



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

Linking research and infrastructures to federation – technology, policy, deployment

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- The way researchers collaborate within scientific communities can vary significantly from community to community
- The ability to access and share resources is crucial for the success of any collaboration
- Research and Education (R&E) ICT there *also* to support collaboration
- Re-using existing identity management fabrics



Identified common challenges – beyond the old ‘corporate IT’ stuff

Communities / e-infrastructures surveyed in AARC



Homeless
user Home

User
friendliness

Attribute
Aggregation

Community
based AuthZ

Non-Web
Access

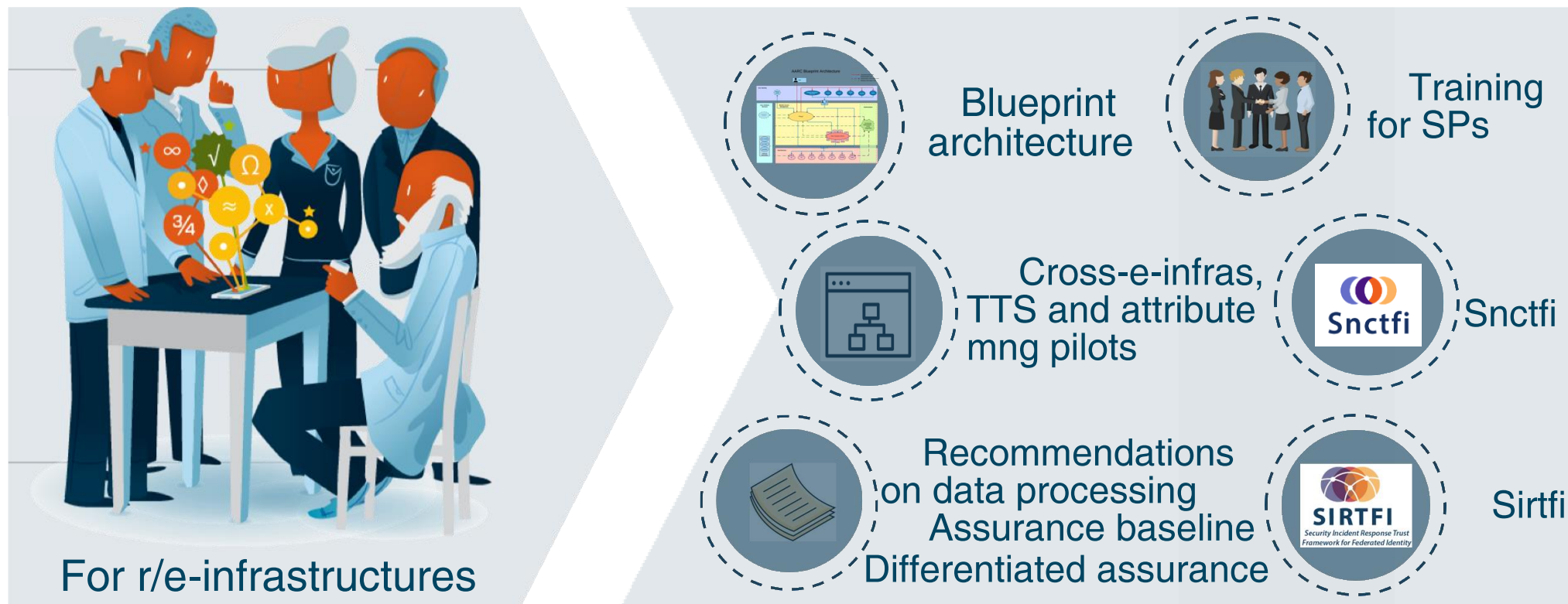
Credential
translation

Bridging
Communitie

Identity
Assurance

Persistent non-reassigned ID

AARC: making federation work (also) for Research and e-Infrastructures



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AARC Blueprint Architecture - Enabling an ecosystem of solution on top of eduGAIN



