The Role of NRENs in education

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To provide an open, innovative and trusted information infrastructure for the European knowledge economy and to the benefit of society worldwide

A membership association for Europe's National Research & Education Networks (NRENs)
GÉANT Association

Coordinates and participates in EC-funded projects
Under Horizon 2020 the financial instrument for implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness

Operates a pan-European e-infrastructure with connections to all regions of the world
GÉANT network

Manages a portfolio of services for research & education
EduX

Organises and runs community events & working groups
TNC, task forces & special interest groups

GÉANT Association supports and represents over 40 NRENs across Europe

Together they support over 10,000 institutions and 50 million academic users
Including 20 million students for higher education
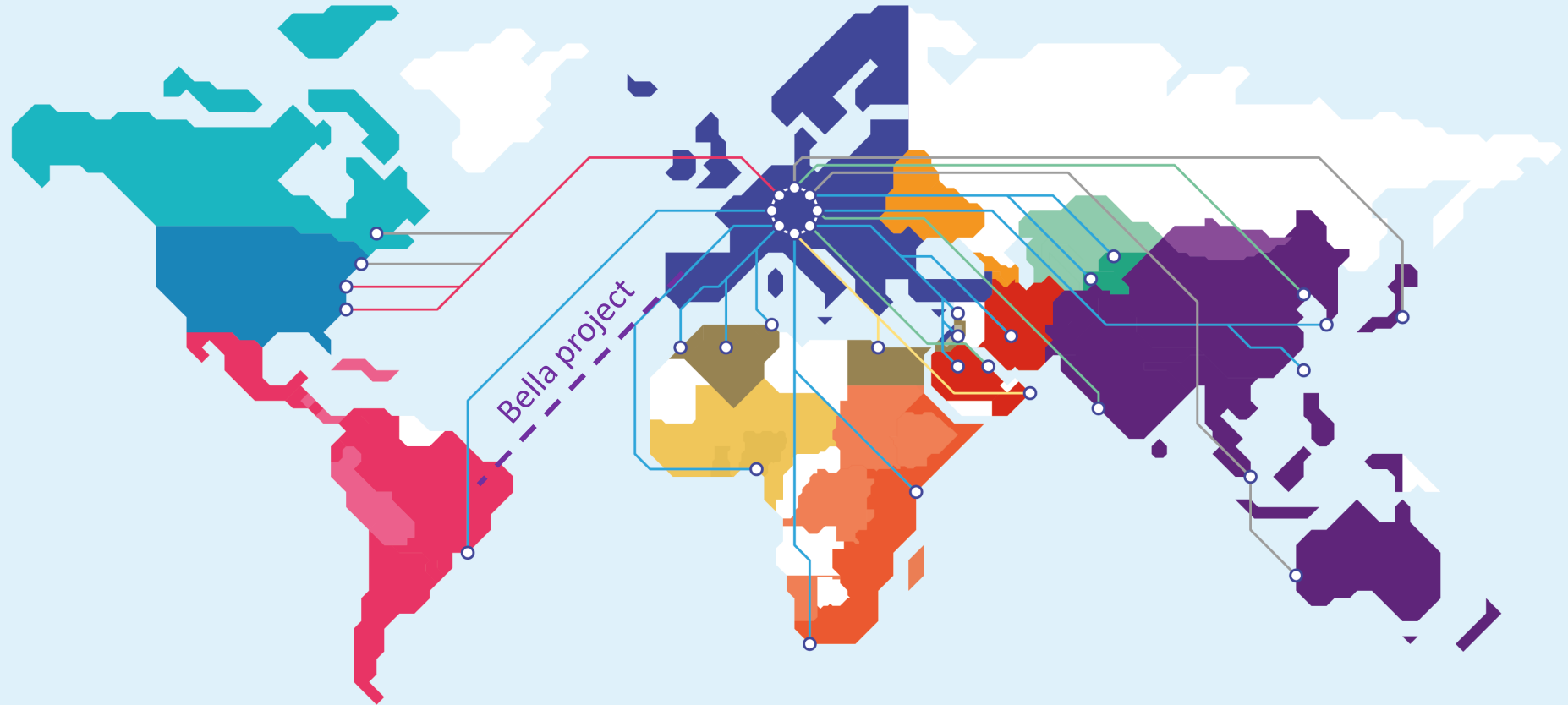
A network of networks

