



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

## **Policy and Best Practice Harmonisation ('NA3')** *from the present to the future*

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# From the Past ...

**Assurance Profiles**

**Operational Security**

'low-risk' use cases	generic	protection of sensitive resources
Research and collaborative services	Hold sensitive personal data	where positive researchers are authenticating
<b>Baseline Assurance</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. known individual</li> <li>2. Persistent identifiers</li> <li>3. Documented vetting</li> <li>4. Password authenticator</li> <li>5. Fresh status attribute</li> <li>6. Self-assessment</li> </ol>	<b>Slice includes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. assumed ID vetting 'Kantara LoA2', 'eIDAS low', or 'IGTF BIRCH'</li> <li>2. Good entropy passwords</li> <li>3. Affiliation freshness better than 1 month</li> </ol>	<b>Slice includes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verified ID vetting 'eIDAS substantial', 'Kantara LoA3'</li> <li>2. Multi-factor authenticator</li> </ol>



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**Scalable Trust Mechanisms**

**Sustainable results & Recommendations**

**Global sharing of usage & accounting data**

## Yet what did we do it for?



Provide an assurance framework meeting to make federated identities more valuable for research and e-Infrastructures yet is feasible to implement by most home IdPs



Expose existing security capabilities in federated organisations, and organise the flow of information through Sirtfi contact details and a tiered coordination function



Recommendations for federations to make life easier for collaboration, and better models for sustainability for 'guest' identities and services in infrastructures



Make it easier for communities to use federation by organizing in groups, and support the SP-IdP Proxies build a consistent view of their services with the Sntctfi scheme



Propose practical models to allow infrastructures to exchange per-user accounting data, globally and across organisations that limits compliance risks for personal data protection

# Mechanisms for ensuring policies & practices serve the community



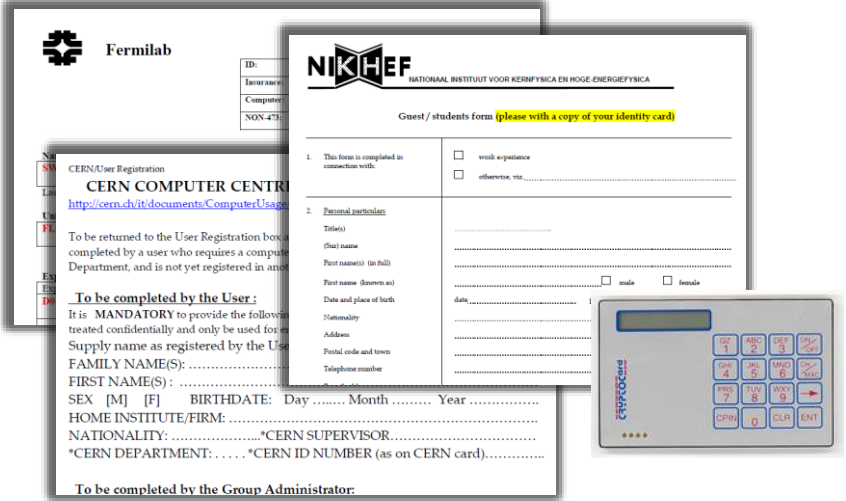
Use pre-existing groups and communities to develop policies and harmonise practices and thus avoid AARC becoming yet another island



HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:  
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)



# Policy and Best Practices Harmonisation



# Development of best practices for Assurance Profiles

# Assurance Profiles and ‘differentiated’ levels of assurance

9.9.2015 EN Official Journal of the European Union L 235/7

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/1502  
of 8 September 2015

on setting out minimum technical specifications and procedures for assurance levels for electronic identification means pursuant to Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,



## Identity Assurance Framework:

1. The accounts in the Home Organisations must each belong to a known individual
2. Persistent user identifiers (i.e., no reassign of user identifiers)
3. Documented identity vetting procedures (not necessarily face-to-face)
4. Password authentication (with some good practices)
5. Departing user's eduPersonAffiliation must change promptly
6. Self-assessment (supported with specific guidelines)

*some of this seems obvious to any relying service provider, but  
... since it was not the driving use case for eduGAIN, none of the above is currently present  
... but the AARC joint voice gives critical mass for development at the IdPs!*

## 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

*As a result, in R&E there was in practice hardly any documented and agreed assurance level*

**Last year:  
baseline assurance for research use cases**

# Differentiated assurance from an 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



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## protection of sensitive resources

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



### Slice includes:

- 1.verified ID vetting  
*'eIDAS substantial', 'Kantara LoA3'*
- 2.multi-factor authenticator



Value	Cappuccino	Espresso
\$PREFIX\$/ID/unique	X	X
\$PREFIX\$/ID/no-eppn-reassign		
\$PREFIX\$/ID/eppn-reassign-lyr		
\$PREFIX\$/IAP/local-enterprise	X	X
\$PREFIX\$/IAP/assumed	X	X
\$PREFIX\$/IAP/verified		X
\$PREFIX\$/AAP/good-entropy	X	
\$PREFIX\$/AAP/multi-factor		X
\$PREFIX\$/ATP/ePA-1m	X	X

Mikael Linden's work with the REFEDS Assurance WG, see also <https://refeds.org/meetings/35th-meeting-may-2017>