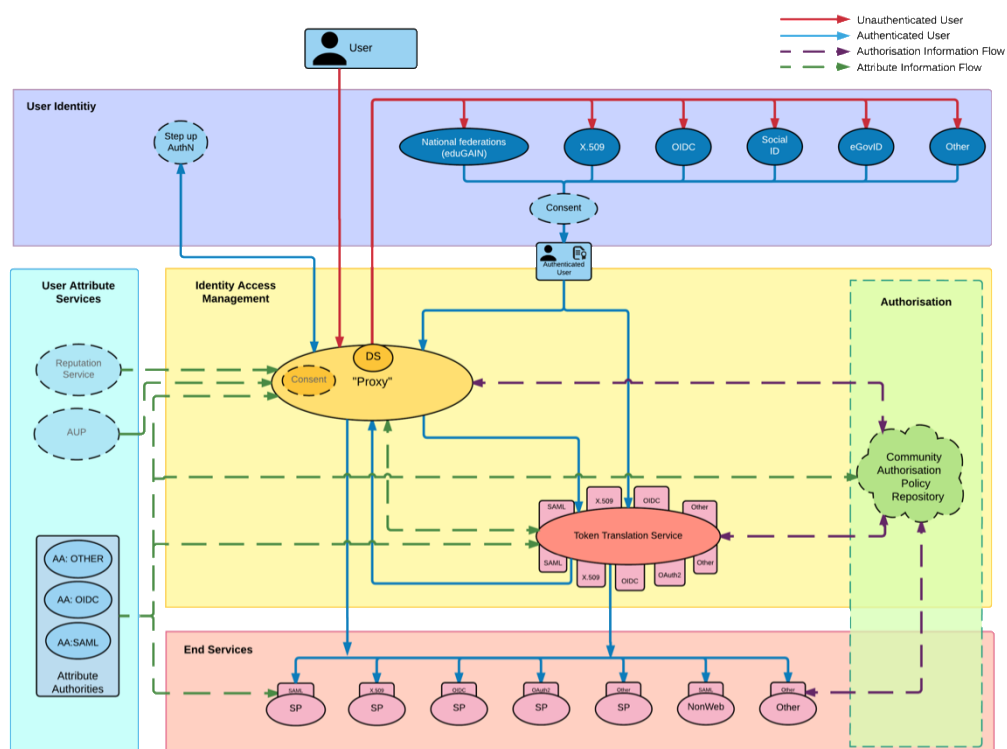
- A Blueprint **Architecture** for authentication and authorization
 - A set of architectural and policy building blocks on top of eduGAIN
- eduGAIN and the Identity Federations
 - A solid foundation for federated access in Research and Education

