

Trust & Identity services: eduroam, Identity Federations and eduGAIN

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Agenda

- GÉANT and the GÉANT Network
- GÉANT Trust and Identity Services
 - 1. Identity Federations and eduGAIN
 - 2. eduroam



eduGAIN





Provides an open, innovative and trusted information infrastructure for the European knowledge economy and to the benefit of society worldwide



A membership Association for Europe's National Research & Education Networks (NRENs)
GÉANT Association



Coordinates and participates in EC-funded projects

Under Horizon 2020 the financial instrument for implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness



Operates a pan-European e-infrastructure with connections to all regions of the world
GÉANT network



Manages a portfolio of services for research & education
EduX



Organises and runs community events & working groups
TNC, task forces & special interest groups





GÉANT membership

NATIONAL MEMBERS

1 per country

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER

NORDUnet

RHnet (Iceland)

SUNET (Sweden)

UNINETT (Norway)

CSC (Finland)

DeIC (Denmark)

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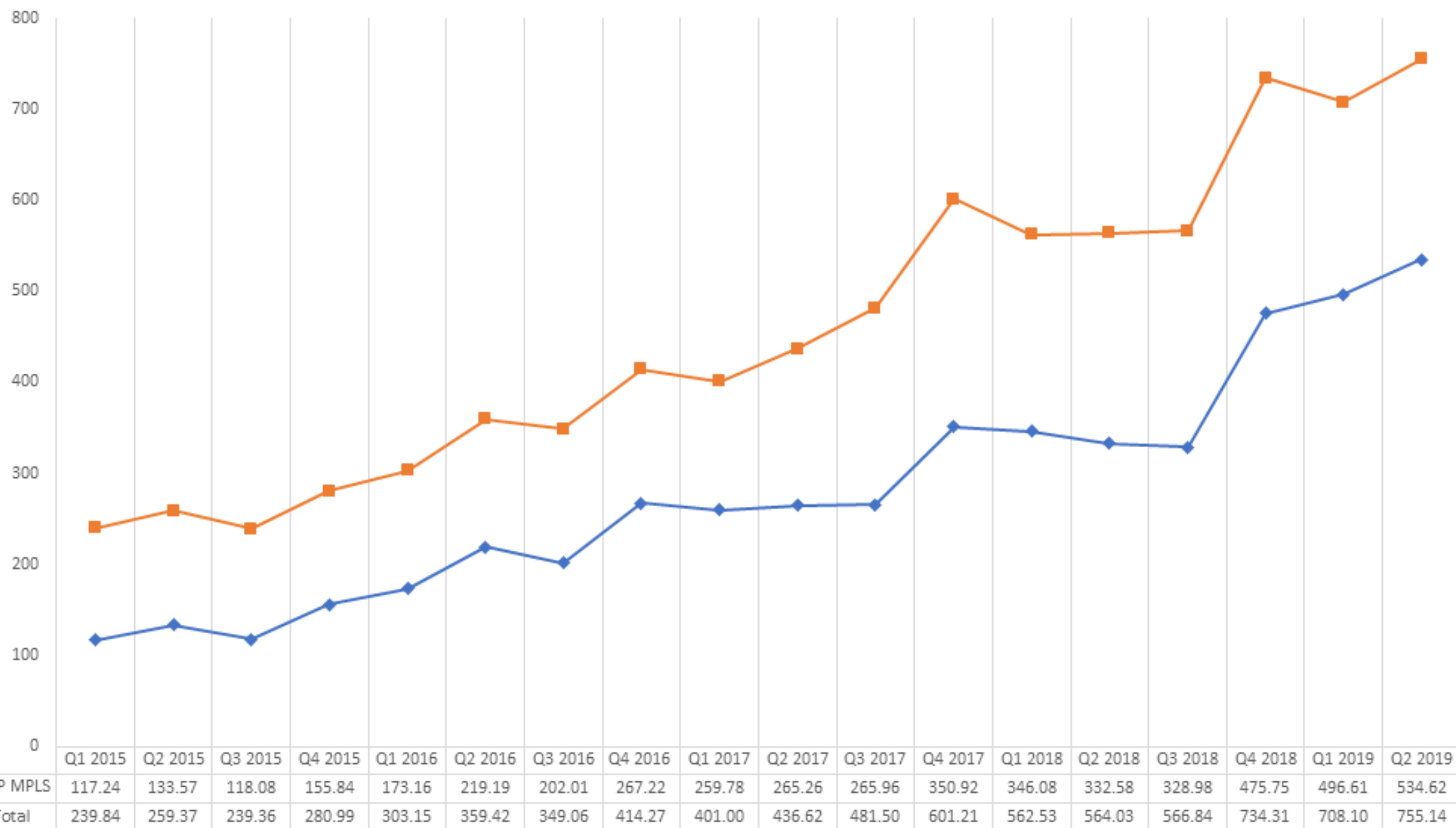
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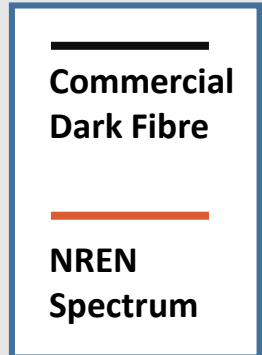
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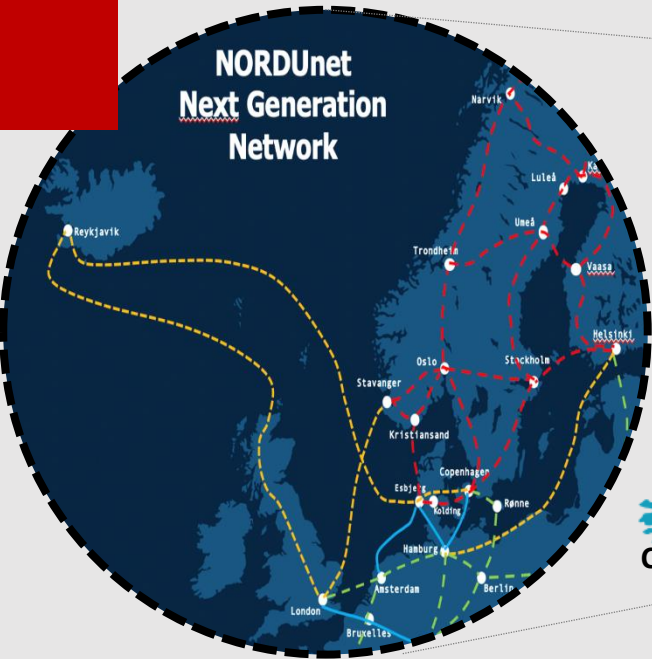
QUARTERLY VIEW PB OF DATA RECEIVED BY GÉANT



CURRENT FIBRE NETWORK



Planned network
(not definite!)



