



NETDEV Incubator

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Agenda

- Motivation
- The NETDEV Incubator Process
- Q&A

Motivation

Once upon a time, Not that long time ago...

- Little space during previous project generations for new work topics
 - budget-, manpower-, time-, ...- wise
- New work proposed without a clear goal or community interest
- New work depended on project underspend
- Sometimes lack of transparency why some work is (not) accepted

This lead to:

- New topics needed to wait for the next project generation (sometimes too long)
- “Pet projects”, lack of uptake -> orphaned projects
- Eternal dilemma: endlessly continuing vs. stopping the work

Solution: **NETDEV Incubator**



NETDEV Incubator

Why

A mechanism to include:

- New work during the project
- Topics emerging after the project preparation phase

How

- Unallocated budget set aside in WP6 T4
- By following predefined simple rules

What

- WP6 related topics on Network Development
- Projects whose results NREs want to use

NETDEV Incubator

Provides a mechanism to **include new areas of work throughout the project** duration in an **agile way**

- **Easy and transparent 3-step**
- Proposals can be sent at any time during the project
- Additional budget available
- Evidenced community **interest to use the results**
- Must be **in WP6 scope**



NETDEV Incubator Simple Rules

1. A proposal must be **relevant and well defined**
Specific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**esource- and **T**ime-bound
1. A proposal must be **seen useful by NRENs**
NRENs should express willingness to use the results
1. Description of work, time and budget must **align with WP6**

Network Development WP Scope and Objectives

Scope

Development of *network technologies and services* in a single- and multi-domain NREN environment

Objectives

Evaluation, testing, prototyping, development and provisioning of technologies and services in:

- network infrastructure
- network services innovation
- network monitoring and management



Network Development Topics

Task 1: Technologies

TL: Susanne Naegele-Jackson FAU/DFN

- Router for Academia, Research and Education (RARE)
- Quantum Technologies (QT)
- Optical Time and Frequency Networking (OTFN)

Task 3: Monitoring

TL: Lætitia Antoine Delvaux, PSNC

- perfSONAR
- Performance Measurement Platform (PMP)
- WiFiMon
- TimeMap
- Argus

Task 2: Platform

TL: Roman Lapacz, PSNC

- Network Management as a Service (NMaaS)
- Service Provider Architecture Platform (SPA)
- GÉANT P4 Lab (GP4L)

Task 4: Academy

TL: Maria Isabel Gandia Carriedo, CSUC/RedIRIS

- Network eAcademy
- NETDEV Incubator

What can be an Incubator Project

A **specific** and **well-defined work** chunk
that is **doable**
in a **limited period** of time with **limited resources**.

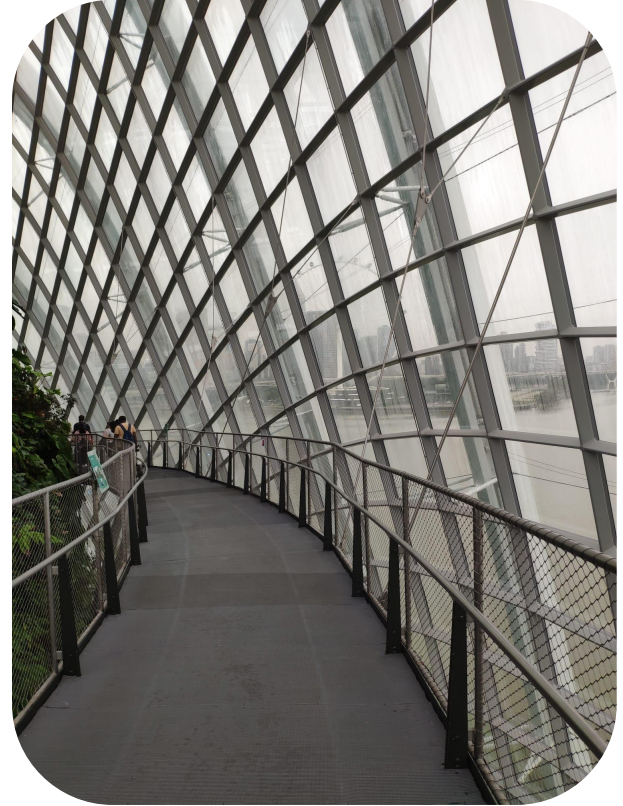
- Design of an improvement for an existing service or work topic
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- A proof of concept
- A learning unit
- A study
- A new design / development
- ...