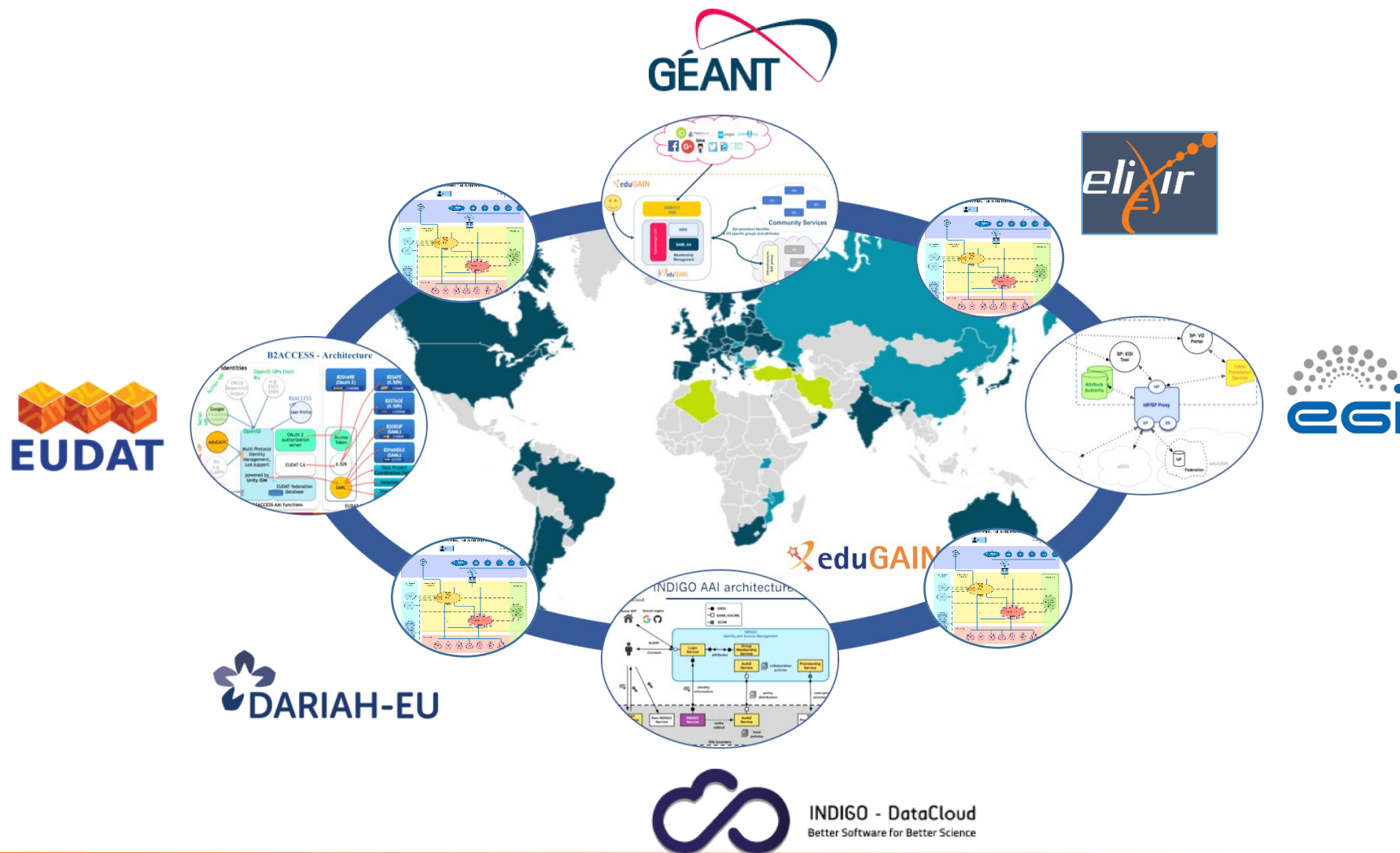


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Guidelines and support documents

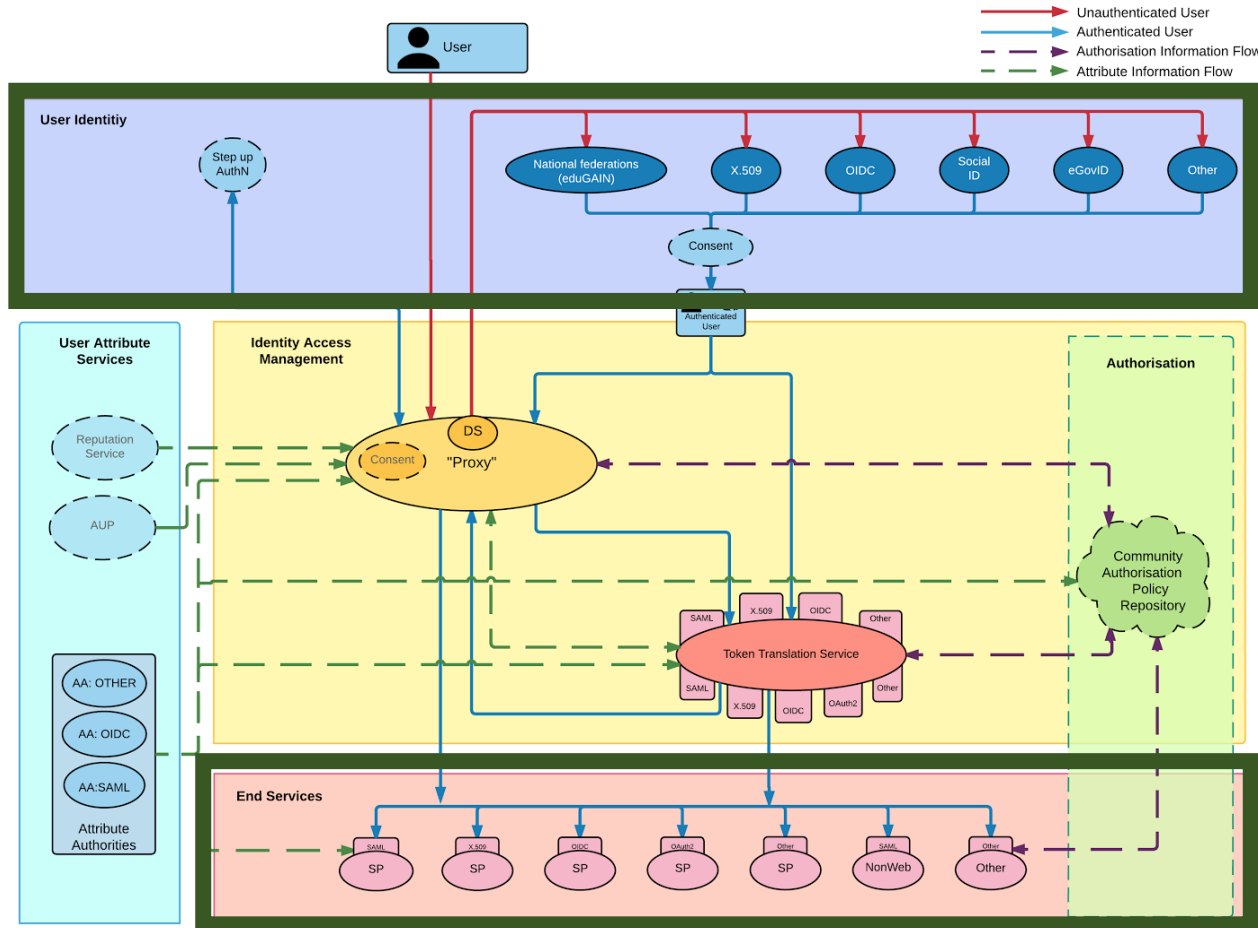
- Best practices for managing authorisation
- Expressing group membership and role information
- Scalable attribute aggregation
- Implementation of token TTS
- Credential delegation
- Non-web access
- Social media IdPs
- Use cases for account linking
- Use cases for LoA elevation via step-up authentication





Easing linking of research to infrastructure services with good practice

AARC Blueprint Architecture



'Researcher (user)-centric' policy

Identify the source of your identity, will your provider stand by that identifier, and will it be yours forever?