Commercial
Dark Fibre

NREN
Spectrum





International Connectivity

Dark shading: connected to regional network
Light shading: eligible to connect to regional network

— Multiples of 100Gbps
— 100Gbps
— Multiples of 10Gbps
— 1-10 Gbps
— <1Gbps

June 2019

Canada & USA



Latin America



Europe



North Africa & Eastern Mediterranean



West & Central Africa



Eastern & Southern Africa



Central Asia



Asia-Pacific



Other R&E Networks



GÉANT Services: Secure Trust & Identity services

Protecting privacy and enabling secure access to services



eduroam - secure global roaming access service **250+ million authentications per month** in 101 territories. This is a federated service



eduGAIN - interconnects identity federations around the world, simplifying access to content, services and resources ~ 3500 identity providers accessing services

eduGAIN



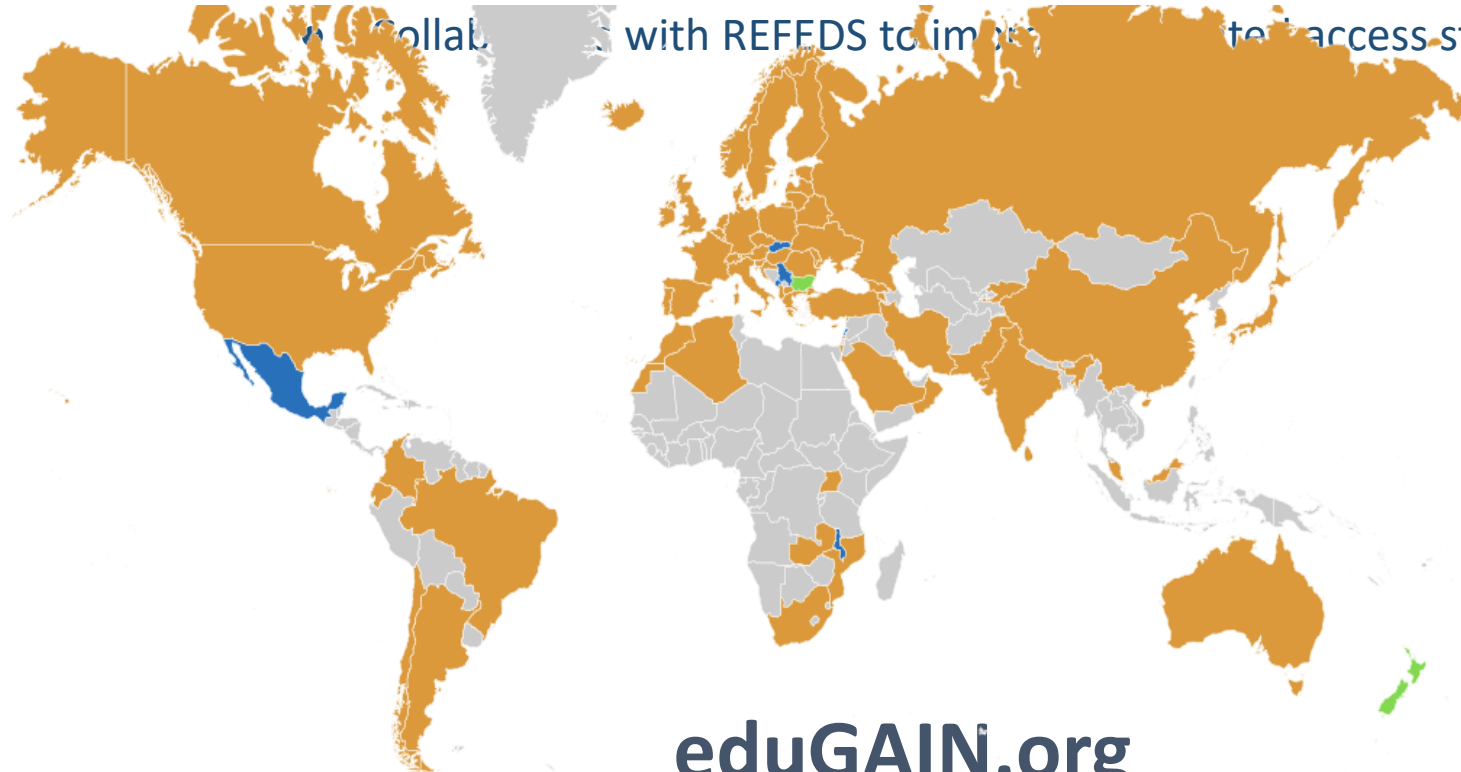
The inter-federation service



eduGAIN inter-connects Identity Federations enabling Identity Providers and Service Providers of different federations to authenticate users worldwide:

- Expands the user base to tens of millions.
- Enables national service providers to offer their service worldwide without per-country agreements
- Enables secure Single Sign On services to global research and educational resources

Collaborates with REFEDS to implement access standards and security



eduGAIN.org

November 2019:

- * 68 Active Federations
- * 7 Candidate Federations
- * 5790 entities



Identity Providers, Service Providers and Discovery Service

Identity Provider

The system component that **authenticates a user** (e.g. with username and passwords) and issues identity assertions on behalf of the user who wants to access a service protected by a Service Provider.

Service Provider

The system component that **evaluates identity assertions from an Identity Provider** and uses the information from the assertion for controlling access to protected services.

Discovery Service

The Discovery Service service, also known as "Where Are You From (WAYF)" service, **lets the user choose his home institution from a list and then redirects the user to the login page** of the selected institution for authentication.