# REFEDS assurance working group

- In 6/2016 REFEDS established the Assurance working group
  - Open to anyone to participate
  - Take AARC recommendation as input and extend it to a specification
  - International – participants from Europe&US
  - Cross-community – participants from federations & research communities

## **REFEDS Assurance Framework 1.0 draft**

<https://wiki.refeds.org/x/JwBYAQ>

Exposed to a public consultation until 9th June 2017





# REFEDS assurance fw: four dimensions of LoA

## Identifiers

ID is unique,  
personal and  
traceable

ePPN is unique,  
personal and  
traceable

## ID proofing

Good enough for  
institution's local  
systems

Assumed  
(e.g. postal  
credential delivery)

Verified  
(e.g. F2F)

## Authentication

Good entropy  
passwords

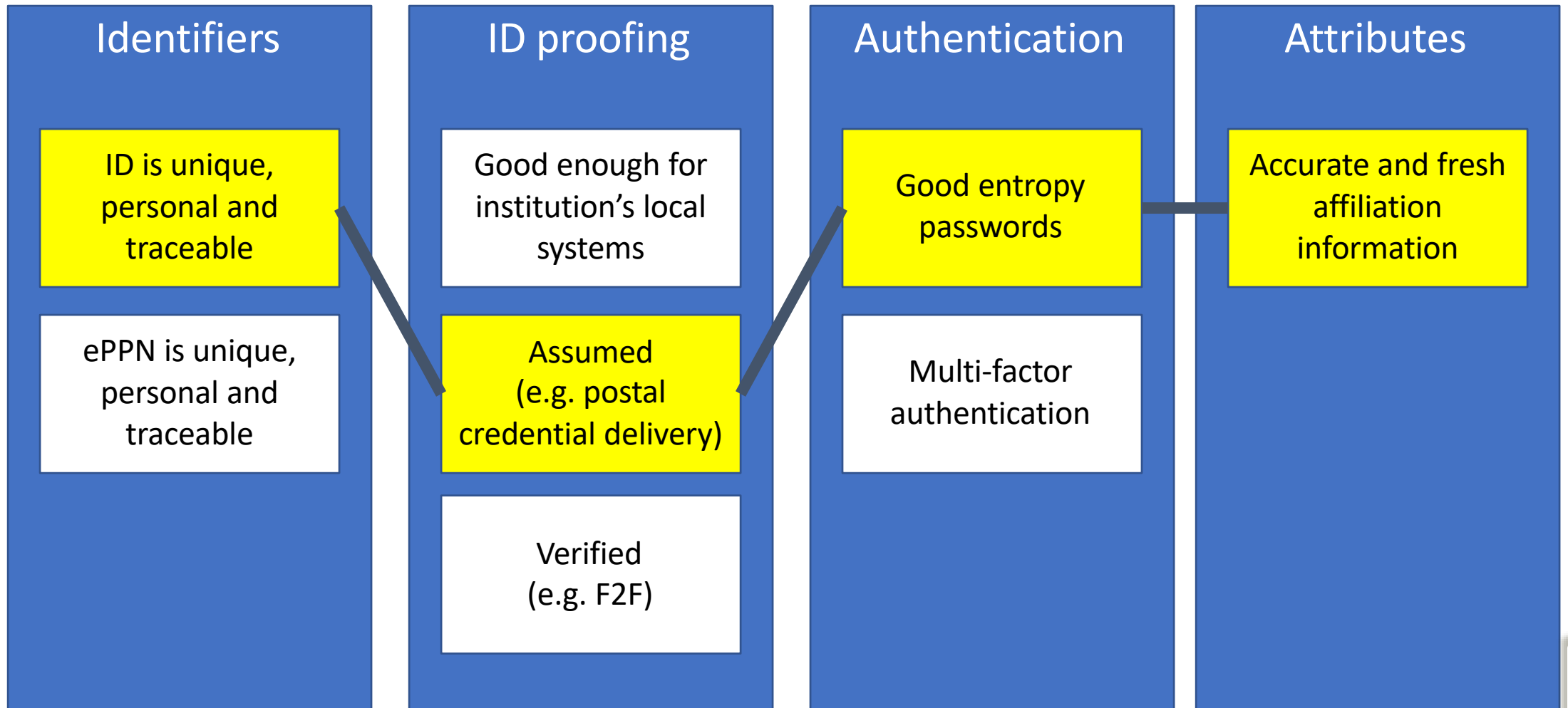
Multi-factor  
authentication

## Attributes

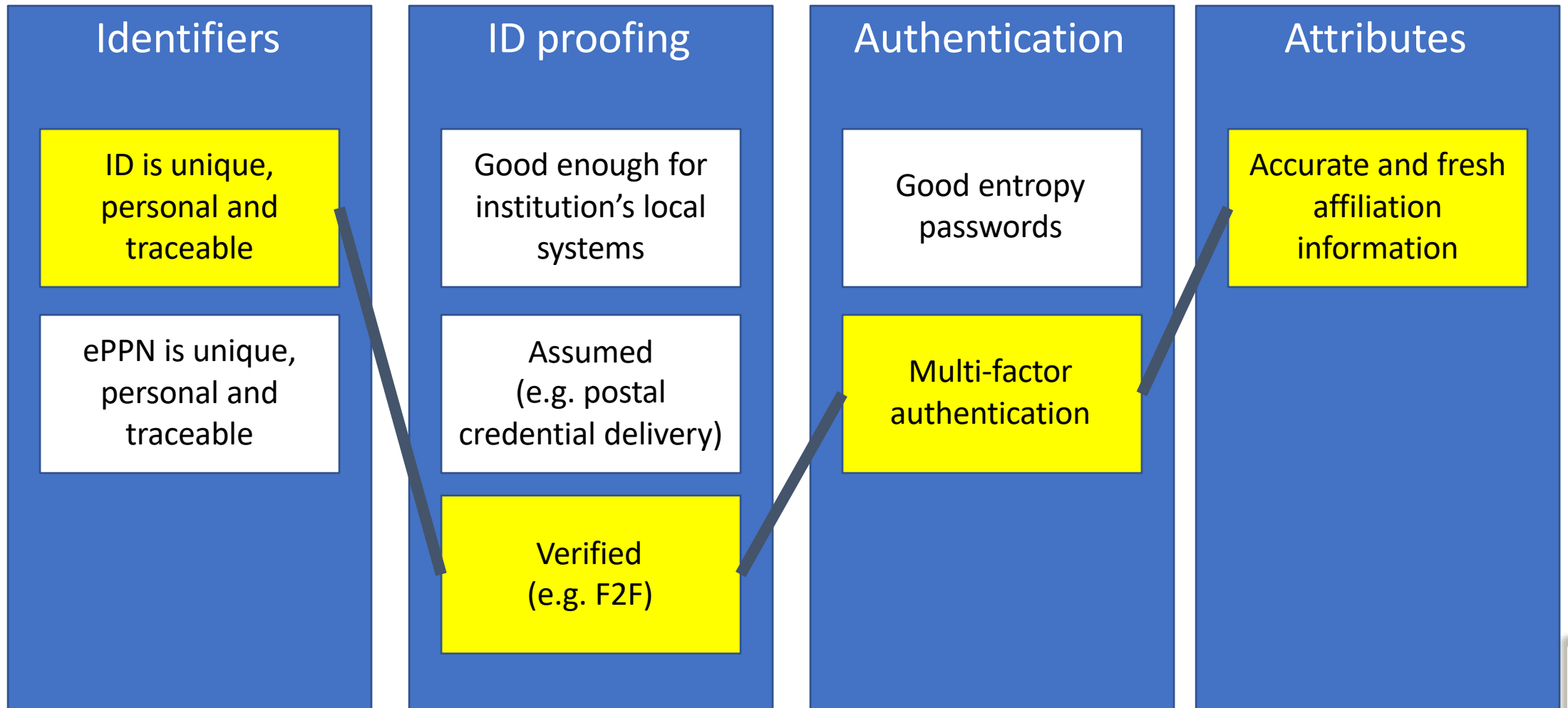
Accurate and fresh  
affiliation  
information



# “Cappuccino” profile for low risk use cases



# “Espresso” profile for demanding use cases



# Representing the assurance profile on SAML 2.0

Value	eduPersonAssurance	Authentication ContextClassRef	Metadata entity attribute
\$PREFIX\$			X
\$PREFIX\$/ID/unique	X		
\$PREFIX\$/ID/no-eppn-reassign	X		
\$PREFIX\$/ID/eppn-reassign-1y	X		
\$PREFIX\$/IAP/local-enterprise	X		
\$PREFIX\$/IAP/assumed	X		
\$PREFIX\$/IAP/verified	X		
\$PREFIX\$/AAP/good-entropy		X	
https://refeds.org/profile/mfa		X	
\$PREFIX\$/ATP/ePA-1m	X		
\$PREFIX\$/profile/cappuccino	X		X
\$PREFIX\$/profile/espresso	X		X



# Public consultation

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For more information

- See the REFEDS assurance framework infoshare 24 May:  
[goo.gl/HFNyXd](https://goo.gl/HFNyXd)



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## Security Incident Response

# Sirtfi - supporting our federated respos to security incidents

## IAM Online Europe

IAM Online Europe webinars are brought to you by AARC



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Project.