The Blueprint SP-IdP Proxy as key component, also policy-wise:

- *Filtering function for policy and assurance*
- *Present harmonized view to existing federations to get 'useful' data from them*

Service Infrastructure

- **Incident response**
- **"Sirtfi adoption will be critical"**
- **"A" baseline "LoA" will be critical, (demonstrable but not necessary by audit)**

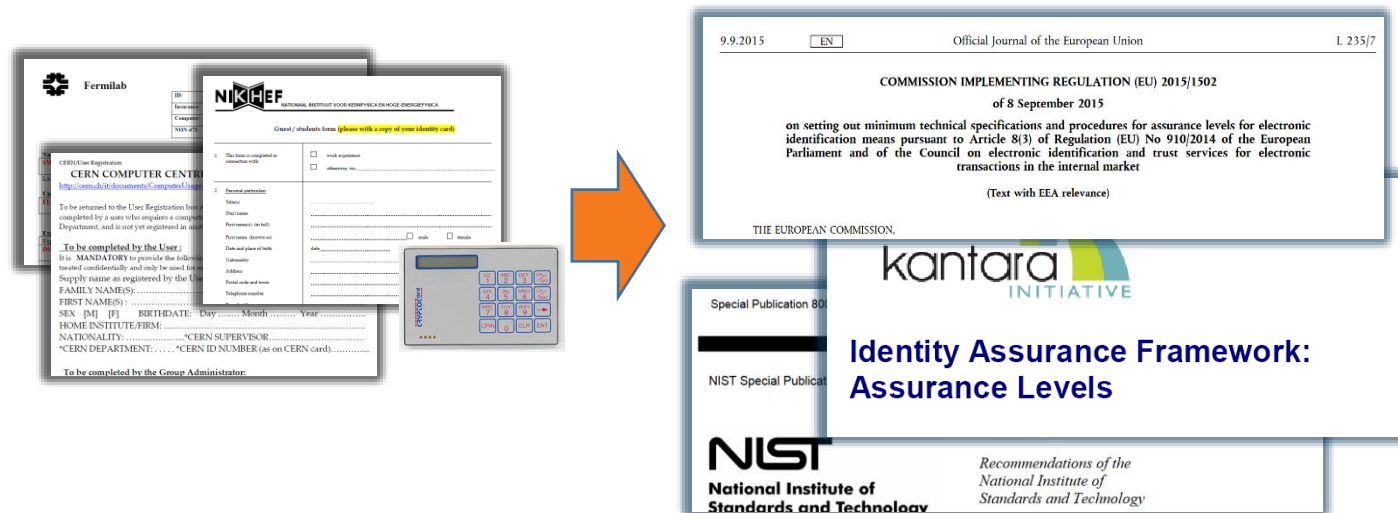
Basically: **your, FIM4R, requirements!**

Trusting the User's Authentication



Many layered models (3-4 layers)

but: specific levels don't match needs of Research- and e-Infrastructures:



- Specific combination 'authenticator' and 'vetting' assurance doesn't match research risk profiles
- Disregards existing trust model between federated R&E organisations
- Cannot accommodate distributed responsibilities

but also national (eduGAIN) R&E federations lacked a documented, agreed assurance level

Beyond uncontrolled identifiers:
baseline assurance for research use cases

Differentiated assurance from an (Research) Infrastructure viewpoint

'low-risk' use cases

few unalienable expectations by research and collaborative services



Baseline Assurance

- 1.known individual
- 2.Persistent identifiers
- 3.Documented vetting
- 4.Password authenticator
- 5.Fresh status attribute
- 6.Self-assessment

generic e-Infrastructure services

access to common compute and data services that do not hold sensitive personal data



Slice includes:

- 1.assumed ID vetting
'Kantara LoA2', 'eIDAS low', or 'IGTF BIRCH'
- 2.Good entropy passwords
- 3.Affiliation freshness better than 1 month



protection of sensitive resources

access to data of real people, where positive ID of researchers and 2-factor authentication is needed