The key benefits of eduGAIN

Enabling secure Single Sign On services to global research and educational resources



Institutions

eduGAIN enables Institutions to support access to thousands of services globally.

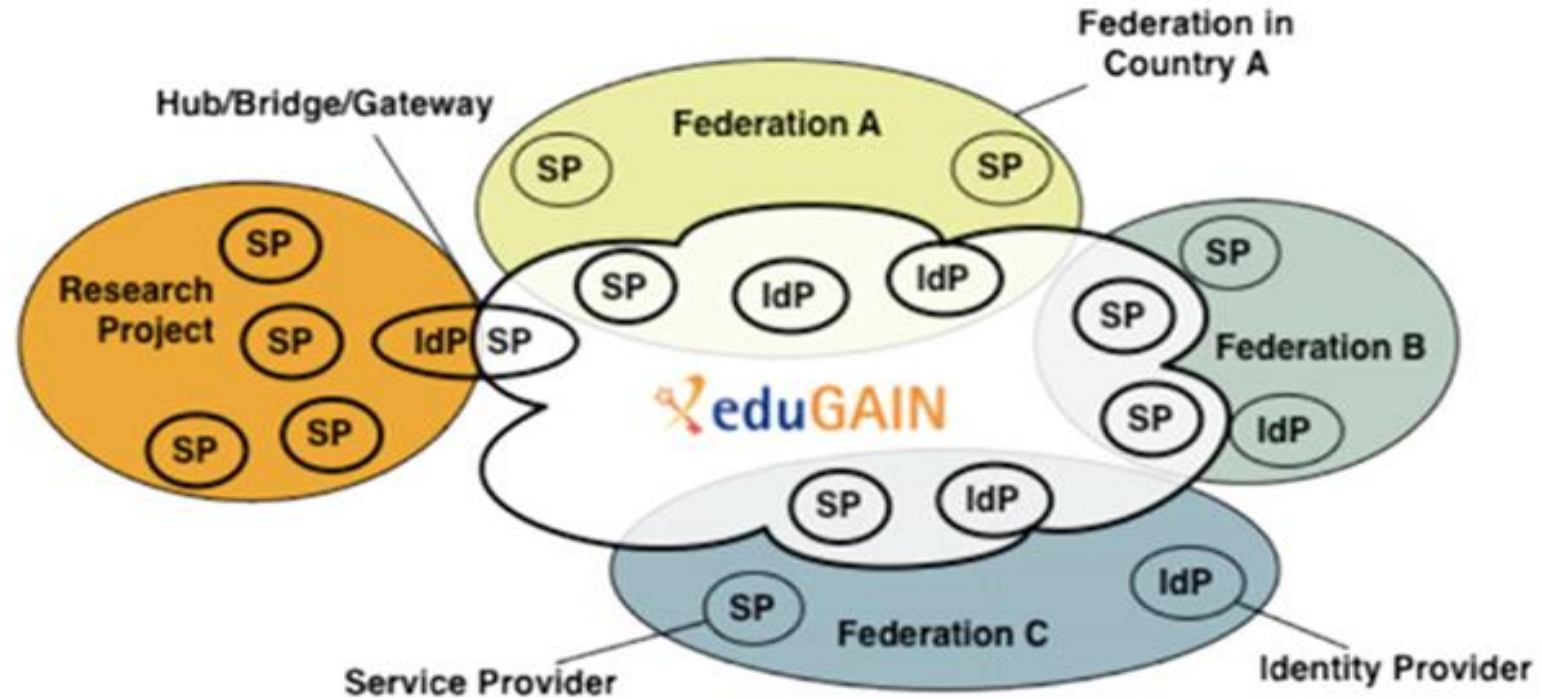
Service Providers

Publishers, Research infrastructures and Cloud service providers can leverage a worldwide authentication service.

Students and Researchers

eduGAIN lets Students, Researchers and Staff access online services and resources using their Home Institution account, improving the user experience and security and reducing the costs and complexity.

The big picture about eduGAIN



The **eduGAIN inter-federation** service connects identity federations around the world, simplifying access to content, services and resources for the global research and education community. eduGAIN comprises over 60 participant federations connecting more than 5,000 Identity and Service Providers.

Full Mesh Federations

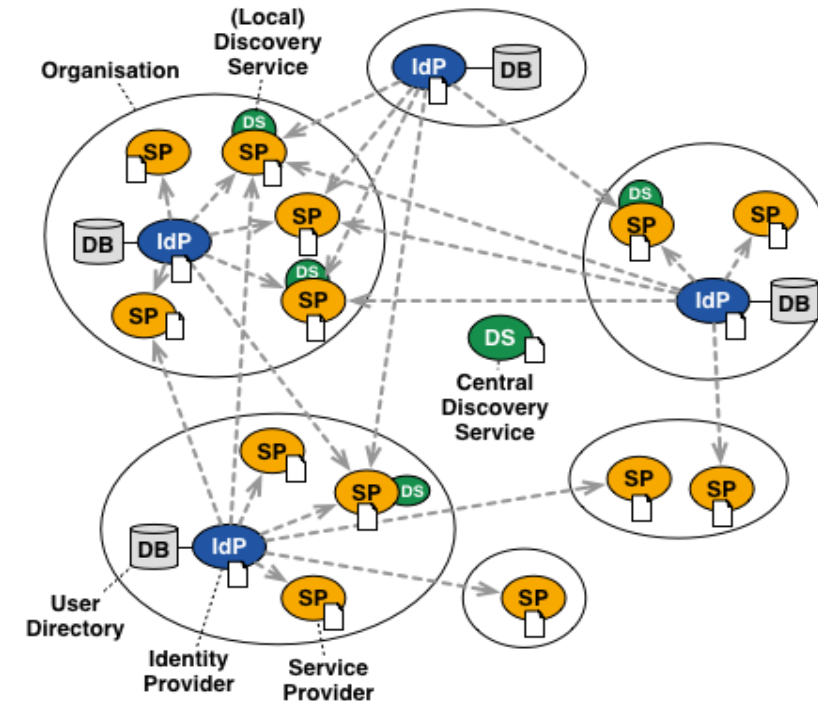
Full mesh federations are the most common and straight forward to implement federations because everything is distributed and there is **no need for a central component** that has to be protected specifically against failover (that duty is distributed as well).