Benefits

Why should I join? What are the **Benefits?**



Sirtfi v 1.0

View the **Sirtfi Framework**



FAQs

Need **help?**

<https://refeds.org/Sirtfi>

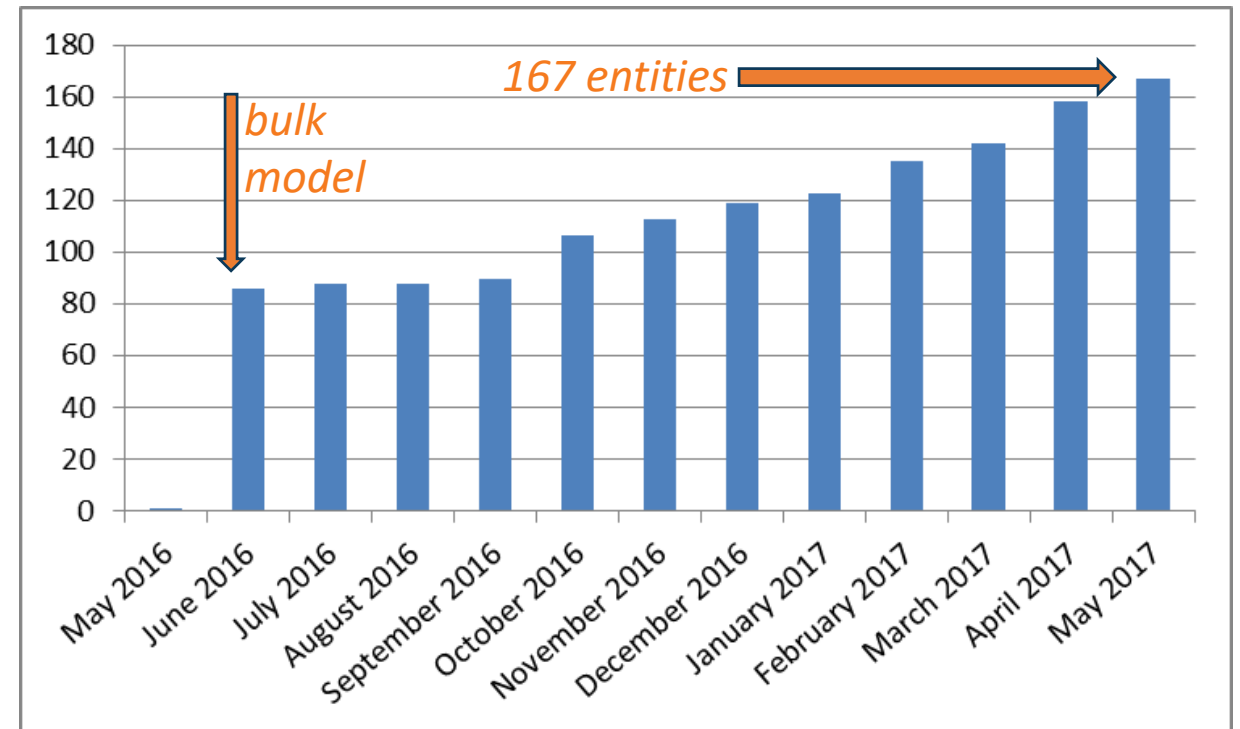


## Security Incident Response Trust Framework for Federated Identity

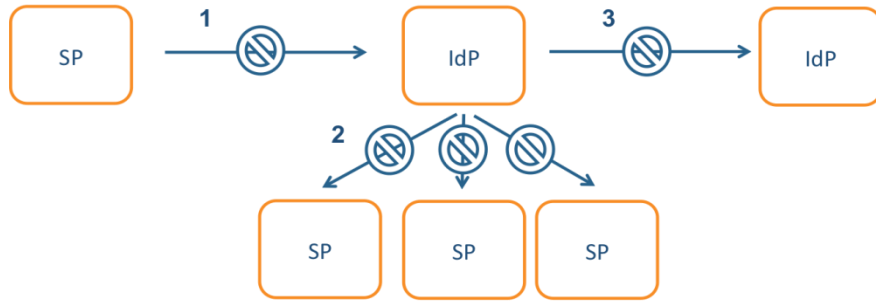
You cannot have missed it ...

... even used in CyberOps role play exercises

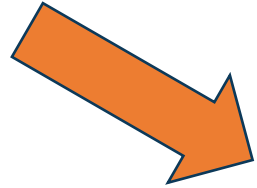
- Adds security contact meta-data in eduGAIN
- namespace for Sirtfi Assurance at IANA
- with R&S specification: meets **baseline assurance requirements** and IGTF “assured identifier trust”