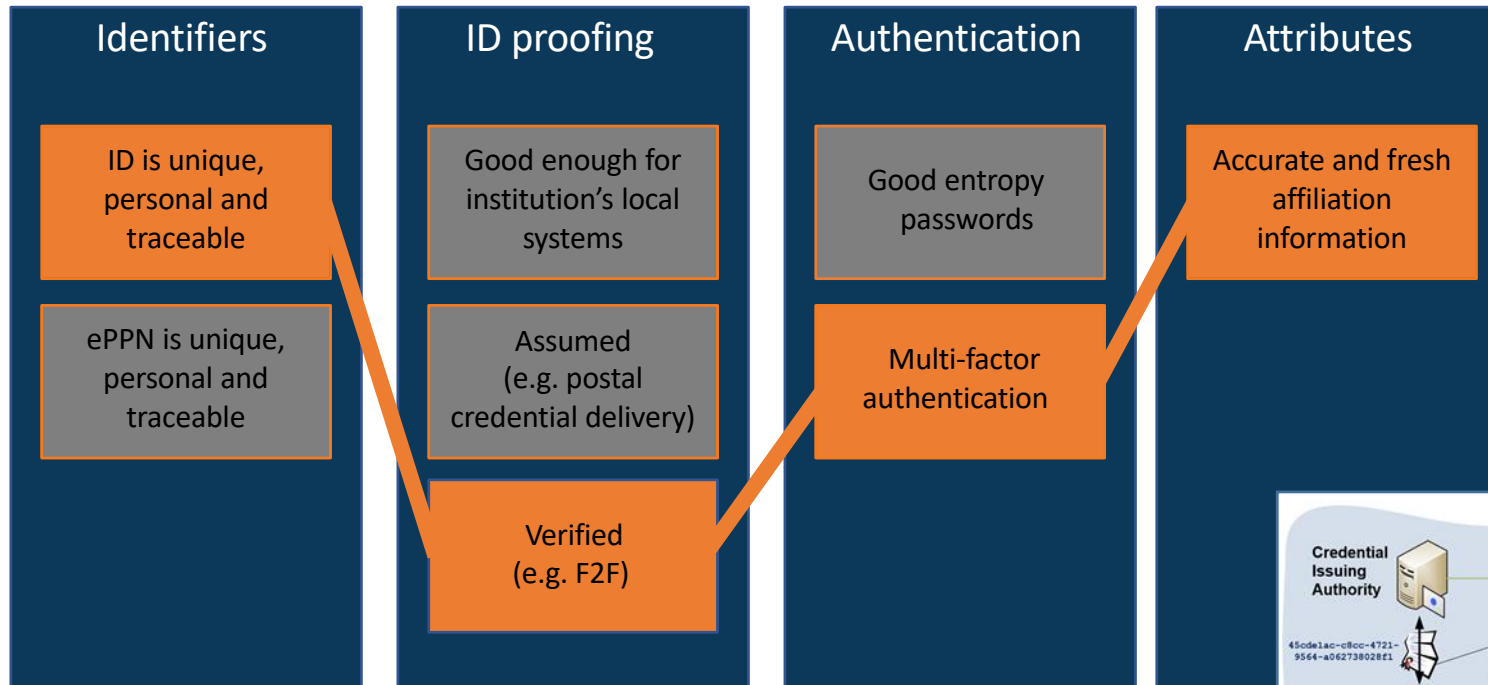


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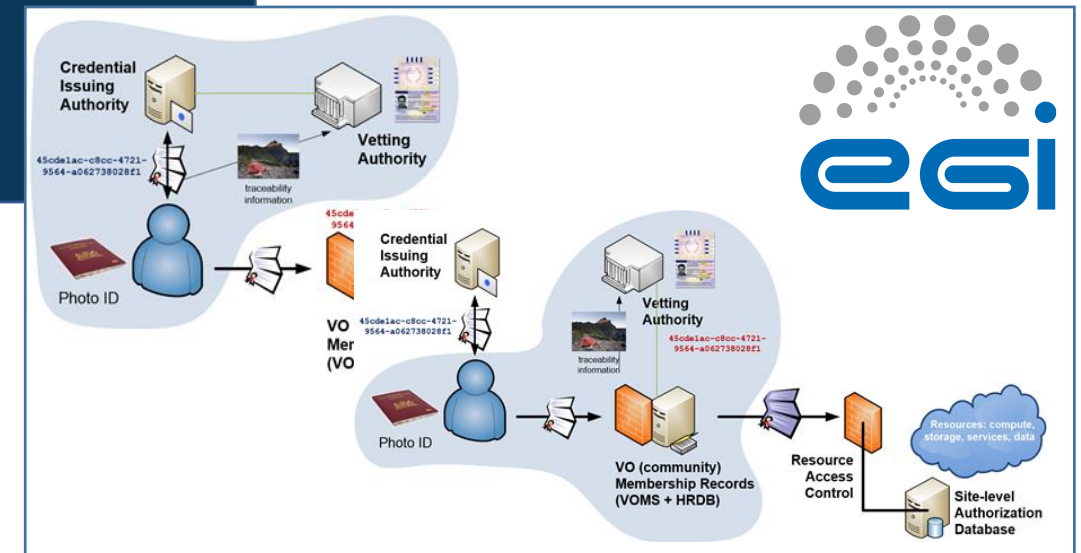
- 1.Verified ID vetting
'eIDAS substantial', 'Kantara LoA3'
- 2.Multi-factor authenticator