Every organisation in mesh federations (IdP) connected to a local user data **operates their own Identity Provider** base and an arbitrary number of Service Providers (SP).

All these **entities** are listed in a **centrally distributed SAML metadata file**, which is consumed by all entities.

Full Mesh Federation

~80% of all NREN Federations (June 2013)
E.g InCommon, UKAMF, SWITCHaai, SWAMID, HAKA, AAF

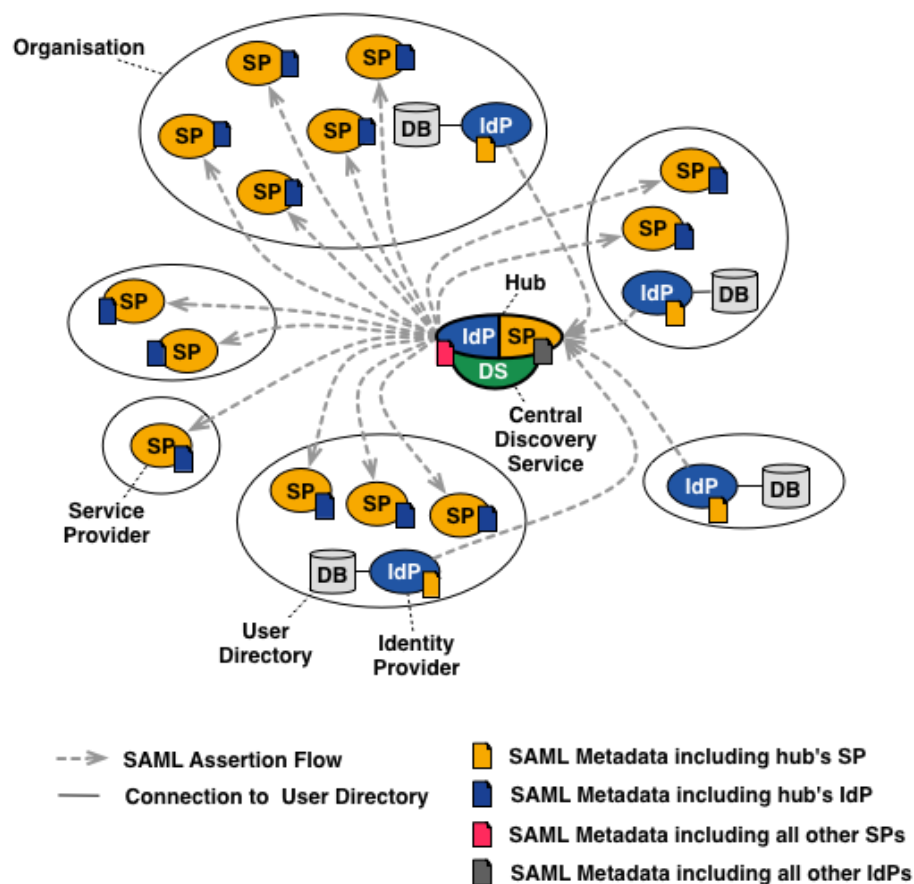


- > SAML Assertion Flow
- Connection to User Directory
- SAML Metadata including all SPs and IdPs

Hub and Spoke Federations

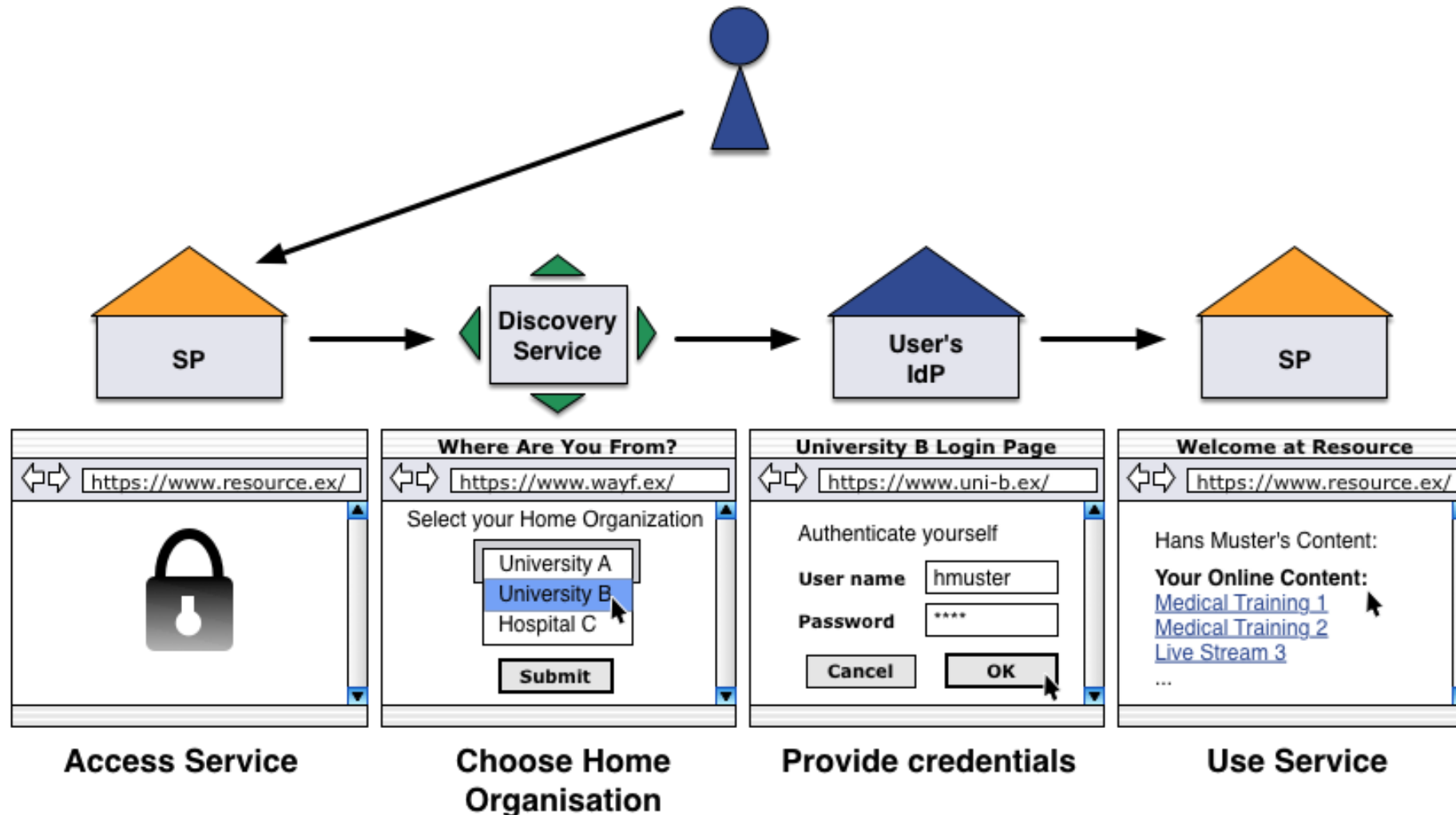
Hub-and-Spoke Federation with Distributed Login

