to turn the EOSC entities into a federation in itself, with carefully forged links to eduGAIN to prevent 'user loop' inconsistencies

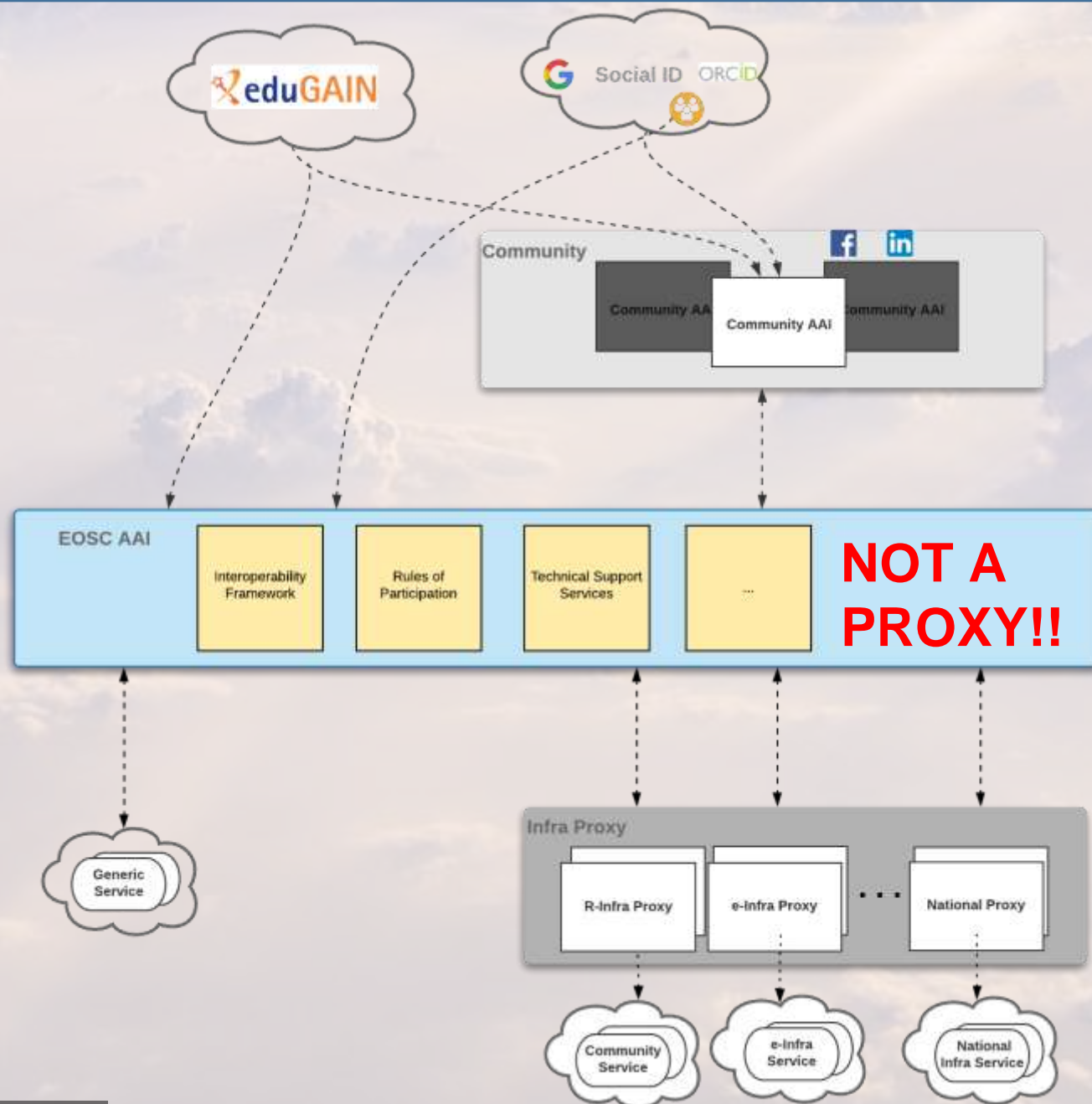




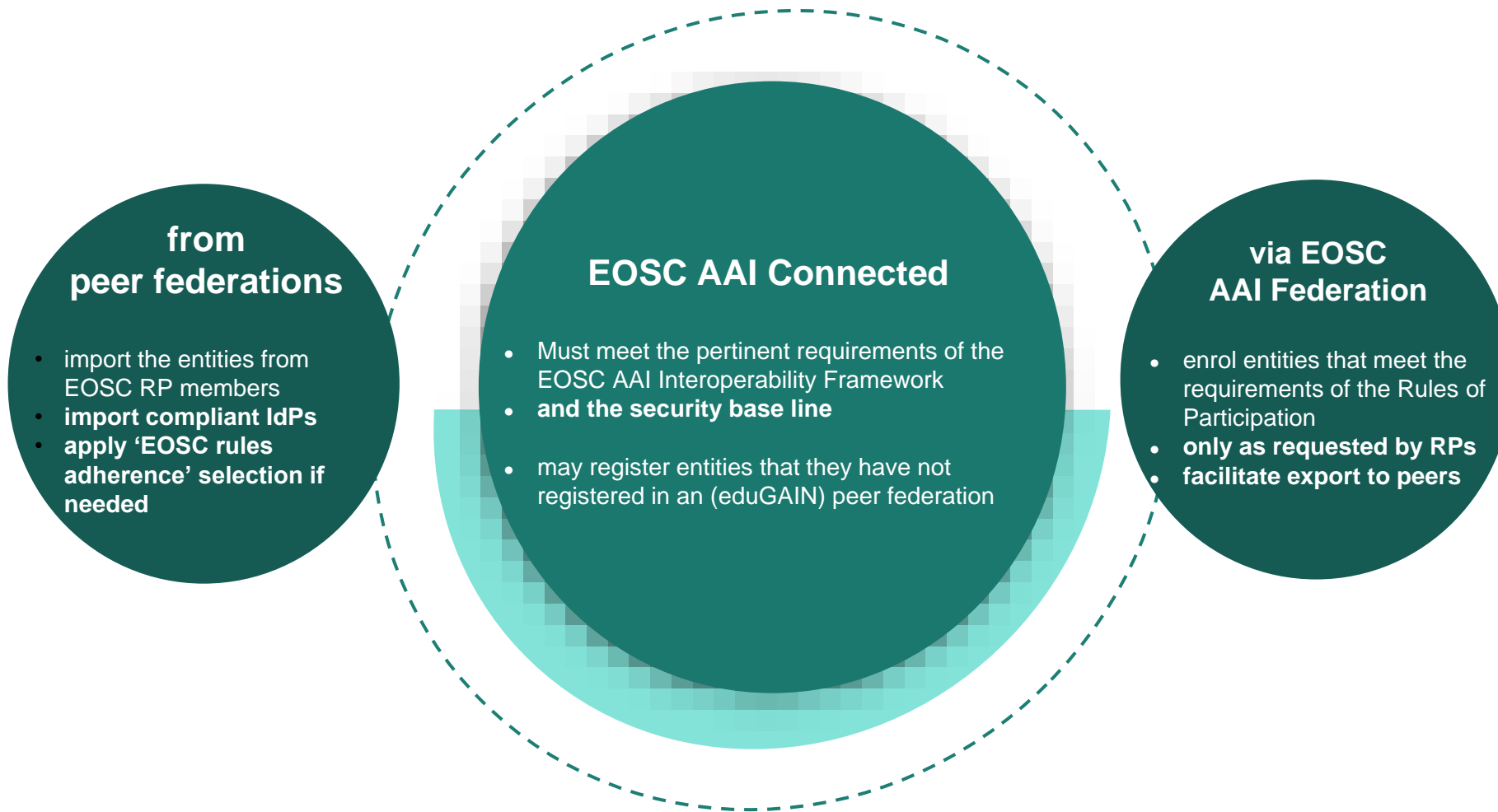
Confusing the user ... *and, yes, these paths all work* ☹