Using Assurance in practice: “Espresso” for sensitive data



Assurance can come from a single source ...
... or be a combined/collaborative assurance
by identifier source and vetting attributes



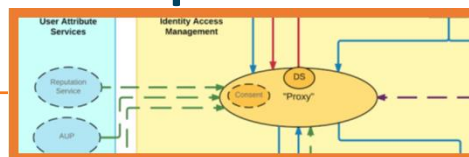
Gaining global adoption: REFEDS Assurance Framework

<https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/Assurance+Working+Group>

- open, international forum
- link to identity federations – *adoption needs IdP to act and federations to communicate*
- Add new eduGAIN *metadata* and new *attributes* for IdPs
- implementation guidance in normative form helps

Also used to align the e-Infrastructure providers so that you can move between proxied infrastructures

... and now: how to apply it to attribute provenance?



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REFEDS TITLE / REFERENCE: REFEDS Assurance Framework v1.0

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2 **REFEDS Assurance Framework v1.0**

3 REFEDS Assurance working group

4 Publication History: V1.0 For Consultation

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6 **Abstract:**

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8 This profile splits assurance into the four orthogonal components of the identifier uniqueness and the identity, authentication and attribute assurance. The Credential Service Provider assigns one or more values from one or more components to each credential and delivers the value(s) to the Relying Party in an assertion. Some values are also expressed as an Entity Attribute of an Identity Provider. For conformance to this profile, only meeting the baseline expectations for Identity Providers is required.

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15 To serve the Relying Parties seeking for simplicity, the components are further collapsed to two assurance profiles (with the arbitrary names Cappuccino and Espresso) which cover all components. This profile also specifies how to represent the values using federated identity protocols, currently SAML 2.0.

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AAI platform alignment workplan

Aligning the EGI, ELIXIR, EUDAT, BBMRI-ERIC, and GEANT AAI service platforms for communities

See also: AAI platform comparison

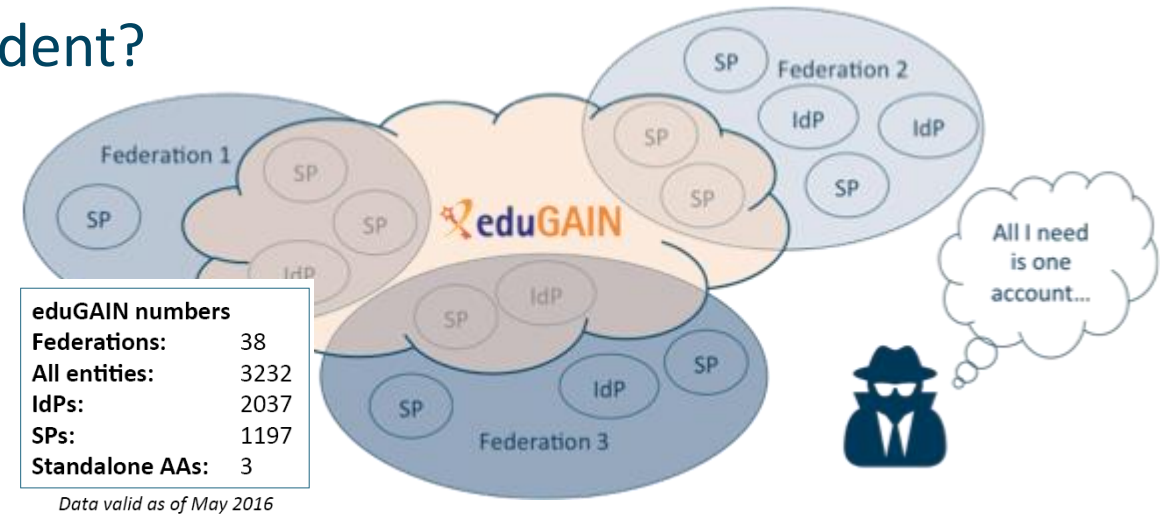
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Top priority issues

(Showstoppers for the AAI platform interoperability)

Security Incident Response in the Federated World

- How could we determine the scale of the incident?
 - Do useful logs exist?
 - Could logs be shared?
- Who should take responsibility for resolving the incident?
- How could we alert the identity providers and service providers involved?
- Could we ensure that information is shared confidentially, and reputations protected?



Security Incident Response Trust Framework for Federated Identity

Sirtfi – based on Security for Collaborating Infrastructures (SCI) & FIM4R Recommendations

A Security Incident Response Trust Framework – Sirtfi summary

Operational Security

- Require that a security incident response capability exists with sufficient authority to mitigate, contain the spread of, and remediate the effects of an incident.