~15% of all NREN Federations (June 2013)
SURFconext, WAYF.dk, SIR, TAAT, Confia



- Hub & Spoke federations with distributed login rely on a central hub or proxy via which all SAML assertions are sent.
- The hub serves as a Service Provider versus the Identity Providers and as an Identity Provider versus the Service Providers in the federation.
- Each organisation still operates their own Identity Provider connected to a local user database but the Identity Provider only needs metadata of the hub.
- Vice versa the Service Providers only need metadata for the hub.
- On the hub there is a central Discovery Service for all users.
- Because the hub is a single-point of failure, it has to be carefully secured and protected.

A simple flow



Entities, metadata and Identity Federation

Entities register metadata

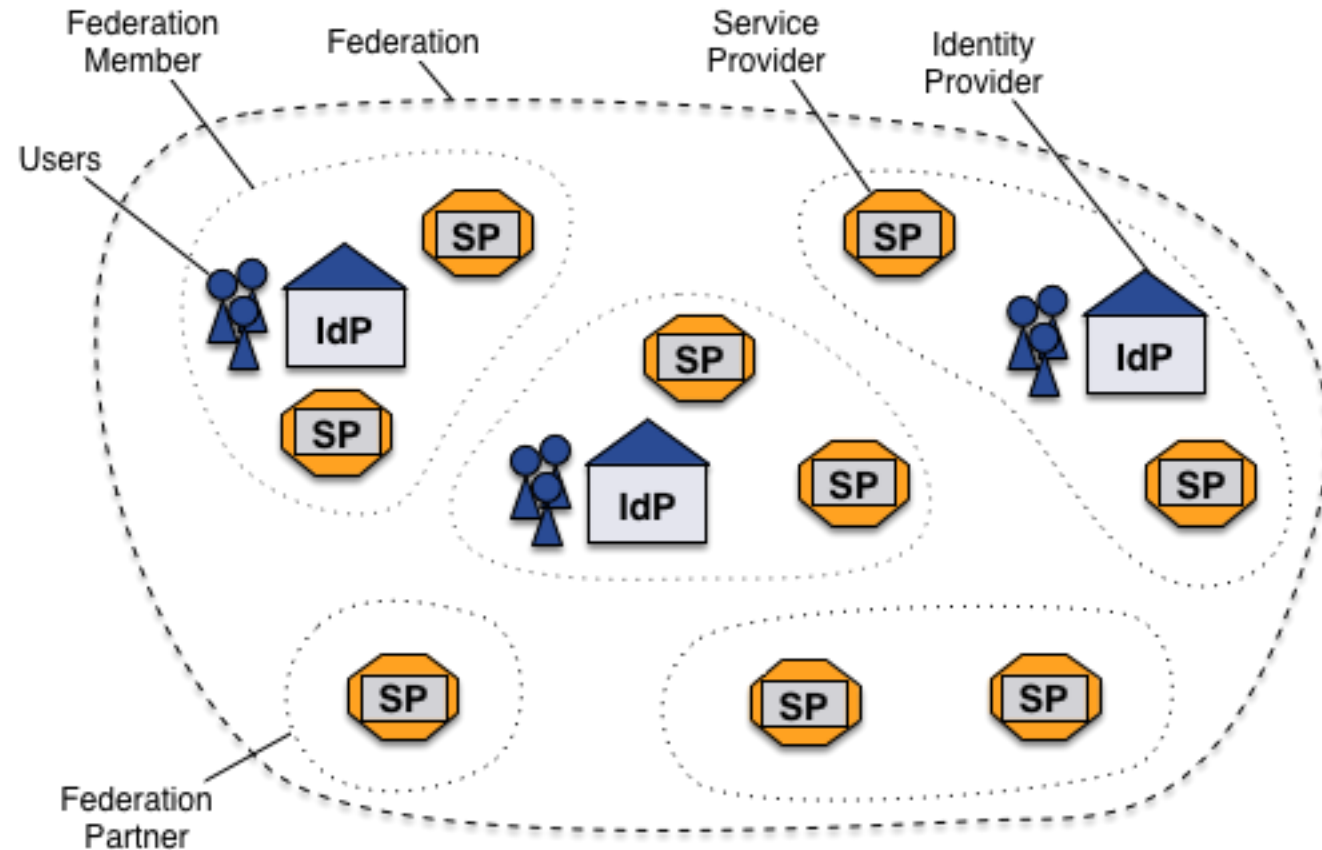
Participating Entities register their metadata into the Federation

The Federation feed

The Federation validates and aggregates all the entities metadata creating one or more federation feed

Signing & Distribution

The Federation feed(s) is signed with the Federation key and distributed through an MDS (Metadata Distribution System)



eduGAIN MDS, how does it work?

