# GÉANT Association GCC Chair Elections
# Candidate Information
# 32nd General Assembly
# March 2024

## Candidate Details:

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| **Name of Candidate:** | Charlie van Genuchten |
| **Organisation of Candidate:** | SURF |
| **Position of Candidate:** | Senior Product Manager Security |
| **Short Bio:** | Charlie studied History and Arabic and was part of the Dutch National Union of Students and the European Student Union during her studies. At SURF she is responsible for developing security services, such as the national OZON cyber crisis exercise in which 2000 people collaborate every two years. Besides this, she is laying the foundations on operational, tactical and strategic levels for an overarching crisis management procedure for the Dutch R&E sector. Since 2015, Charlie has been part of the NREN community, getting actively involved in 2017, when she created CLAW, the yearly NREN crisis management event. In 2017 and 2018, she was coordinator for SIG-NOC, TF-RED and helped to start Task Force Data Protection Regulation (TF-DPR). Since 2019, she has been Task Lead in the Security Work package of the GÉANT project, overseeing subtasks on the human factor of security, such as awareness, crisis management, training and mentorship programmes. She has been part of the TNC Programme Committee since 2021. |
| **Candidate's Motivation:** | I would love to chair the GCC, as I think that community is one of the greatest assets we have as NRENs. It is something we should cherish and foster to help us in both the good times and the bad. In recent years, we have seen how mutual trust and informal connections are the building blocks to help each other when war or disease strike. With CLAW, I have always brought people from different parts of our NRENs together: communications, NOC, CSIRT and management, so we are better prepared to work together in a crisis. To do this, I have been active in the different SIGs and Task Forces that bring these groups together and I have seen (also as a SIG/TF coordinator in my first years of working at SURF) how important these groups are.

As I see it, the GÉANT Community Programme exists to make sure we keep learning and innovating together. The Innovation Programme helps to garner and grow grassroots initiatives that benefit our community. And the GCC is the motor behind it all to signify |

| | challenges that we need to address together and lower the barriers of entry so we foster an inclusive community.

As GCC chair, I would lead but also champion our community to make sure even more voices and interests are included. That way we can keep sharing our successes and help each other in difficult times. |
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## Proposer Details:

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| **Name of Proposer:** | Jet de Ranitz |
| **Organisation of Proposer:** | SURF |
| **Reasons for Proposing:** | We would like to nominate our colleague Charlie van Genuchten, for the position of chair of the GÉANT Community Committee (GCC). This nomination is supported wholeheartedly by our organization and aligns with SURF's commitment to foster diverse and dynamic leadership within the GÉANT community.

Charlie is a passionate and driven young professional who has consistently demonstrated her commitment and effectiveness in leading significant national and international events and projects relevant to SURF and GÉANT. Furthermore, Charlie's unique energetic approach bring much-needed diversity and new blood to the GCC. Her insights have proven invaluable in her current role and will undoubtedly benefit the GÉANT community as a whole. We believe that her appointment as GCC chair will foster a more inclusive, innovative, and dynamic environment.

In addition to recognizing Charlie's qualifications and potential contributions, we have also considered the balance of representation from SURF within the GCC. Because of this, Alexander, our current representative, has agreed to step back from his position should Charlie be elected. This decision reflects our belief in fair representation and our confidence in Charlie's capabilities to serve the community effectively. |

## Seconder Details:

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| **Name of Seconder:** | Cezary Mazurek |
| **Organisation of Seconder:** | PSNC |
| **Reasons for Seconding:** | We recommend Charlie's election on the chair of GÉANT Community Committee (GCC). The argument for the nomination is the long-term cooperation with Charlie within WP8, on the occasion of the organization of conferences, symposia, and, above all, the entire series of CLAW Meetings, The Crisis Management Workshop for the GÉANT Community, in which, under the leadership of the nominee, the PSNC team also participated in 2019-2024. |

Charlie is an extremely creative person. Her substantive professionalism and openness to cooperation allow her to effectively create a new quality of the meetings she organizes. Ready to ideas and the use of new technology, creative, on the one hand, in terms of using knowledge in the field of cybersecurity, creating the scenarios of entire workshop, and also well organized in terms of logistics. She is able to freely combine many different skills and abilities, thus well representing GÉANT in the international arena. Charlie understands the GÉANT community needs and is able to influence the potential of people and services in academic & scientific world. She is a person recognizable in the community, communicative and ready for new challenges. This makes her potential position equally creative for the GCC.

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**Candidate's acceptance:**

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| **Candidate's Acceptance:** | Accepted via email – 11th March 2024 – 20:29 CET |
| **Nature of involvement with GÉANT Association:** | n/a |