Incident Response

- Assure confidentiality of information exchanged
- Identify trusted contacts
- Guarantee a response during collaboration

Traceability

- Improve the usefulness of logs
- Ensure logs are kept in accordance with policy

Participant Responsibilities

- Confirm that end users are aware of an appropriate AUP



Sirtfi adoption by authentication providers and services

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Response Trust Framework for Federated Identity (Sirtfi) aims to enable the coordination of incident response organisations. This assurance framework comprises a list of assertions which an organisation can attest in order to be compliant. Visit our [Wiki](#) to discover how your organisation can prepare itself for Federated Incident Response

Group has been active since 2014 and combines expertise in operational security and incident response policies. Work to publish and implement the Sirtfi Trust Framework is supported by the [AARC](#)



Benefits

Why should I join? What are the [Benefits](#)?



Sirtfi v 1.0

View the [Sirtfi Framework](#)



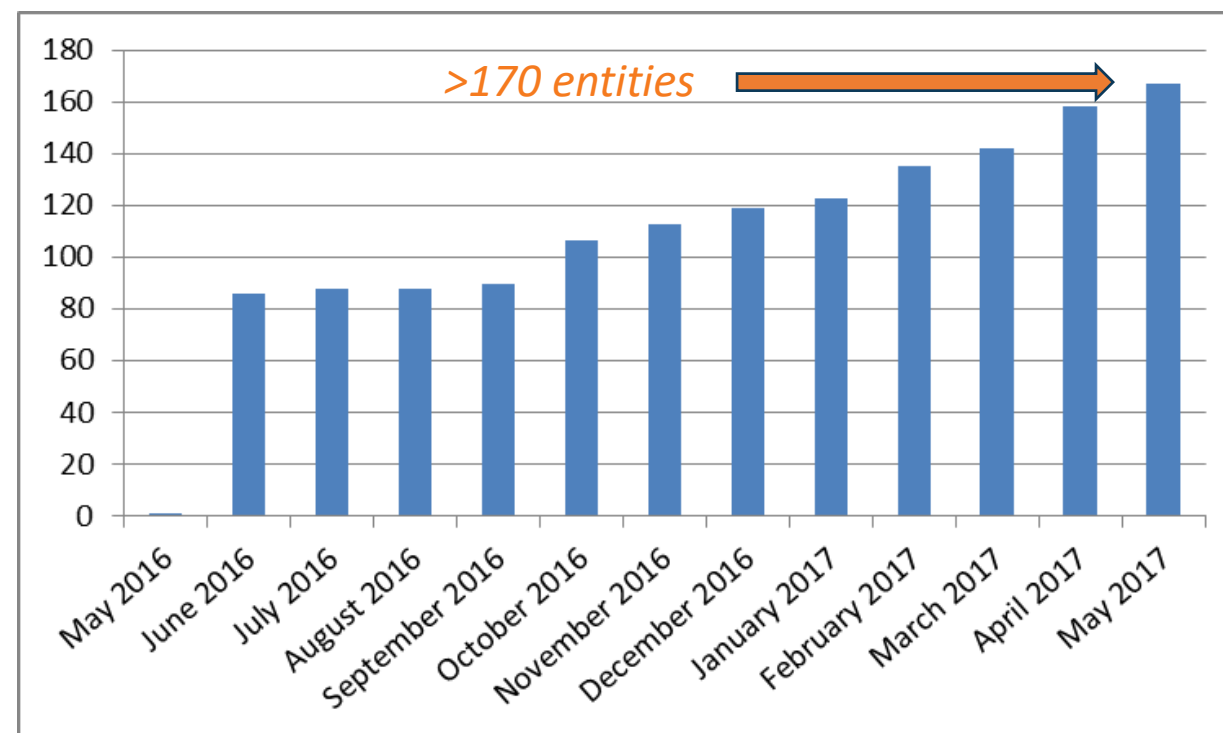
FAQs

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Used for filtering (with R&S) by proxies & services

EGI operational services, RCauth.eu bridge, CERN SSO, CILogon Basic services, ...

- adds **security contact** meta-data in eduGAIN
- with R&S meets **baseline assurance** and IGTF “assured identifier” profile
... *IGTF-to-eduGAIN bridge asserts R&S+Sirtfi*



