*Task Force: Data Protection Regulation*

**General Information**

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| **Task Force Name:** | Task Force Data Protection Regulation (TF-DPR) |
| **Brief Description:** | The Task Force proposes to gather information, discuss and develop tools and best practices to be able to deal with the requirements of data protection regulation, with a focus on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and how NRENs and our shared services can prepare for the GDPR. Other relevant legislation with an impact on data protection – like the upcoming e-privacy Regulation – is also in scope. The results of the task force will yield documentation and tools for NRENs.. |
| **Steering Committee:** | Chair: Morten Eeg Ejrnæs Nielsen – DeiCMembers:Evelijn Jeunink – SURFnetAndrew Cormack – JiscDavid Foster – CERNPål Axelsson – SUNET  |
| **Secretary:** | Charlie van Genuchten – SURFnet/GEANT |
| **Topics / Keywords:** | Privacy regulation, GDPR, |
| **Supporting NRENs:** | SURFnet, SUNET, DeiC, DFN, Jisc, CERN, Nordunet |
| **Support (Others):** |  |
| **Initial Charter Period:** | 2 years |
| **Mailing list** | tf-dpr@lists.geant.org; ta-legal@lists.geant.org |

# Why a Data protection regulation taskforce?

The General Data Protection Regulation will be enforced on May 25th 2018.This legislation will impact all NRENs equally and many have started the preparations independently. As a lot of work needs to be done in a limited time frame we can benefit from each other’s knowledge and experiences to ensure we are prepared in the best possible way for the changes required by the Regulation across Europe.

At the kick-off meeting for the proposed TF-Legal at TNC17, the urgency of a task force to deal with the questions brought up by the GDPR was underlined by all NRENs in attendance.

# Aims

In general, the Task Force aims at collaborating on the implementation of the GDPR and other privacy regulations in the following ways:

* build up a Taskforce as a trusted forum with members that actively participate and are involved in the results of the Taskforce.
* provide a platform to promote the sharing of best practices, tools and policies related to data protection and privacy regulations, related to 1. services NRENs provide and 2. our community of research and education. Resulting in a repository/knowledge exchange.
* discuss, share ideas and give feedback that lead to a better understanding of the privacy regulations. Shared opinions can result into policies that provide guidance.
* liaise with other groups and projects within GEANT when faced with privacy consequences and provide feedback on initiatives. As an example and first liaison would be with the GEANT cloud activityto assist with developing services.

The task force is meant specifically for those people who are working on data protection regulation within their organization, this could be legal privacy experts and privacy officers within the GEANT community. We want to create a foundation of trust to discuss data protection regulation issues within this group. The outcomes of this TF will be shared with the wider GEANT community.

Byproducts of TF-DPR will include

* Documents and tools that can help NRENs who do not have the expertise on data protection regulation within their own organizations;
* exchanging and sharing experience, knowledge and information to implement the GDPR and legal topics and aspects related to the GDPR, or other legal topics and aspects;
* A community of people involved in implementing data protection regulations that might turn into a Special Interest Group to discuss the data protection topic or a broader scope like IT law.

# Boundaries

The task force will not deal with influencing legislation in the making, or lobby activities. Furthermore, the task force’s primary focus will be the GDPR, with a possibility for further discussions on privacy and IT legislation. Other legal issues will not be part of the discussions within this TF.

The task force is aimed at NRENs and their questions, practices and concerns with data protection regulation. The discussions in the task force will therefore not be about data protection issues on an institutional level. However, individual institutions and other organisations are very welcome to join the task force if they can add something to the discussion of NREN services.

# Work Items

Work item responsibilities will be divided up among the community representatives and will be reported on to the task force.

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| **Work Items and Descriptions 2017 and 2018** | **Results or Deliverables** |
| * Inventory of current NREN preparations for the GDPR (PIA tools, model processor agreement, privacy statement ect)
 | * A closed off wiki with best practices, tools and templates.
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| * Liaison with the GDPR cloud consumption support service
 | * Providing feedback.
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| * A GDPR analysis of GEANT services and services we have in common
 | * An initial analysis of GEANT services to pinpoint which services need more consideration.
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| * Analyse the different national approaches to legitimacy of processing
 | * An overview of national approaches to legitimacy of processing.
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# More Information

A ‘Thinking About Legal’ list was created, meant for all interested parties who are not necessarily legal experts, but want to be updated on the outcomes of the TF: ta-legal@lists.geant.org . Currently, the mailing list has about 40 members.

A side meeting at TNC17 has been held (<https://tnc17.geant.org/core/event/14>) as a

pre-commencement face-to-face meeting to discuss the foundations for the proposed Task Force.

On August 28th, a Face2Face meeting took place in Berlin to finalise the Charter and establish a steering committee.

## Collaborations

TF-DPR is complementary to some existing SIGs, TFs, and other programs.

* SIG-Marcomms
* SIG-ISM
* TF-RED
* GEANT Cloud Activity

This is not an exclusive list of collaborations. We will want to engage with other initiatives as the opportunities arise.

## Annex 1: Standard Terms of Reference

1. Task Forces are established under the auspices of the GÉANT Community Programme to provide a forum for exchanging and promoting ideas, experience and knowledge, as well as fostering collaborations among National Research and Education Networks and academic and research institutions.
2. The Task Forces focus activity predominantly in Europe. Each Task Force will collaborate with organisations outside the European area or on a broader scope with relevant initiatives whenever opportunities for collaboration arise that support the aims of the Task Force.
3. The Chair of the Task Force will be responsible for preparing the agenda of each meeting and for co-ordinating the work of the Task Force. S/he will also be responsible for the agreed deliverables

being produced. Additional work item leaders will support the chair in ensuring the smooth operation of the Task Force and in preparing the agenda for specific or ad-hoc sub-group meetings, whenever they are deemed necessary.

1. The secretary of the Task Force will be appointed by GÉANT. S/he will be responsible for managing membership of the mailing list or lists, maintaining and publishing information on the web site, taking the minutes at each meeting and for making the necessary logistical arrangements.
2. The Task Force will operate with a two-year mandate. At the end of the two-year period, the GÉANT Community Committee (GCC) may recommend to renew the mandate of the Task Force. If the mandate is not renewed, the Task Force will be dissolved. The Task Force may also be dissolved if the GCC considers that it is making insufficient progress or that its activities are no longer useful or relevant, or if the Task Force chair resigns and no replacement can be found.
3. The Task Force will be open to any individual who can offer appropriate expertise, manpower, equipment or services. Participation will be on a voluntary basis.
4. The Task Force will meet at approximately four-monthly intervals (facilities for remote participation will be made available). Physical meetings will be held at various locations, taking care to reduce overall costs to participants.
5. Reports and other results of the Task Force shall be placed in the public domain, with the exception of sensitive information.
6. The Task Force will have a mailing list for communication between the participants. The mailing list archive will be publicly available. Separate mailing lists may exist for specific work items or

sub-tasks.