# EOSC AAI



# EOSC AAI Federation participation policy



Linked to peer federations (including eduGAIN) - EOSC and eduGAIN mutually strengthen each other

Given the broad reach of the EOSC, it may well contain new entities, both from the private sector and from international collaborations and research infrastructures

# But now ... turtles all the way down

*... now that new 'EOSC' federation needs policies and a base line*

Membership of the EOSC AAI Federation MUST be requested to the Federation Operator by each prospective member. In this request, the applicant MUST:

- declare its intent to join the EOSC AAI Federation;
- declare its participation in the EOSC and adherence to its Rules of Participation;
- commit to adherence to the pertinent technical requirements of the EOSC AAI Interoperability Framework (technical baseline);
- commit to adherence to the security policy baseline of EOSC security operations;
- provide contact information for administrative, technical, and security matters, each of which *Registered Representatives* SHALL have least two contact entry points;

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- inspired by eduGAIN constitution and other sources
- leveraging existing trust frameworks
- and not repeating earlier mistakes so implement a baseline at the start



A risk-based approach to service composition

Baselining and federated trust

Actionable security for the Core and Exchange-wide incidents

# **EOSC TRUST AND OPERATIONAL SECURITY**



# A challenging landscape

**Entities of all kinds** – diversity in the EOSC range  
from *data sets* to *storage* to *computing* to *publications* & *digital objects*

**An open ecosystem** – rules of participation will favour low barrier to entry regarding operational maturity, service management quality, &c

**A diverse ecosystem** – providers will come from e-Infrastructures, from member states, from research infrastructures, and private sector

**An *interdependent* ecosystem** – aiming for composability and collective service design through an open, core AAI federation



# Back to Basics: the few tenets for the EOSC ecosystem security

**From *promoting and monitoring capabilities* to *managing core risk***

## **A service provider should**

- **do no harm** to interests & assets of users
- **not expose *other*** service providers in the EOSC ecosystem to enlarged risk as a result of *their* participation in EOSC
- **be transparent** about its infosec maturity and risk to its customers and suppliers

this will mean *some minimum requirements* in the Rules of Participation

# Making the EOSC a trusted place

## Risk-centric self-assessment framework

- based on federated InfoSec guidance including WISE SCI

## Baselining security policies & common assurance

- AARC, REFEDS, IGTF, PDK & practical implementation measures

## An incident coordination hub and a trust posture

- spanning providers and core, based on experience & exercises

## Actionable operational response to incidents

- EOSC core expertise to support resolution of cross-provider issues

## Fostering trust through a known skills programme

- so that your peers may have confidence in service provider abilities

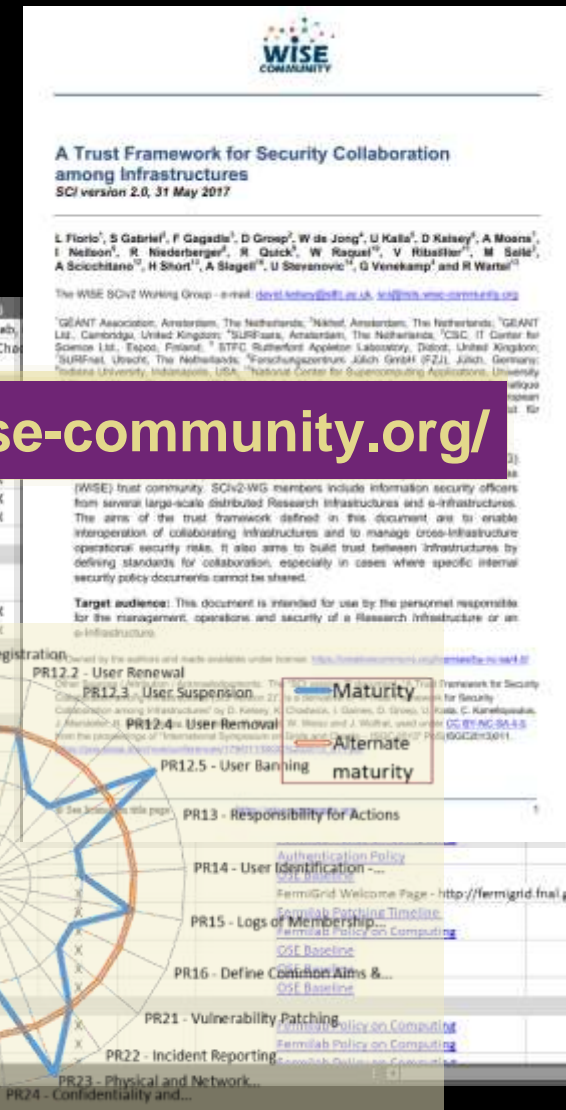
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# Assessing risk ... in a peer-review framework