NETDEV Incubator - 3-phased approach

Proposals Submission

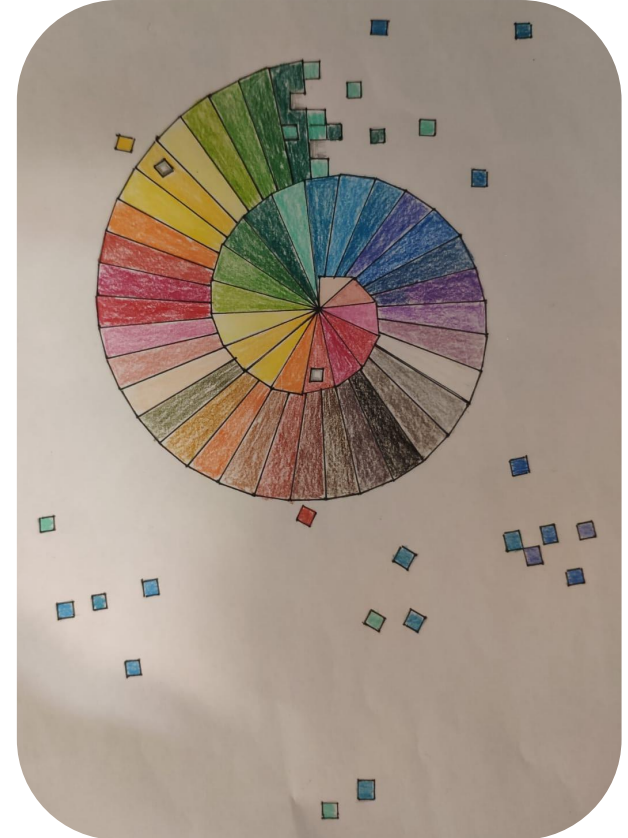
Focus Groups

Incubator Projects



Phase 1: Proposals Submission

- **Always open call for proposals**
Anyone can make a proposal any time
- Proposal submission using **predefined template**
- **Community support is a prerequisite!**
Support = willingness to use the Project results
Support from at least **3** project partner organisations is a **prerequisite** for a proposal **to be considered for the next phase**



Incubator Project Proposal Template

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 - c. Travel budget.
 - d. Other (please specify).
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12. **Contribution to an existing GÉANT project service** -
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13. **Organisations supporting the proposal** - To be filled for each organisation:
 - a. Your Name:
 - b. Your Organisation:
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How

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 - Equipment (needed/existing equipment, which equipment should be bought).
 - Travel budget / Other (please specify).
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11. **GDPR** - Information about gathering and processing any personal data

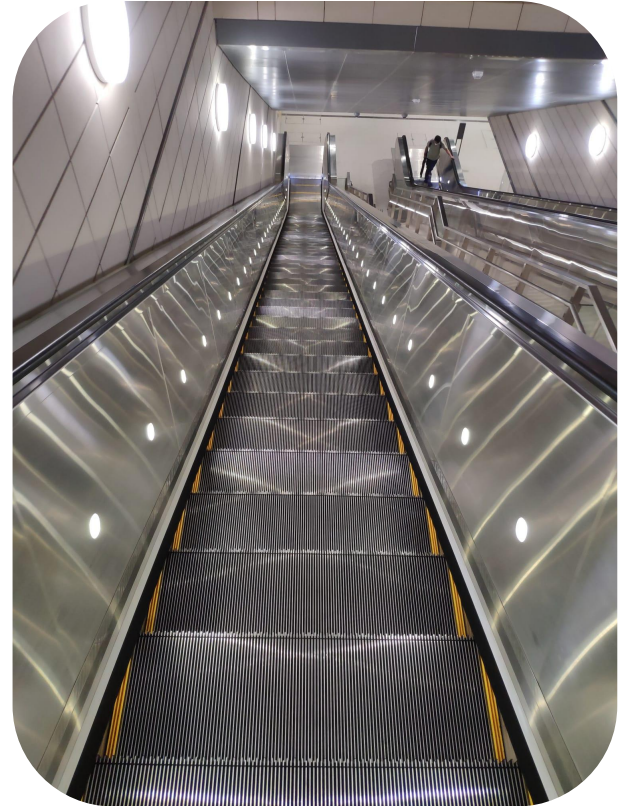
What

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Template 1 - Even more reasons Why

Why

The WHYs:

3. Rationale: Describe why this work is important, which problem it solves

- Clear goal and objectives needed for successful project execution within the given time period and within the given budget

13. Organisations supporting the proposal - To be filled in for each organisation:

- Name (*Personal information provided will be used for proposal processing*)
- Organisation
- Will you **implement the work results** in your own organisation? Yes/No
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- Helps to prevent “pet” = orphaned projects

Template 1 - Even more reasons for the HOWs

How

7. Team - Organisations and names of people that will work on the proposal.

- Needed to allocate the budget (for the project Change request process)

8. Time - Expected duration of this project

- Must be completed and information about the results disseminated **before** the end of the current project.

9. Resources - Which resources and budget are needed for this project:

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Template 1 - The “Whats”

What

4. **Output - Tangible and intangible outputs to be produced via this proposal.**
 - The output should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource- and Time-bound.
5. **Users - Who are the users that would use the results of this work.**
 - End users? Universities? NRENs? Professors? Students? Researchers? NOC engineers/managers???
6. **Value - Describe the value that the proposal will provide to the users**
 - Why would the user use the results?
 - Which problem does it solve for them?
 - How does it differ from other solutions?
12. **Contribution to an existing GÉANT project service?**
 - If Yes - please specify.

