
AEGIS Charter

The **AARC Engagement Group for Infrastructures** (AEGIS) brings together representatives from research and e-infrastructures, operators of AAI services to bridge communication gaps and make the most of common synergies.

AEGIS ultimately enhances the wider and more effective uptake of AAI recommendations by infrastructures in their federated access solutions, so that they can focus on providing other support for research activities.

Objectives and Scope of AEGIS

- Consult the expertise of participants for feedback on AAI activities;
- showcase ongoing implementation efforts of the AARC Blueprint Architecture;
- promote a consistent vision for federated access;
- facilitate activities for the adoption of harmonised solutions and avoid ‘reinventing’ the wheel;
- report on the adoption of and provide guidance on the AARC guidelines;
- provide a home for the adoption and further development of the AARC Blueprint Architecture;
- maintain, develop, and organisationally support the AARC community;
- liaise with other entities in the AAI ecosystem.

Participation

There are two ways to participate in AEGIS:

- **Members** - Research and e-infrastructures and other organizations responsible for the operation of AAI for international research collaborations following the AARC

guidelines relevant to their interoperability with AEGIS peers. Each member can appoint up to two individuals to represent the organization in AEGIS.

- Observers - AEGIS welcomes parties that may have an interest in using AARC guidelines or that are in the process of implementing an AAI that follows the AARC BPA. Observers should be invited by an AEGIS member and endorsed by the AEGIS membership. Observers do not vote nor endorse documents.

Participation to AEGIS is self-funded.

AEGIS Working Areas

Work areas are supported by topical groups that will submit pertinent results to AEGIS for endorsement. AEGIS focuses on interoperability for authentication and authorisation for research and collaboration infrastructures. In light of this, two main areas have been identified: an architecture area and a policy area. Both areas take as a starting point the final results of the AARC2 project; both areas are responsible for the maintenance of the AARC guidelines suite. Each area will have two co-chairs that are AEGIS ex-officio members.

New areas may be added upon discussion with the AEGIS members.

Voting rules

Decision is achieved either by rough consensus or by a vote. A voting process should only be started if it has proven impossible to reach rough consensus within a reasonable period of time. In such cases, voting can be requested by at least two AEGIS members, and voting will be called by the AEGIS chair. Each member organisation will have one vote. Only items on the agenda can be voted on.

When AEGIS voting is called, that vote will be valid only if simple majority of the members from the active list at the time of the call to vote, have voted. Each Member is initially regarded as active. A Member which is absent from two consecutive votes will be removed from the active list for the purpose of subsequent votes. Participating in a vote returns the

member to the active list. A positive vote will be recorded if more than 50% of the votes are cast in favour of the proposal. The vote must be carried out at an official meeting of AEGIS. The proposal and its associated vote will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, which will be the official record of the voting process. The vote can also occur over email, with the mail archive acting as the official record of the process. If the vote is to be over email the voting period will be a minimum of 10 working days, but a decision may be reached early if the required majority is achieved before that time. The voting results will be published in the proceedings of the AEGIS deliberation and will be available on the AEGIS collaboration space.

Changes to the Charter will be decided based on a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the membership, of which $\frac{2}{3}$ must vote in favour. If during the first reading no such quorum can be reached, in the second reading, following a period of at least one month, a quorum of 50% of the membership will suffice to decide.