# Incident response process evolution in federations

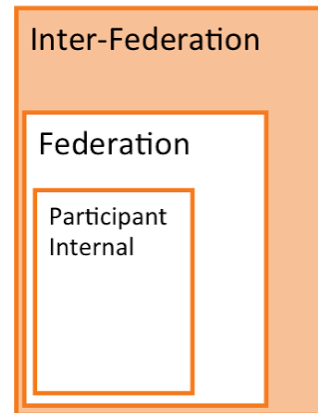


Incident Response Communication, communication blocks



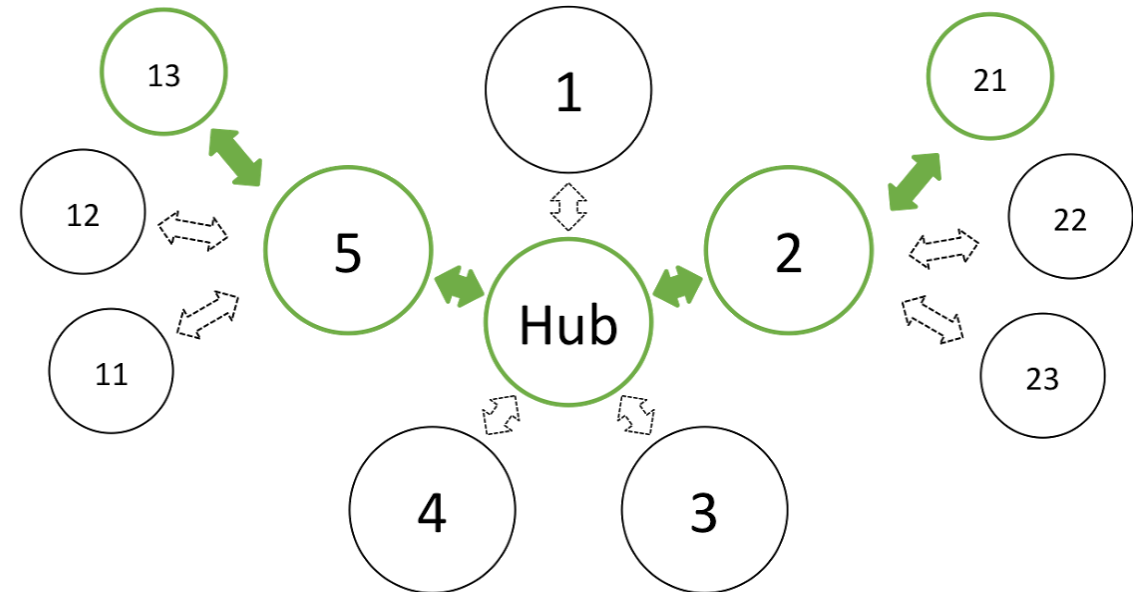
## Challenges

- IdP appears outside the service' security mandate
- Lack of contact, or lack of trust in IdP which is an unknown party
- IdP fails to inform other affected SPs, for fear of leaking data or reputation
- No established channels of communication



## Solution

- Stronger role for federation operators, as they are known to both SPs and IdPs
- Add hub capability centrally (@ eduGAIN)



Inter-Federation Incident Response Communication



# Policy and Best Practices Harmonisation



**Development of scalable policy negotiation mechanisms**

# Getting agreements in a distributed world: scalable policy mechanisms

## Group entities to ease agreements with federations

- Aim: improve attribute release by IdPs & Federations
- Entity Category mechanism: 'R&S', DP CoCo, Sirtfi, ...

## Define trust framework for Infrastructures – SPs-to-IdPs

- Framework for Infrastructures to assess back-end SPs
- Permit Gateway to assert entity categories with confidence
- Readiness survey for services evaluated with HNSciCloud PCP

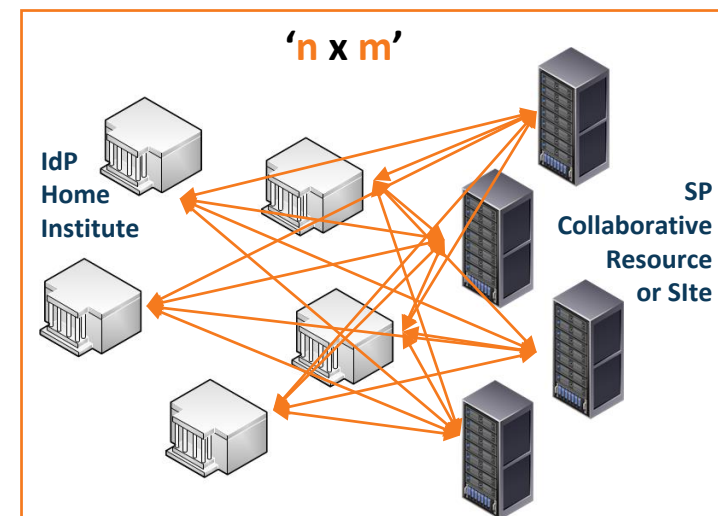
## Develop policies models for SP-IdP Proxy – IdPs to SPs

- Model for service providers that 'hide' complexity of all R&E
- Through concrete (RCauth.eu) use case & with global review

Collaborations by design have their services distributed

*and*

- not that many collaborations are a legal entity
- or are not 'authoritative' for constituent services



# Snctfi: aiding Infrastructures achieve policy coherency

- ✓ allow SP/IdP Proxies to assert 'qualities', categories, based on assessable trust
- ✓ Develop recommendations for an Infrastructure's coherent policy set

Snctfi v1.0

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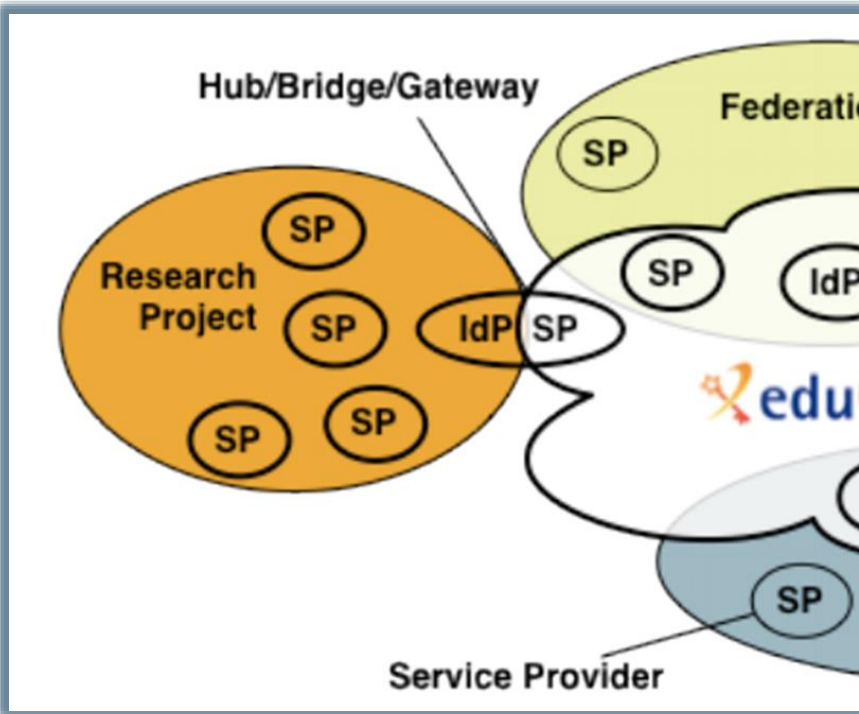
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**Abstract:** This paper identifies operational and policy requirements to help establish trust between an Infrastructure and identity providers either in an R&E Federation or in another Infrastructure, in each case joined via a Service Provider to Identity Provider proxy.