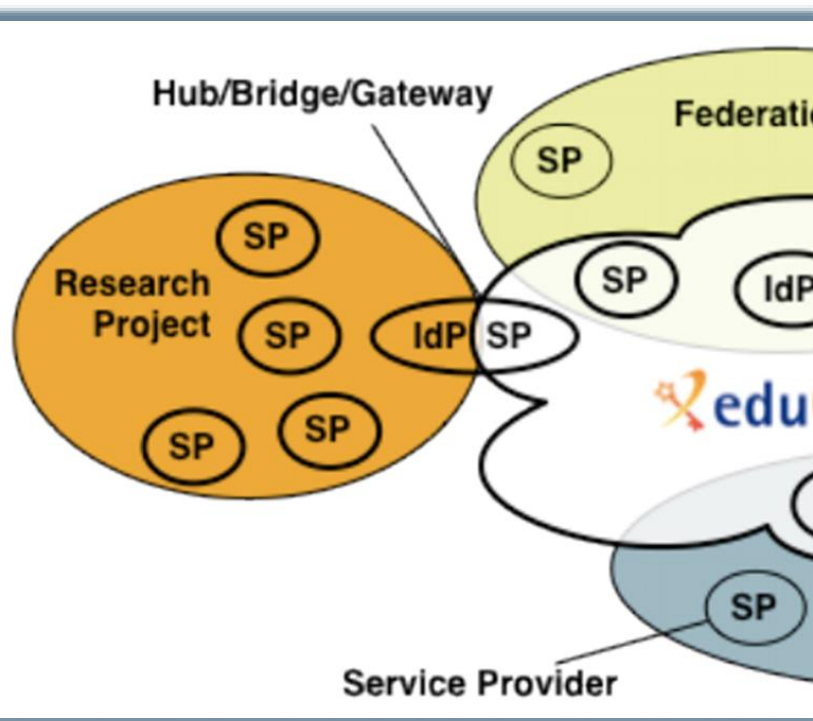
Snctfi: aiding Infrastructures achieve policy coherency



allow SPIdP Proxies to assert 'qualities', categories, based on assessable trust



Develop recommendations for an Infrastructure's coherent policy set



Snctfi

Scalable Negotiator for a Community Trust Framework in Federated Infrastructures

- Derived from SCI, the framework on *Security for Collaboration among Infrastructures*
- Complements Sirtfi with requirements on internal consistent policy sets for Infrastructures
- Aids Infrastructures to assert *existing* categories to IdPs: REFEDS R&S, Sirtfi, DPCoCo, ...



See FIM4R presentation by David Kelsey!

Operational Security

- State common security requirements: AAI, security, incident and vulnerability handling
- Ensure *constituents* comply: through MoUs, SLA, OLA, policies, or even contracts, &c

User Responsibilities

- Awareness: users and communities need to know there are policies
- Have an AUP covering the usual
- Community registration and membership should be managed
- Have a way of identifying both individuals and communities
- Define the common aims and purposes (*that really helps for data protection ...*)

Protection and Processing of Personal Data

- Have a data protection policy that binds the infrastructure together, e.g. AARCs recommendations or DP CoCo
- Make sure every 'back-end' provider has a visible and accessible Privacy Policy

Everything can be meshed together ...



and many more hubs and bridges, apologies if your logo is not here ...

Collect Recommendations – both for Infrastructures & Federations

For your Research and generic e-Infrastructures

- Following AARC Blue Print Architecture and the recommendations – makes it easier for you
- Support Personal Data Protection (EU) + tag R&S – IdPs could giving you useable identifiers
- Assess if Sirtfi + R&S is sufficient for access. Or add a REFEDS Assurance Profile.
- Apply policy frameworks inside your Infrastructure, ‘Snctfi’, or re-use the policy kit



For Federations, REFEDS, and eduGAIN

- Support an omnidirectional, non-reassigned ID for users that is standard everywhere
- Don't filter authentication to only services you know about: allow meta-data to flow
- Support attribute release through R&S, and collaborate in Sirtfi
- Help eduGAIN operate a support desk to help international research and collaboration



Recommendations go to REFEDS, eduGAIN – and the Infrastructures through FIM4R & IGTF

We have a lot to do still ... **ENGAGE** through **FIM4R**, IGTF, REFEDS, WISE!



Operational Security and Incident Response

- Evolve beyond *Sirtfi* by adding automated (volume) sharing of data and indicators of compromise
- Cross-domain **trust groups** spanning Infrastructures (and the eduGAIN Support Desk)

Supporting Research Service Providers and Infrastructures: Service-centric guidance

- **Adoption of *Snctfi***, helping communities and infrastructure to express trust
- Accounting data in complex communities, **access control to accounting data** in Infrastructures?

Movement of people and collaboration: e-Researcher-centric guidance

- Align **attribute management practices & provenance** for self-hosting and managed communities
- Beyond Espresso: review complex Assurance Profile cases – in light of the GDPR and beyond

Policy Development Engagement and Coordination

- Guidance for communities: policy development and engagement ‘kit’
- **SClv3**: aligning *Snctfi*, *Sirtfi*, and *Recommendations* through WISE, IGTF, and FIM4R & FIMIG



And if I want to get to AARC?

- A bilateral channel to:
 - Report on AARC recommendations and pilots with research collaborations in AARC
 - Get feedback on AARC solutions from the wider FIM4R community
- Explore possibility to pilot solutions more widely
- Effectively supporting FIM4R
 - AARC supports participation of AARC research collaborations at FIM4R



Thank you Any Questions?

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