InfoSec risk assessment framework for EOSC services based on a federated evolution of WISE SCI and a multi-tier maturity model, also addressing data security and protection

- risks 'play out' differently in different infrastructures
- more than storage or compute, but also risks for (open) data and for reputation

Many risks are generic, some need context and expertise to assess. Or are under regulated regime



this spider diagram is fictional – idea by Urpo Kaila, CSC



# Start with baselining

*baselining has been very effective  
with Sirtfi, for R&S, and for InCommon ...*

## Good Practice

### policy implementation guidance

small number of assurance profiles  
(REFEDS, IGTF, eIDAS), AARC secure  
operations standards, AEGIS  
recommendations, CSIRT capability

## Trust marks or seals

for specific service levels, access  
classes, types of data, regulatory  
domains, &c

## SCI-based policy mapping

leverage common templates like the  
WISE Acceptable Use Policy, or  
membership management ...

## Technical guidance

e.g. expression of identity assurance

## Rules of Participation

minimal set of capabilities – initially maybe just contact information, responsiveness, confidentiality

# Establishing the trust basis for response

Collaboration frameworks, processes, exercises – the basis of trust  
*since not everything can be done on personal trust and 'blind faith'*



sources: GEANT CLAW, <https://connect.geant.org/2020/02/19/claw-2020-save-the-date>  
Sirtfi: Hannah Short et al. <https://wiki.geant.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=123766092>