130

NRENs with speeds of up to multiples of 100Gbps

over

100M

Students in higher education

Bella project

GÉANT

Advanced service portfolio
Supporting users and enabling secure access to services

eduroam - secure global roaming access service _**250+ million authentications per month**_ in 101 territories. This is a federated service

eduGAIN - interconnects identity federations around the world, simplifying access to content, services and resources ~ 3500 identity providers accessing services

InAcademia - Lightweight student validation service protecting student privacy

eduTEAMS - Making managing virtual teams easy

EduVPN – Secure Virtual Private Networking to create a safe environment for researchers and students who are using public WiFi access points

Advanced service portfolio
Cloud and Community services

Cloud:

1. Community Cloud services provided by NRENs, Universities

2. Joint procurement offerings to R&E, IaaS, OCRE (Open Clouds for Research Environments)

40 countries signed up in Europe and coordinating efforts across the world

GCP

GÉANT Community Programme, with knowledge transfer, skill development from NRENs, schools, topic experts, commercial companies share knowledge, experience and challenges during open task force meetings and workshops.
TF-EDU
SIG-Marcomms
SIG-MSP
SIG-ISM

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GÉANT community COVID-19 response to support online education

EU funded Up2University project (2017-2020) deployed within 2 weeks a cloud based NGDLE special platform openUp2U for all levels of education starting in Europe.
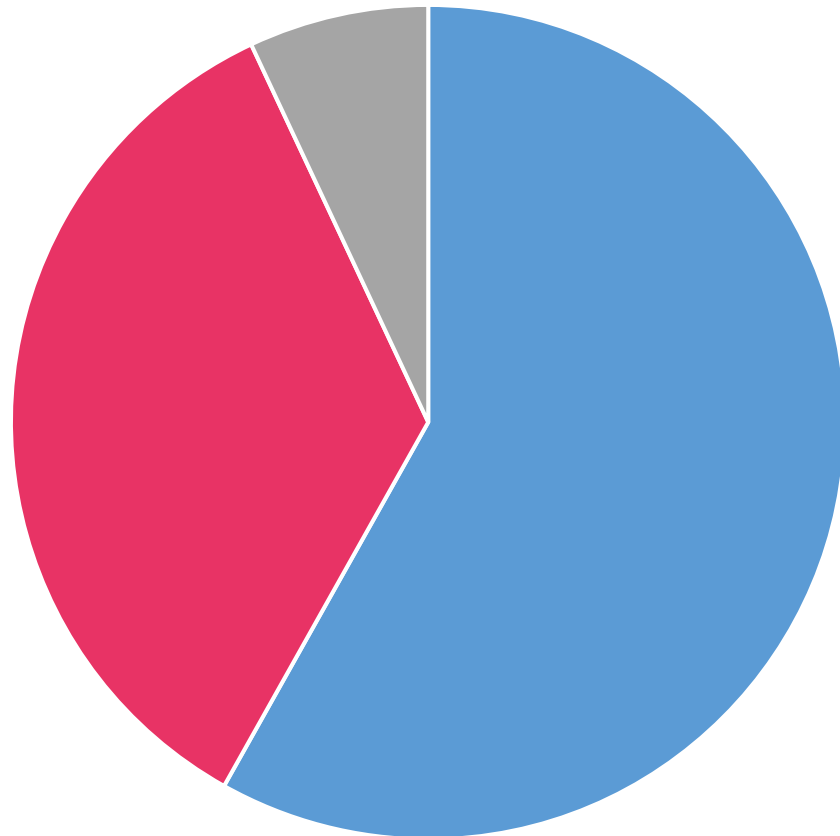
openUp2U: open-source, interoperable, GDPR compliant, modular, highly customizable. It includes 4 key tools: **Moodle** (Learning Management System), **eduMEET** (webRTC based Video Conferencing), **SWAN** (turn-key digital notebooks), **CERNbox** (SYNC and Share storage)
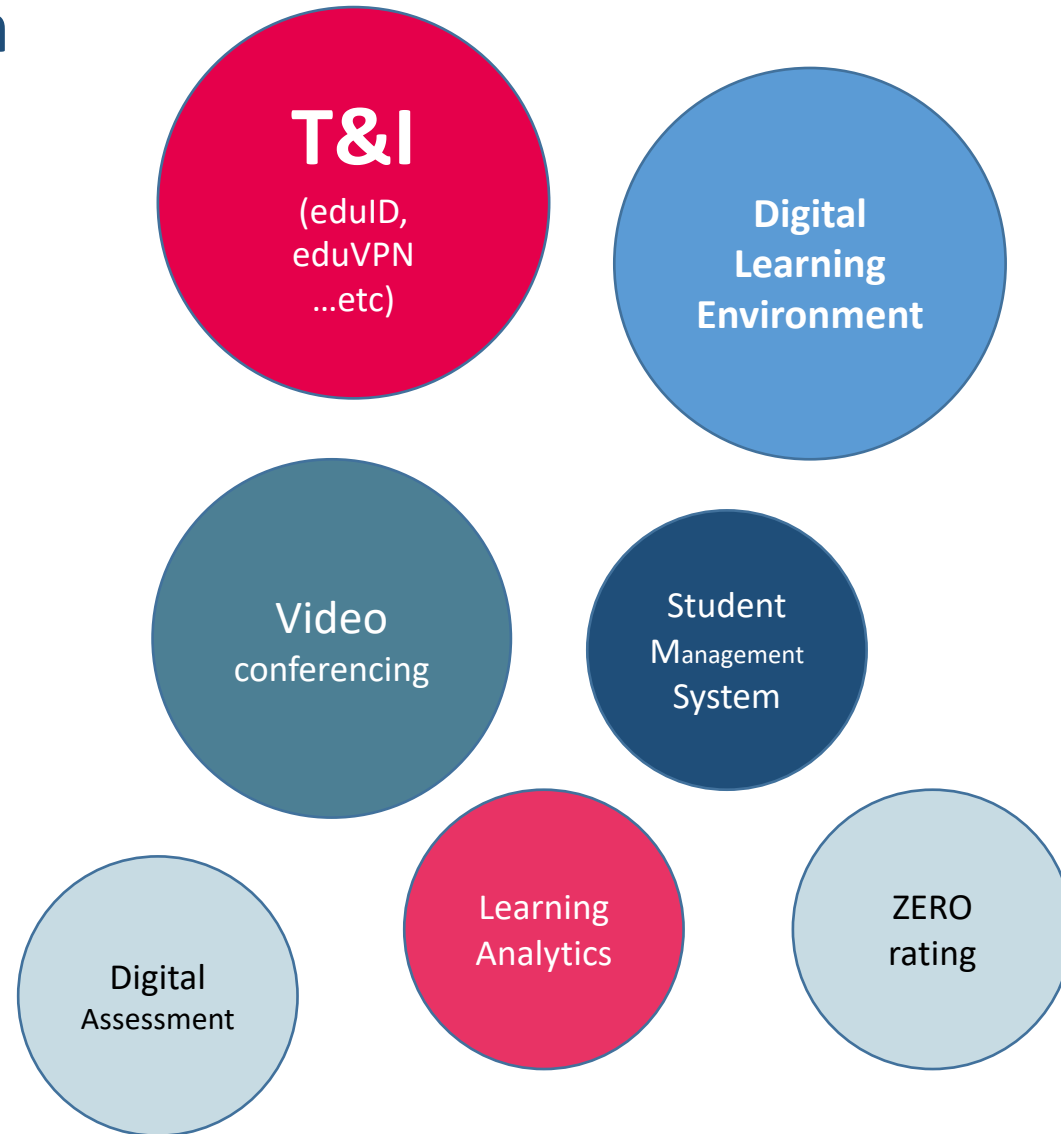