Federations' upstream feed

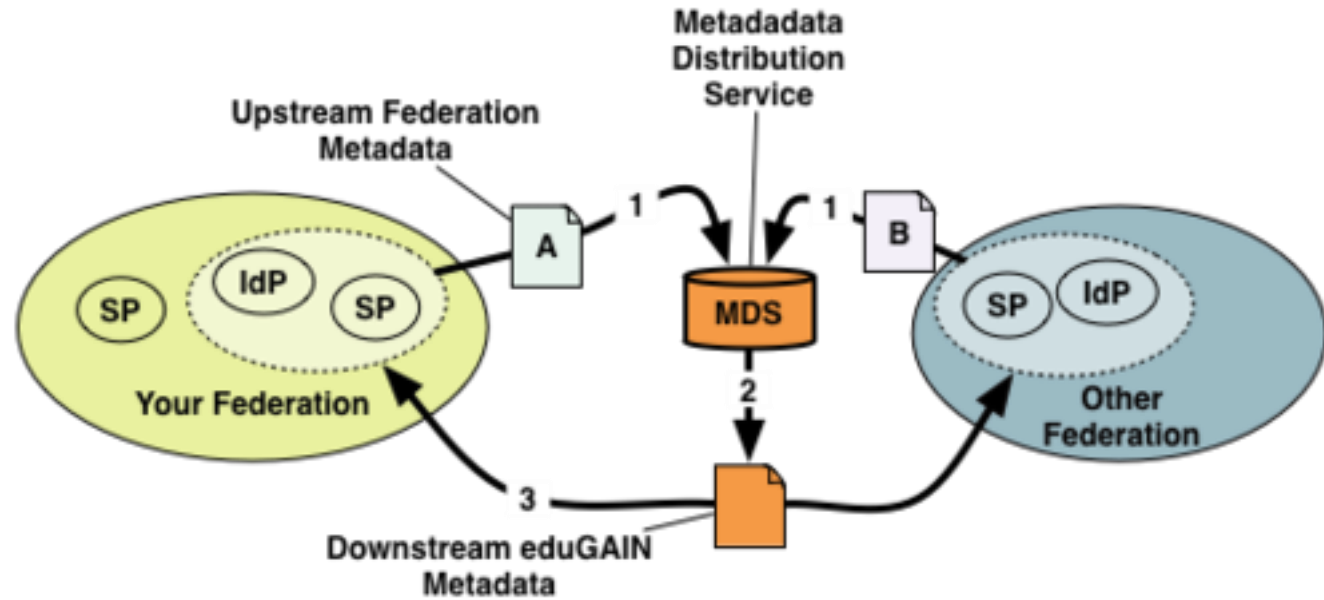
Participating Federations provide a metadata aggregate of entities to be exported to eduGAIN

The eduGAIN feed

Federations' metadata aggregates are picked up, validated and aggregated in the so called eduGAIN feed

Signing & Distribution

The eduGAIN feed is signed with the eduGAIN key and distributed through the eduGAIN MDS:



<http://mds.edugain.org/edugain-v1.xml>

REFEDS Production Federation Map



<https://refeds.org/>

<https://technical.edugain.org>

Security

- eduGAIN Support
- eduGAIN Security Incident Response

Metadata

- eduGAIN Metadata Distribution Service (MDS)
- eduGAIN Validator
- eduGAIN Entities Database
- eduGAIN Technical site (and APIs)

Attribute Release

- eduGAIN Connectivity Check (ECC)
- eduGAIN isFederated Check (EIFC)
- eduGAIN Access Check (EAC)
- eduGAIN Attribute Release Check (EARC)
- eduGAIN Code of Conduct Monitor (ECOCM) monitor
- Sirtfi contact check service
- F-Ticks based eduGAIN statistics collection and presentation service

Deploy

- Campus IdP Toolkit (ansible playbook to install an IdP)**
- Federation-as-a-Service (FaaS)

The GEANT IdP Ansible toolkit

Deploy

- GN4-2/GN4-3 developed a toolkit based on **Ansible** to ease the spawning of Shibboleth 3.4+ Identity Providers
- It makes spawning IdPs easy
 - Minimal set of mandatory configuration
 - Wrapper script to generate customized playbook
 - Supports Entity Categories R&S, CoCo
 - Fully eduGAIN compliant (privacy policy pages, logos..)
- <https://github.com/GEANT/ansible-shibboleth>



Service outreach options:

- Local Deployment
- Capacity Building / Training
- Sharing of Best Practices
- Marketing Material



eduGAIN

How to join eduGAIN as a Federation:

- In order to join eduGAIN, Federations need to provide information to edugain@geant.org via a signed email
 - Contact email
- **Signing declaration**
 - <https://technical.edugain.org/doc/eduGAIN-Declaration-v2bis-web.pdf>
- **Printed Declaration** must be signed by a person authorized to represent the Federation
 - Signed Declaration should be sent to the postal address of the eduGAIN Team:
eduGAIN c/- GÉANT, 6B, Nieuw Amsterdam
Hoekenrode 3
1102 BR Amsterdam-Zuidoost
The Netherlands
- Please also send a scan of the declaration to the eduGAIN Team
mail: edugain@geant.org
- **Metatada source and signing certificate**
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eduGAIN

- **Governance delegate and deputy**

- eduGAIN is governed by the Steering Group. Each participating federation must delegate two members - a delegate and a deputy. Please send names and e-mail addresses to the edugain@geant.org

- **Federation page**

- Provide a URL pointing to the main (English if exists) page of your Federation

- **Policy**

- Provide a URL pointing to the English version of your Federation Policy

- **Registration practice statement**

- Provide a URL pointing to the English version of Metadata Registration practice statement for your federation. This document shall describe rules and procedures used for registering entities which get exposed to inter-federation

