Membership update

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Membership (1)

• Welcome CSTCloudFederation & safeID!
  • 72 eduGAIN members

• Under assessment
  • Mexico / FENIX
  • Tajikistan / TARENA Identity Federation

• Candidates
  • AzScienceNet Identity Federation (Azerbaijan), eduID (Montenegro), iAMRES (Serbia), LIFE (Lebanese Identity Federation Ecosystem) (Lebanon), MAREN (Malawi)
Maintaining trust relationships in a growing eduGAIN environment

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Membership (2)

• New members since 2018:
  • 18 new members
  • RIF, RUNNet-AAI, SIFULAN, eduIDM.ma, CAFMoz, OMREN Fed, φEDUrus, FIDERN, PKIFed, RASH, LIAF, RoEduNetID, CARSI, Maeen, RičerkaNet IF, KRENA IF, CSTCloudFederation, safeID

• 72 eduGAIN members
More numbers!

• SG meeting attendance
  • 20 federations never attended a SG meeting
  • 36 federations didn’t participate in any of the last 4 SG meetings

• REFEDS annual survey 2019
  • 45/82 responses received
So, what can we do?

• Meeting planning
  • Time zones
  • Events
  • Encourage team updates

• Change membership procedure
  • Candidate assessment process
  • No exclusion from voting

• Building Relationships
  • Mentoring / buddying
  • Regional focus groups
  • More use of Slack

• Compliance / Validation testing
• Improve the baseline trust
So, what can we do?

- Need to look at underlying reasons why federations don't trust other federations.
- Maybe a regular newsletters or some form of regular info.
- Create a catalog of public services.
- Send more people from "usual suspect" federations to events like APAN, South American and African meetings, to start building connections there.
- Introduce regular yearly audit with clear ranks/marks for certain level of quality (not only for following baseline).
- Mini-trainings in identity management events to share national projects.
- Create regional workshops for different levels of knowledge.
- Install-a-thon/configure-a-thon streamed as a technique to highlight how to do something (pick a topic).
- Glad to collaborate if a Latam group shows up.
So, what can we do?

- Try ask regular report non participation federations.
- Technical bootcamp webinars/meetings.
- Slack can be an intimidating place for newcomers, because it has a lot of people and – to quote Heather – can be like drinking from a fire hose. Pairing people with a smaller group they can feel more comfortable asking “stupid” questions may help.
- Maybe some people are just happy that eduGAIN simply works and don’t have time for further interaction/participation? Some federations are understaffed, I guess…
- I wonder about Slack, being interactive it does not work so well across time zones.
- More information on why we should trust each other, like what are the security features that allows us to trust each other?
- Presentation of available services and specially those provided by some NREPs. It can motivate the community to get more involved.
Thank you

Any questions?

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