**Audience:** This document is intended for use by the personnel responsible for the management, operation and security of an Infrastructure and those wishing to assess its trustworthiness.



## 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, ...

# Snctfi infrastructure requirements, a summary

## 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

# Model scalable policies for SP-IdP Proxies – the RCauth.eu example



- How can a SP-IdP proxy leverage federation policies?
- What are useful design criteria for a scalable service?



## Focus on permitting individual access, engaging both federations and Infrastructures

- Avoid an opt-in model, or a scheme where specific countries can opt-out or block access
- Allow infrastructures explicitly to operate an IdP of last resort, and recognise its qualities

## Meet your (target) infrastructure needs

- For cross-infrastructure services, peer review and accreditation significantly helps adoption

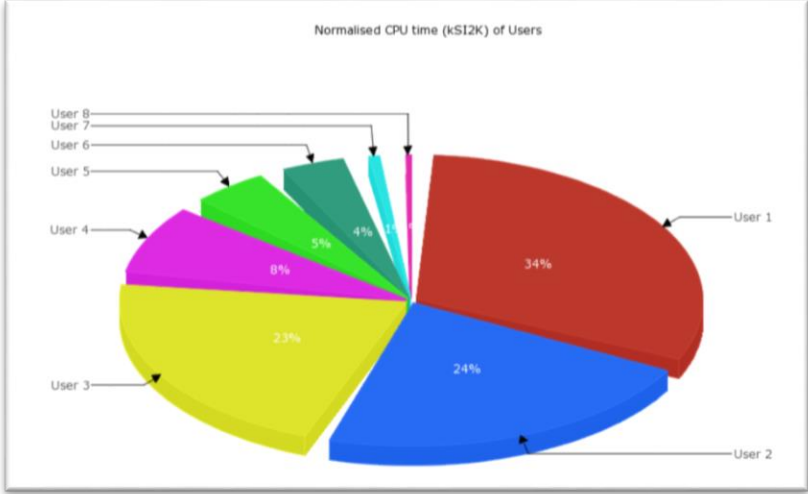
## Leverage entity categories and assurance profiles

- Don't ask IdPs to do something special just for your gateway

## Be ready to deal with a complex, multi-national, and multi-federation reality

- Incidental non-compliance needs to be mitigated in your service – use Sirtfi & eduGAIN support

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## Accounting and the processing of data

# Scope of the AARC Accounting and Processing of Data task

## Protection of personal data in research data

- *patient records*
- *survey data collation*
- *big data analytics*
- *research data combination*

Research Infrastructures

Institutional  
Ethical Committees

ESFRI Cluster Projects

## User attribute release by federated organisations

- *institutional IdP attributes*
- *GEANT DP CoCo\**
- *minimal release in eduGAIN*
- *REFEDS  
Research & Scholarship*

REFEDS, GEANT4

- *community management*

**Joint RIs, EIs and AARC work**

## Personal data processing in accounting & collaboration

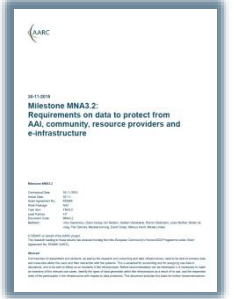
- *collection of usage data in RIs and e-Infrastructures*
- *correlating resource usage to people and groups*
- *collate usage data across countries and continents*
- *personal data used for incident response*

**AARC (1)'s work**

## Identified needs and structure – identify need and the parties involved

### Data collection necessary for ‘legitimate interests’ for Research and e-Infra

- Justification of **global** resource use, with infrastructures collecting data collaboratively
- Operational purposes: fault finding, researcher support, Incident response



#### Global view needed for accounting data

- exchange of personal data is imperative – both for EIs and Research Collaboration funding
- roles are defined to limit access to personally identifiable data

#### Policy coherency as enabler – model policies

- put in place policies on retention, permissible use, secure exchange, purpose limitation
- ‘binding’ - in the sense that a party can only remain in the club if it’s compliant
- policy suite identified by *Security for Collaborating Infrastructures* (SCI) group

