

SURFnet position on GÉANT Software Greenhouse

SURFnet welcomes and supports the Nordic position on the GÉANT Software Greenhouse.¹

In line with the Nordic NRENs and NORDUnet, SURFnet sees the greenhouse

“as a way for the community - using the GÉANT Association as an instrument - to help solve challenges faced by many community open source projects: consortia administration, collecting financial contributions, paying developers, providing financial reports, etc. In this model, the greenhouse does not incur responsibility for 1) software development, 2) consortia setup and agreements, 3) consortia governance, and 4) decisions on how funds are spent or on development roadmaps and priorities.” (p. 1)

In addition, SURFnet proposes that:

- The greenhouse should not only be open to the European R&E Network community, but also to the NREN's constituency and other sectors.
- A first next step should be to examine existing models, in particular The Commons Conservancy of the NLnet Foundation². Collaboration with proven initiatives is essential for the greenhouse to be successful. In our view, operating a greenhouse is not necessarily a function of GÉANT Association, but facilitating the roles of a greenhouse is. However, a prerequisite for SURFnet is that the greenhouse will not be seen a temporary activity in GN4 or other projects, but as a more permanent activity governed by GÉANT Association.

We feel a sense of urgency for this to be put in place and we would like to see that this activity will be given priority so that pilots can start from the beginning of 2016.

¹ <https://www.nordu.net/content/nordic-position-geant-software-greenhouse>

² <https://nlnet.nl>