

General Requirements for Joining eduGAIN

All formal requirements for federations that want to become eduGAIN members and thus add Identity Providers and Service Provider to eduGAIN are described in the [eduGAIN Constitution](#), Section 3 "eduGAIN Membership". In particular section 3.1 "Requirements for Participant Federations" lists the relevant points to consider.

The relevant extract is (please consult the [eduGAIN Constitution](#) for the current an up-to-date version):

Participant Federations MUST:

- *Primarily serve the interests of the education and research sector.*
- *Provide a point of contact for their Members for dealing with technical issues.*
- *Provide processes for handling complaints and incidents involving their Members.*
- *Have a published Metadata registration practice statement.*
- *Follow the eduGAIN SAML 2.0 Metadata Profile if it decides to exchange the metadata of Entities via eduGAIN ("upstream metadata").*

If these requirements are met, a federation can initiate the "Joining Process" described in section 3.2. Some more details on this process are described on described on the page [Process for an Identity Federation to Join eduGAIN](#).