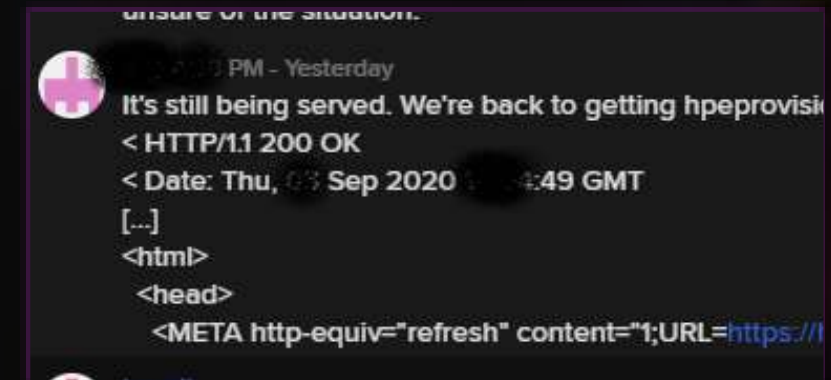


# Actionable Response – coordination involving the Core

We *know* we cannot address all needs, but we can make progress

**‘in the end, the same people do the same work, together, and regardless of the project or funding label’**

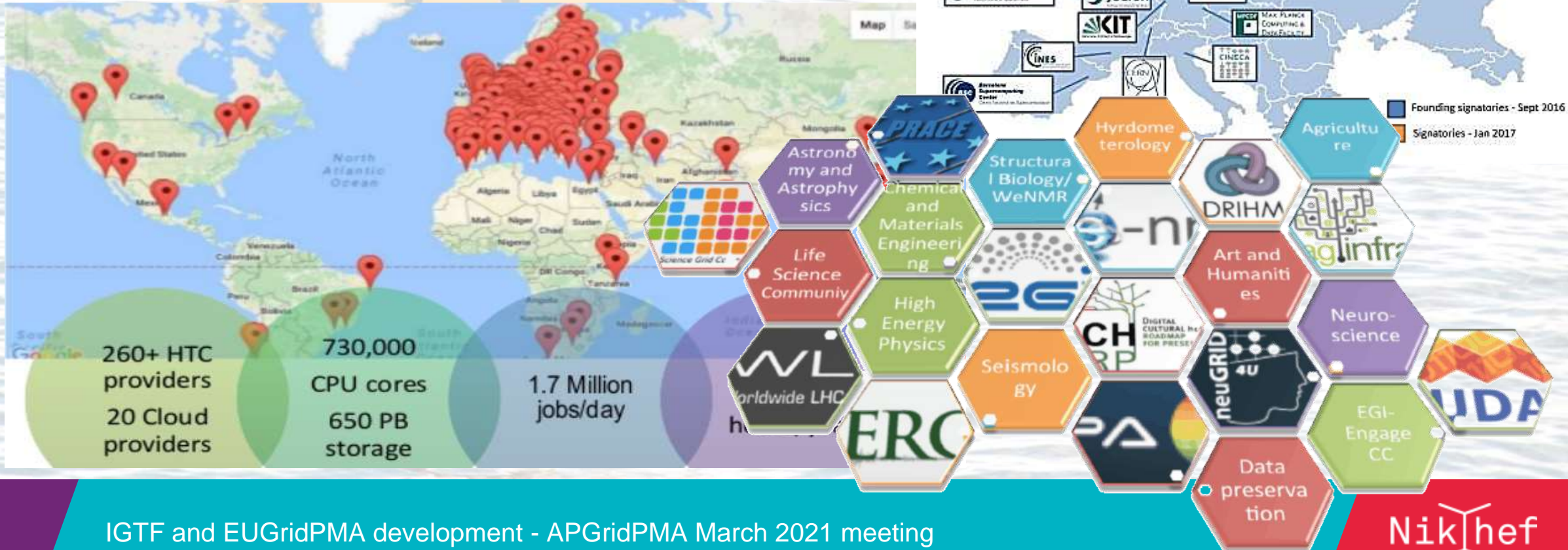
- EOSC core will itself be a significant hub
- tightly-knit team of experts looking after the security of the core
- who can work collaboratively with peer infrastructures and groups



this team is essential to glue together the information during incidents  
– leveraging the trust built up before through engagement

# But is an EOSC-level mechanisms the only piece?

## we must leverage the ecosystem ...





# Thus even generic capabilities will be widely distributed

## EOSC 'Portal' and ecosystem

*security for a loosely coupled ecosystem*

- risk management for collective services
- security baselining and trust marking
- coherence of response, community readiness/collaboration, and information sharing
- resolution, forensics, resolution and remediation for core and stakeholders
- training and capability enhancement

## (e-)Infrastructures, services, content

- service security & integrity, responsiveness, compliance monitoring
- vulnerability management and pro-active security management
- incident response and resolution within the infrastructure or service

Core in EOSC-Future



EGI

EUDAT

GEANT

OpenAIRE

ServiceX

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See also *Trust Coordination for Research Collaboration in the EOSC era*, February 2020, <https://g.nikhef.nl/eosc-sec-wp>;  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3674676>

# Common questions – open answers

**Will any EOSC core drown?**

**Or can the EOSC do better?**

- a baseline policy bringing enough trust to keep an EOSC-like ecosystem secure?
- will service providers also act collectively in the common interest?
- does the AAI technical and policy baseline provide a sufficient incentive?
- will provider self-assessment and mitigation of key risks, be seen as ‘good value’?

**And ... do the users care?**

- and: *care enough* to make trust and security worth the cost for service providers?

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Questions?

# **BUILDING A GLOBAL TRUST FABRIC**



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