#### Security Incident Response – data exchange

- add as permissible purpose, but leave its scope to Sirtfi and existing forums



# Three community models – three Recommendations?

## GDPR-style Code of Conduct – a new way?

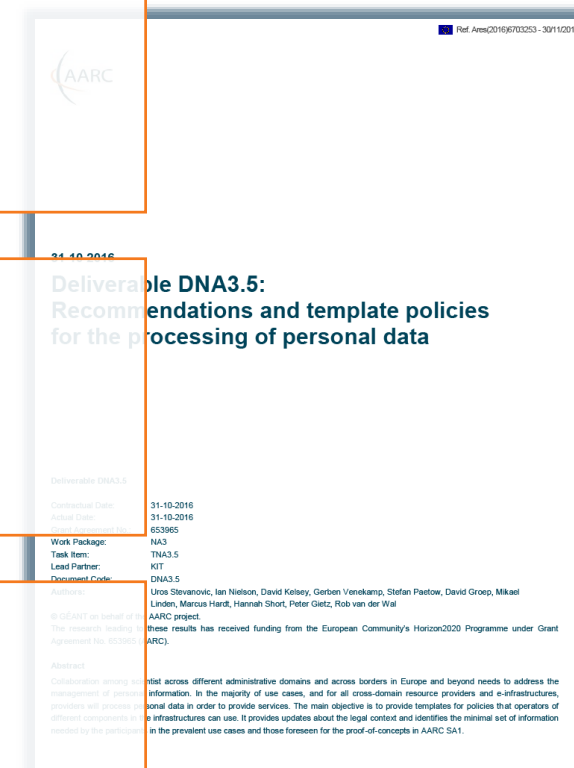
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## BCR-inspired model (“Binding Corporate Rules”-like)

- Note that this is not formally BCR, so requires acceptance of some risk
- Collaborations (e.g. based around *Snctfi*) with control mechanisms benefit
- “Say what you do, and do as you say” – transparency and openness is our real benefit towards the person whose data is being handled





**Recommendation for sustainable services and models**

# Recommendations for Research and e-Infrastructures to Build Sustainable Services

## *'Investigate terms of (AAI) usage for delivering services'*



Making services sustainable – beyond funding cycles and across domains  
*Guidelines, templates, and how to apply them to the AARC pilots*

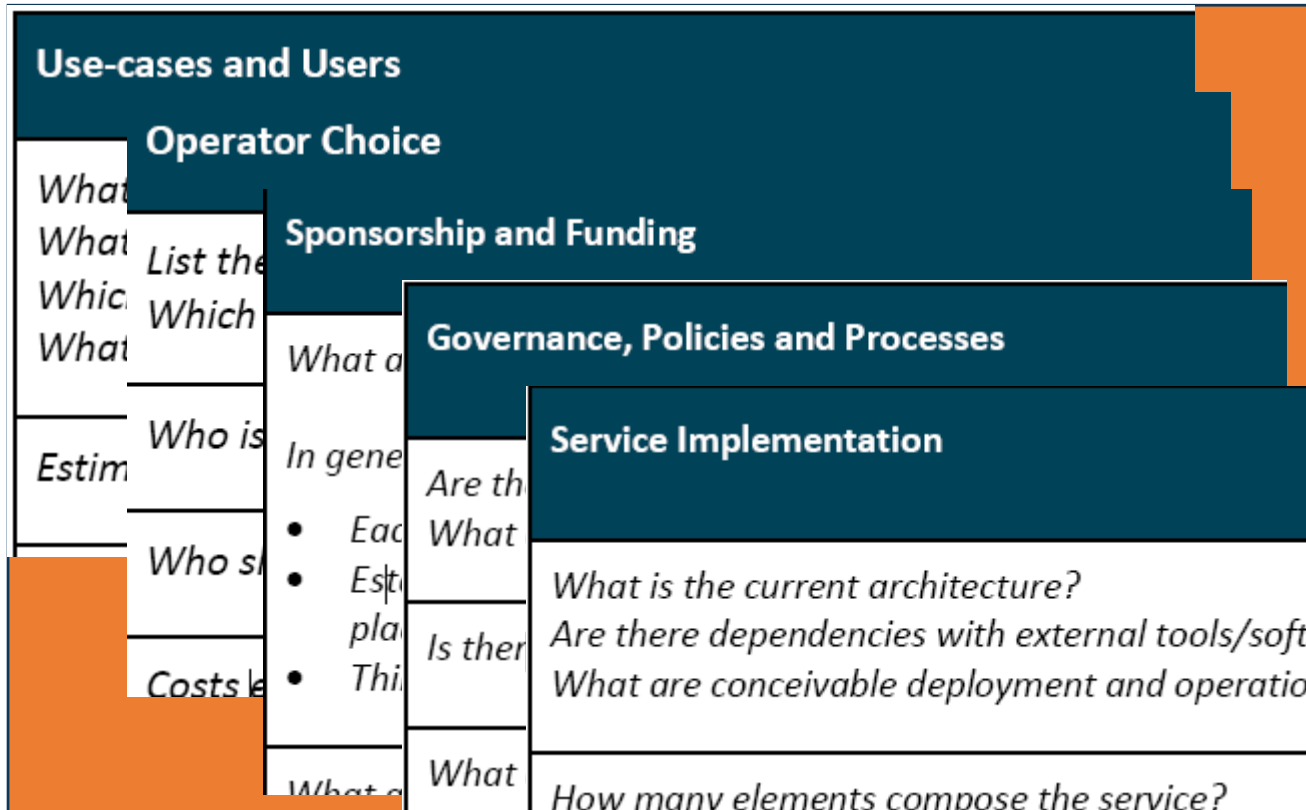


Mitigating heterogeneity in Infrastructure and Federation policies and practices  
*Recommendations for future federation development in line with FIM4R*



Identity providers 'of last resort', by the Infrastructure or the community  
*Strategies and risks in starting a guest identity provider*

