



# SIG- Public Affairs and Policy (PA)

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## GÉANT SIG Public Affairs and Policy (SIG-PA)

- **Status:** Officially approved by the GCC (November 2025).
- **The Mandate:** Created to address the growing political and geopolitical challenges impacting NRENs (e.g., Digital Sovereignty, evolving service roles).
- **Purpose:** To establish a permanent, dedicated platform for strategic policy discussions, resilience, and collective political action.
- **Goal:** Move NRENs from passive network providers to active, influential policy facilitators.

## Strategic Focus & Goals

- **Influence Policy:** Decipher new EU initiatives (e.g., AI Continent Action Plan) and ensure the NREN perspective is integrated.
- **Digital Sovereignty:** Collaborate on national and European strategies for digital independence and resilience.
- **Policy Exchange:** Serve as a peer-to-peer hub to enhance *Public Affairs expertise*, policy crafting, and national government engagement.
- **Collective Voice:** Develop joint opinions and leverage the GÉANT community's strength to secure funding and recognition in key decision-making forums.

## Terms of Reference (ToR)

A permanent, dedicated platform for strategic policy discussions and collective action.

Focus Area	Commitment
Platform	A dedicated hub for resilient policy crafting and advocacy.
Network Role	Transitioning NRENs from utility providers to policy facilitators.
Collective Voice	Securing funding and recognition in key decision-making forums.

## Who are we?

- SIG PA Acting Coordinator / Chair:
  - Léonie Schäfer (DFN)
  - Agnieszka Stoklosa (PCSS)
- SIG PA Steering Committee:
  - Hendrik Ike (GÉANT)
  - Tanja Maier (GÉANT)
  - Naira Kocharyan (ASNET-AM)
  - Ilse Koning (SURF)
  - Irina Kupiainen (CSC)
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# SIG-PA Roadmap



## Formal Action: SIG Adoption

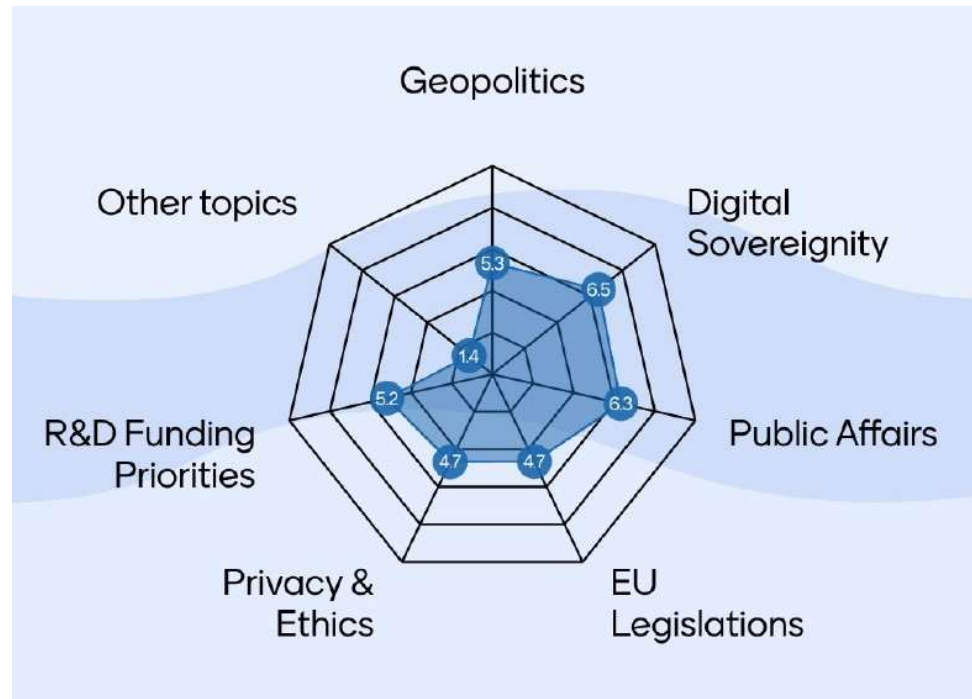
- Confirmation of the SIG Public Affairs & Policy (SIG PA) Mission
- Adopting the Terms of Reference
- and the Steering Committee members
  
- Vote by Show of Hands !!

## TNC26 – BoF Proposal „NRENs as Guardians of Digital Sovereignty“

- **Strategic Role:** Exploring NRENs as guardians of a sovereign digital ecosystem against global proprietary dependencies.
- **Joint Initiative:** Collaborative effort between **SIG MSP** and **SIG PA** bridging operational delivery and policy advocacy.
- **Focus on Agency:** Moving toward "sufficient sovereignty" through strategic service management and collective action.
- **Interactive Elements:** Featuring a digital "health check" and collaborative mapping with participants.
- **Goal:** Identifying actionable steps to maintain control over the R&E community's digital destiny.
- **Next Steps:** Formal submission for TNC26; volunteer contributors for the strategy panel.

## Shaping the SIG PA Agenda

- Looking ahead: Which topics should we tackle in 2026?



## Other topics – what should we focus on?





## Stay connected!

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