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eduroam

Linking students to the global community



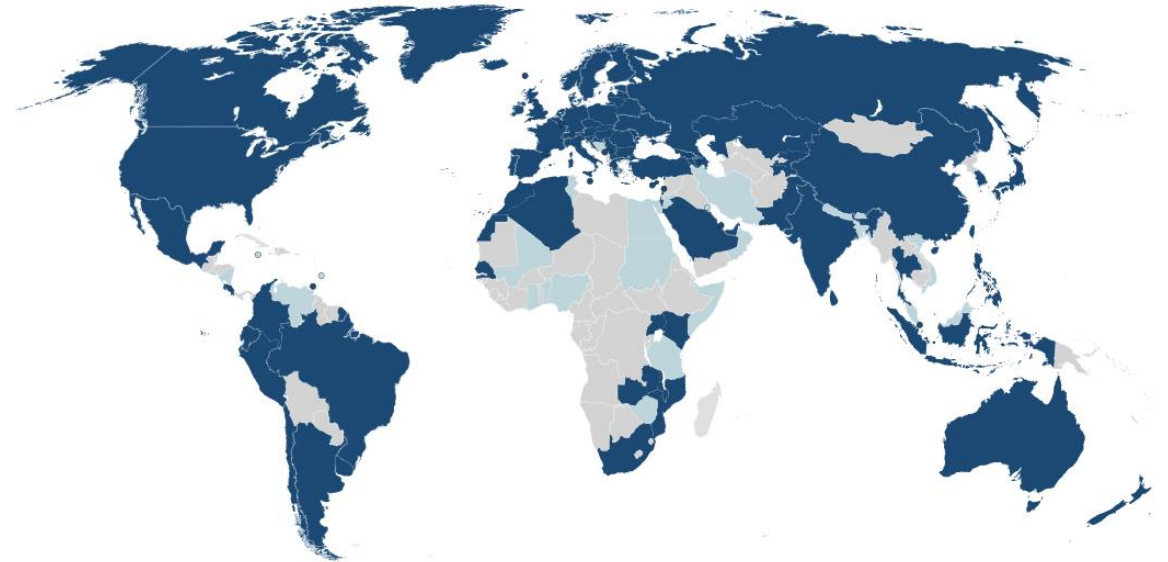
A secure global roaming infrastructure for research and education:

users **authenticate locally** and
get online in eduroam-enabled locations

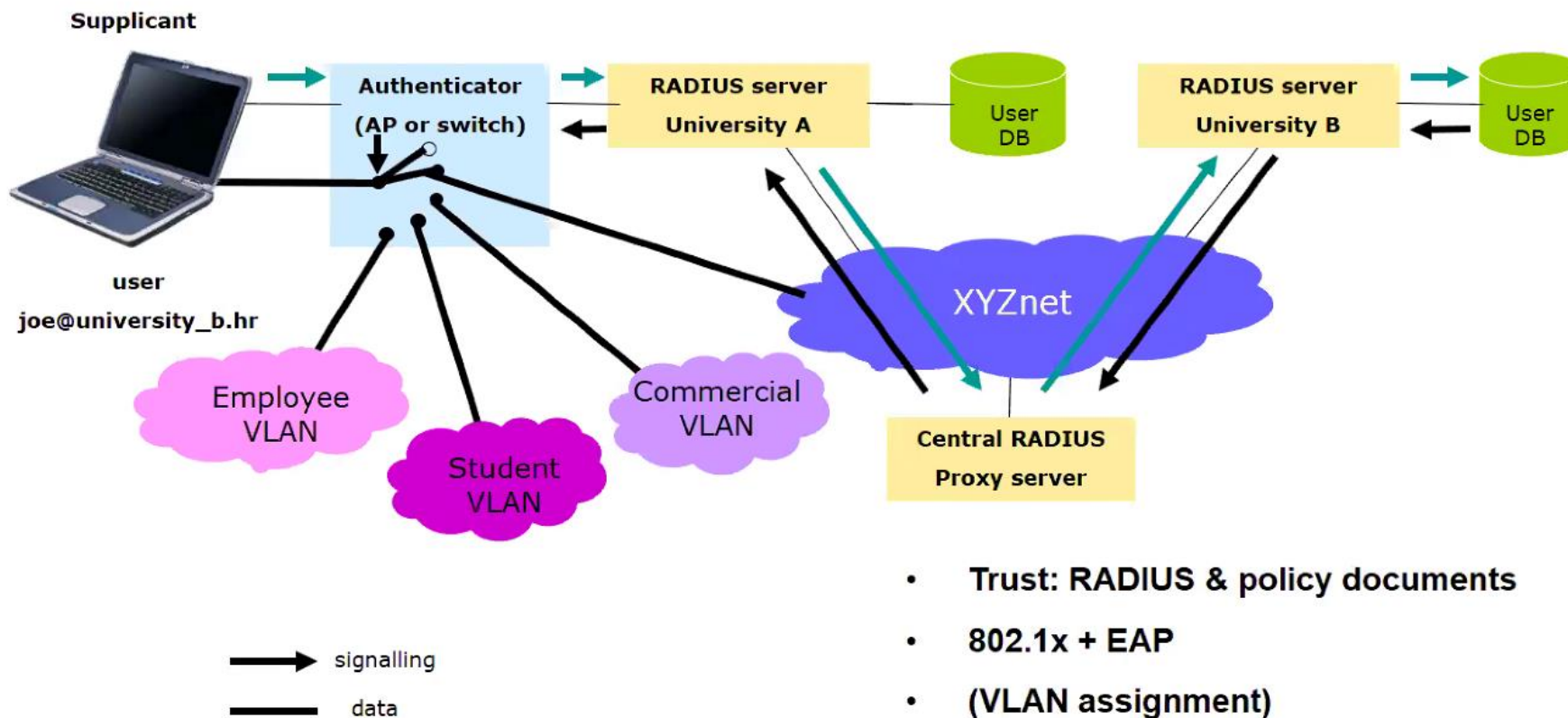
A global network of users **across 101 territories**.
More than **2 billion international authentications**
and counting

A worldwide success story :

