SIG Greenhouse

What?

SIG-Greenhouse was formally closed as a SIG in 2018 but these pages are maintained for information. If you are interested in finding out how you can benefit from the work of the SIG, please visit the Commons Conservancy website, a programme conservancy created to meet the aims and objectives of software and other projects looking for a sustainable home.

This space is for information relating to the GÉANT Greenhouse SIG.

GÉANT Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are established under the auspices of GÉANT in order to create an open forum where experts from its community exchange information, knowledge, ideas and best practices about specific technical or other areas of business relevant to the research and education networking community.

The aims of the Greenhouse SIG are:

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2. Working with GÉANT to define an MoU for interactions with third party software conservancy organisations, including issues regarding cost for participation in such conservancies.
3. Supporting open source projects in creating models for project governance and organisation via template documentation.

To sign-up to the mailing list, please visit:

https://lists.geant.org/sympa/info/greenhouse

Why Greenhouse?

‘Greenhouse’ started out as a play on words as we didn't want to use the word ‘conservancy’ (conservancy - conservatory - greenhouse), as GÉANT is not looking to provide the sort of features one might expect from a full software conservancy but something more lightweight. The word has stuck as it seems a good way of describing the intentions here - to provide the infrastructure for software projects to grow successfully within the community.

The proposed achievements and KPIs for the first year

- Agree MoU with NLnet for Commons Conservancy.
- Create list of Open Source products produced by NRENs and in use with service dependency.
- Work with 2 projects on Commons Conservancy model.
- Work with projects on recommended software quality processes and run some tests.
- Create document promoting contributions to software projects to GA.

Useful Resources

- Proposed model for the Commons Conservancy.
- MediaMosa presentation at TNC2013. (slides, blog).
- NH Presentation on Building the TERENA Greenhouse to TTC.
- Useful book on Producing OSS.
- Presentation at Filesender BoF @TNC16.

Facts

2016 is the first year of the Greenhouse SIG. The Charter was approved at the TTC meeting in November 2015.

Steering Committee

- Guido Aben
- Glenn Wearen
- Leif Johansson
- Andrea Biancini
- Rogier Spoor
- Nicole Harris

Aims

The main topics covered by the new SIG would include, but would not be limited to:

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