After submitting a proposal

The proposal is evaluated by the WP6 NETDEV Incubator team:

- ✓ Alignment with the WP6 objectives
- ✓ SMART Objectives = executable project
- ✓ Existing intent from the community to use the project results

- ✓ Existing budget
 - (If not - the project still might be able to continue with WP6 support although without additional funds)



Successful projects progress to the next phase: **Focus Groups**

Phase 2: Focus Groups

Purpose

Align views of the project proposer and supporting organisations

Perform market analysis (If not done already)

Agree on the exact work that will be in scope of an incubator project

Output

(SMART) Incubator project proposal **OR**

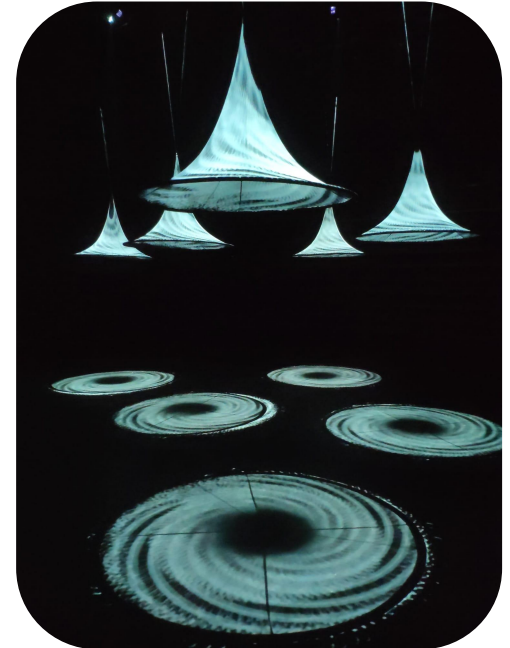
Closure report without a proposal

Simple rules

Limited duration - **maximum of 3 months**,

Limited budget - up to 0,5 FTE per FG

Focus group participation is funded by WP6

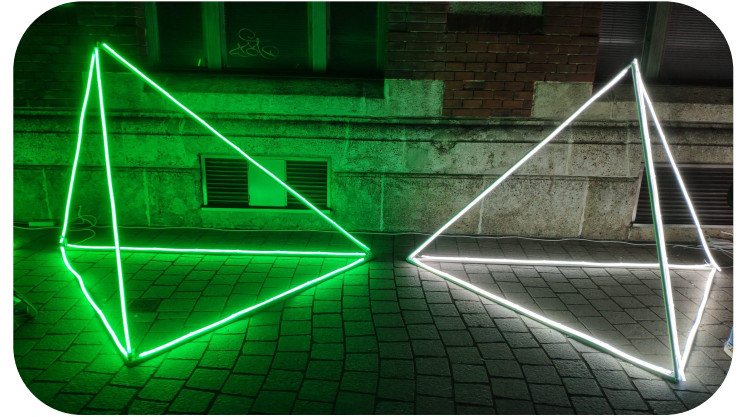


Focus Groups Output - Closure Report

In case no proposal will be submitted to continue as an Incubator project

This might happen for various reasons, e.g.:

- No consensus about the work
- A SMART project cannot be defined
- Decreased insufficient interest to proceed
- A project team cannot be formed
- Changed circumstances
- No sufficient resources
- ...



Template 2: Closure Report

1. Title of the project proposal
2. Name and the organisation of the proposer
3. Date of the proposal submission to netdev-incubator@lists.geant.org
4. Link to the original proposal
5. Activities performed by WP6 related to the proposal
6. List of organisations that supported the proposal
7. Reason for retiring the proposal

Focus Groups Output - Incubator Project Proposal

Review and - if needed - **update** the initial project proposal.

Amend the initial project proposal with the information needed for project execution:

- **Team** - For each individual nominated to participate in this project provide the following information:
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 - Organisation
 - E-mail address
 - Manpower available to work on the project
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Focus Groups Output - Incubator Project Proposal - Template 3

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Phase 3: Incubator Project

Purpose

Produce project results as per Focus Groups resulting project proposal

Output

As defined in the Incubator project proposal, within given resources and time

Can be a document, improvement for an existing work, a new service proposal, PoC, pilot..

Project results implemented by organisations that supported the proposal

Proposals for the next steps - service / product / closure / further development and

Dissemination, dissemination, dissemination...

Simple rules

Limited duration - **maximum of 6 months**, limited budget - up to 1 FTE per project

Incubator project participation is funded by WP6

WP6 help and support

WP6 plans to provide help and support in all incubator process phases:

- When filling in any of the Templates
- When searching for support
- In promoting the proposal in all its steps
 - Matching the user groups and communication channels
- In tasks during the project execution
- In coordinating and facilitating the work of the focus groups and project teams



Important links

Contact emails:

- NETDEV Incubator team: netdev-incubator@lists.geant.org
- NETDEV (WP6) team: netdev@lists.geant.org

Wiki pages:

- NETDEV Incubator: <https://wiki.geant.org/display/NETDEV/NETDEV+Incubator>
- NETDEV Home: <https://wiki.geant.org/display/NETDEV/>



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