eduMEET: research and education community developed, open source software, **Secure** communication, **Trust** - on level of similar organizations, Trustworthy - Keeping the AV traffic inside our network (GÉANT + NRENs) as long as possible, **Low cost** compared with commercial solutions, WebRTC standards based and easy to use, No need for installation of custom applications or plug-ins which complicates using VC.
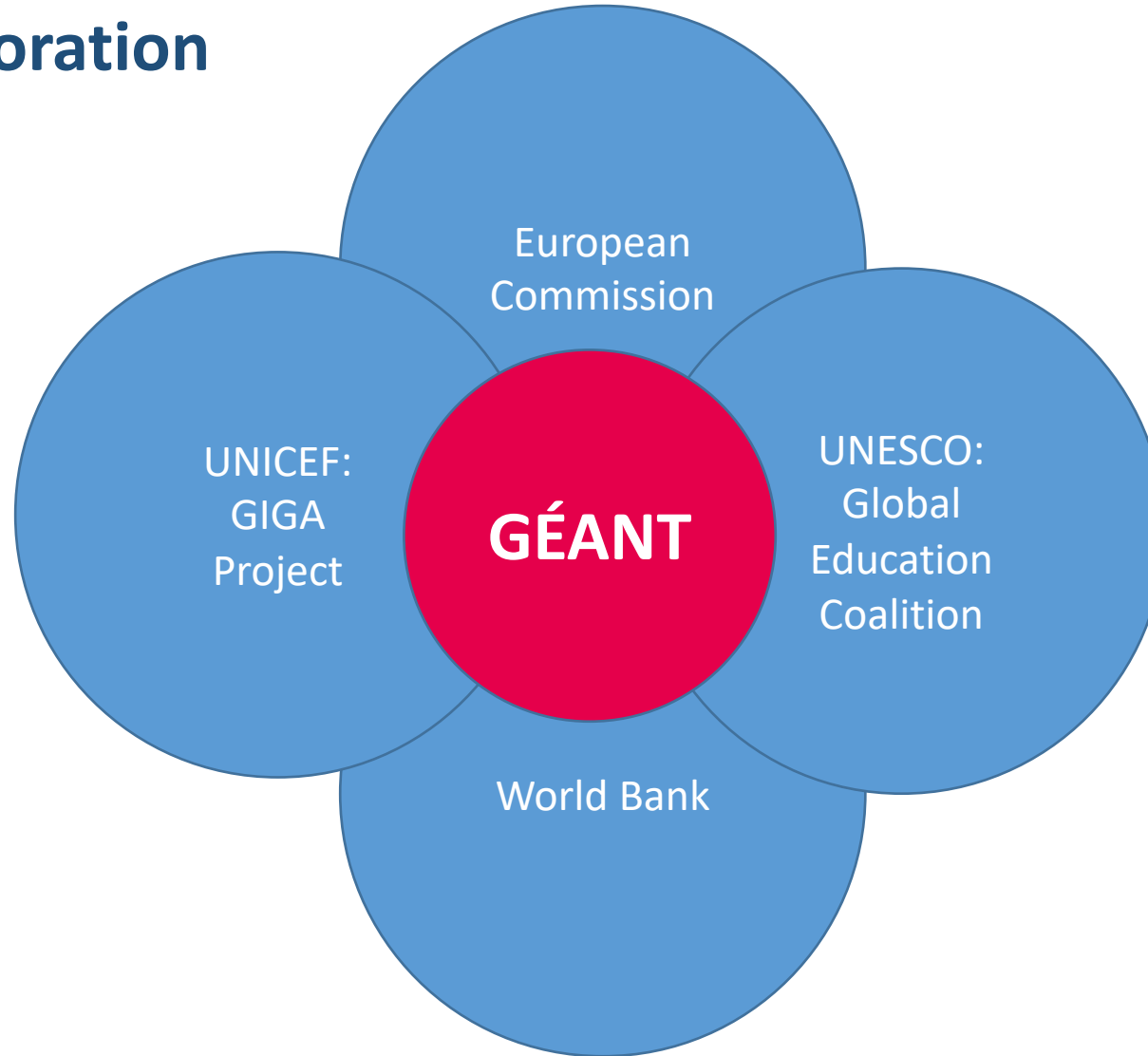
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Provide education   Not in remit   N/a

T&I (eduID, eduVPN …etc)

Digital Learning Environment

Video conferencing

Student Management System

Digital Assessment

Learning Analytics

ZERO rating

More information:

GÉANT

Collaboration

European Commission

UNICEF: GIGA Project

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UNESCO: Global Education Coalition

World Bank

Thank you

Any questions?

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