# Promoting sustainability through recommended templates



## Common analysis

- Initial focus usually on ‘use cases’ and ‘service implementation’  
*this misses the long-term sustainability*
- Only few pilots have yet addressed full set
- Template approach encourages focus 😊

## AARC SA1 Pilots with a sustainability plan

- RCauth.eu\*
- DARIAH Guest IdP
- Social IDs to SAML
- WaTTS

## Collect Recommendations in one place – for Infrastructures & Federations

### For Research and generic e-Infrastructures

- Following the AARC BluePrint and the intent of the FIM4R group – make it easier for users
- Support GEANT DP CoCo when possible + R&S – ease the liability on IdPs to give you data
- Joint Sirtfi – and help the R&E security stance
- Apply homogeneous policy mapping frameworks inside your Infrastructure: ‘Snctfi’!

### 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**

# Models for 'guest' IdPs – serving users beyond academia

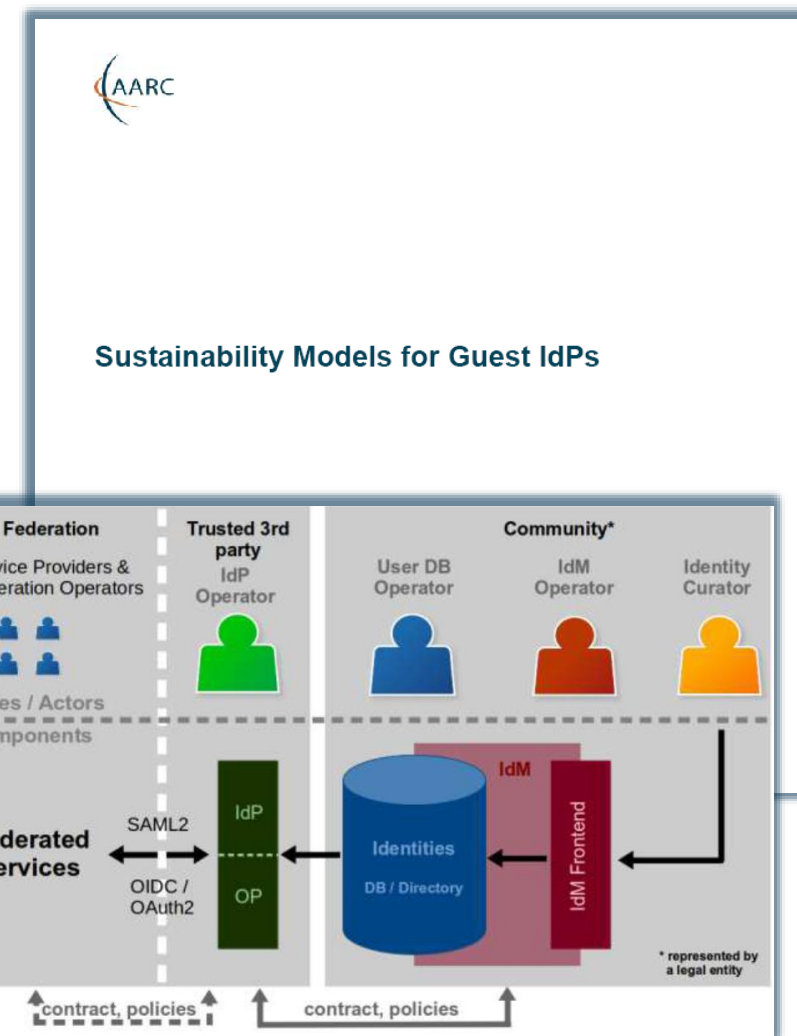
Guest IdPs are critical to almost all collaboration use cases

➤ *Collaboration does not end at the door of the university!*

Model study: too often 'guest' IdPs have faded – sustainable elements extracted:

- Use established, long-lived, institutional partners
- Ensure funding beyond projects
- Framework needed for 'non-trivial' communities

*As collaboration moves to meeting at least **baseline assurance**, cheap-and-cheerful guest IdPs will fail*



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Pulling it all together

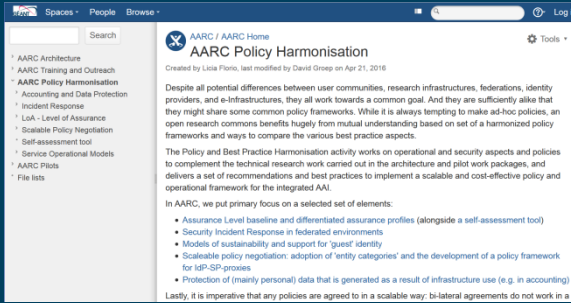
## So where are we now?

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- Bridged need for specific guidance and actionable assurance with **infrastructure-driven profiles**
- Developed via REFEDS to get **global adoption** and federation acceptance
- **Sirtfi** approved and rapidly implemented: **strong growth** in eduGAIN with already 167 entities
- Practical **process for addressing global incidents**, in close collaboration with eduGAIN Support
- Concrete **recommendations for Infrastructures and Federation** to drive FIM4R and eduGAIN
- Ensure the result will live: **sustainability** templates lead to successful long-lived services
- Snctfi aids **Infrastructures presenting coherent qualities** towards federations with confidence
- Accounting Data Protection recommendations **help Infrastructures provide services jointly**



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