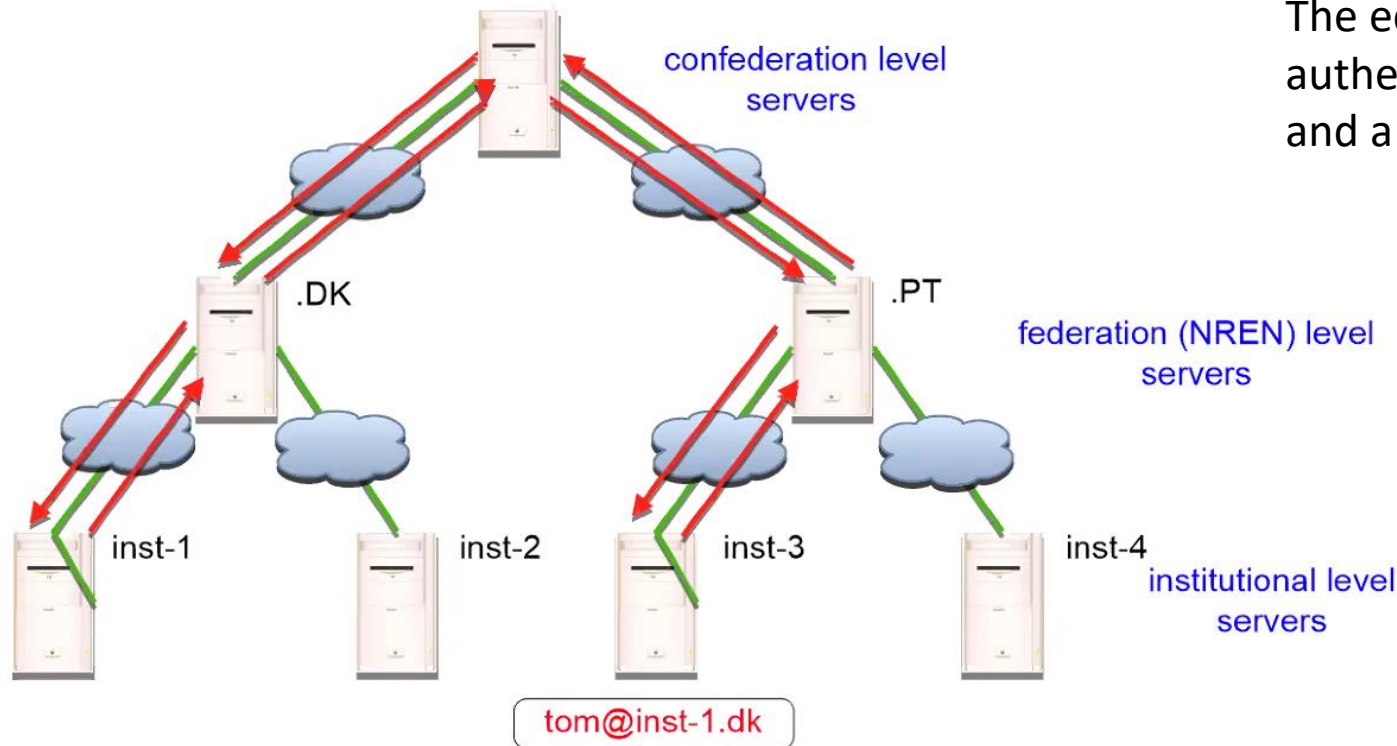
Millions of users in more than 100 territories worldwide,
eduroam has been an amazing success story and an
example of research and education collaboration.



The eduroam™



Hierarchical RADIUS-based authentication infrastructure



The eduroam service uses IEEE 802.1X as the authentication method and a hierarchical system of RADIUS servers



CAT: Configure your mobile device to use eduroam:

<https://cat.eduroam.org/>



eduroam monitor:

Monitor the status of the RADIUS servers and related infrastructure:

<https://monitor.eduroam.org/>

NEW

eduroam Managed IdP service to simplify onboarding of smaller institutions

Open for Institutes worldwide

How to join eduroam



- Ensure NRENs act as NRO for eduroam
 - Sign the eduroam policy documents
 - Done. (Signed in March 2018 by Bangladesh)
 - Need to publish XML information on the eduroam DB
- Start by setting up national FLR server and national eduroam infrastructure
 - Set up eduroam IdPs at individual institutions or make use of eduroam managed IdP (contact the eduroam-ot@lists.geant.org or help@eduroam.org)
 - Set up beta service providers (SPs)
- Contact eduroam operational teams to configure the international branches
 - ASIA-Pacific Top Level Radius servers operated by Univ. Hong Kong and AARNET/Australia

- [Becoming a Roaming Operator \(RO\)](#)
 - [Administrative requirements](#) / [Information management requirements](#)
- [Operating a Federation Level RADIUS server \(FLR\)](#)
- [Gauging your federation's performance](#)
 - [Monitoring](#)
 - [Federation monitoring in Europe: the eduroam Operational Team](#)
 - [Monitoring inside the federation](#)
 - [Nagios/Icinga: EAP Login check](#) : [Preparatory work](#) , [Implementing the checks](#)
 - [Nagios/Icinga: RADIUS/TLS certificate validity checks](#)
 - [Statistics](#)
- [RADIUS/TLS: Obtaining and managing certificates](#)
 - [The eduroam server certificate trust model: eduPKI PMA and the eduroam Trust Profile](#)
 - [Managing accredited CAs in eduroam servers](#)
 - [Updating CRLs on your server](#)
- <https://wiki.geant.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=121346324>



eduroam in Bangladesh



- Bangladesh (BdREN) is an accepted member of the eduroam service
- Signed eduroam compliance statement in March 2018
- Need to set up information for the eduroam DB
 - Need to publish information on the web site on <https://www.eduroam.bd/general/realm.xml>
 - **Schema and related information:**
<https://monitor.eduroam.org/eduroam-database/v2/docs/eduroam-database-ver17102017.pdf>
- Inform eduroam-ot@lists.geant.org and miro@srce.hr
- After that access to the eduroam central DB and the CAT tool can be granted



eduroam related services

- eduroam Managed IdP
 - Focusing on smaller organisations that lack technical capabilities to have deploy IdP
 - Outsources the technical setup of eduroam IdP functions to the eduroam Operations Team
 - Already available in 20 countries; no charge to Roaming Operators.
- eduroam CAT
 - Configuration tool
- eduroam Companion App
 - Where's the nearest eduroam access point?
- eduroam Visitor Access
 - Service from Dutch NREN, SURFnet
 - Enables institutions to provide temporary eduroam access for visitors



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