# eduGAIN SG-2019 September

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### eduGAIN Observers

The following individuals would like to request / continue their observer status on the eduGAIN-SG list:

- Klaas Wierenga, GÉANT.
- Maarten Kremers, Surfnet, GN4-3 Task Leader in Trust and Identity Work Package.
- Christos Kanellopoulos, GÉANT. eduTEAMs Service Owner.
- Mikael Linden, CSC.
- Thomas Baerecke, SWITCH, eduGAIN Support.
- Brook Schofield, GÉANT & Casper Dreef, GÉANT. eduGAIN Secretariat.

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- NB: The meeting will be recorded to assist with note taking.

**Attendance**

**Federations in Attendance (22)**

1. Australian Access Federation (AAF)
2. COFRé
3. GRINET
4. SAFIRE
5. HAKA
6. SWAMID
7. PIONEER
8. Belnet Federation
9. TAAT
10. eduID Luxembourg
11. eduID.hu
12. eduID.cz
13. MINGA
14. CAFE
15. SURFconext
16. CAF
Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Agreement

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 3rd meeting of 2019 and gave a bit of background to his day job and engagement with the community via the Australian Access Federation (AAF) which is a federation not run by the NREN but have a close affiliation and work on federated services. The AAF is also the ORCID consortium member for Australia. Prior to the AAF, Terry worked for an Australian University on Campus identity issues.

See the Open Actions & Previous Meeting notes. The major open action will be covered within the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. All action remain open.

Membership Updates andJoining

For details on new members and candidates see https://technical.edugain.org/status and work on progressing new members is underway.

Malta/RierkaNet Identity Federation has now joined, required votes for membership were achieved today marking the 69th member to join. Voting continues to be open until the 27th.

One candidates currently under assessment.

- Kyrgyz Republic / KRENA Identity Federation (KIF)

Romania/RoEduNetID have completed work required to participate in eduGAIN and this will soon be integrated into the metadata feed by the OT.

eduGAIN Town Hall
Possible Locations and dates for the meeting were discussed. Two have been ruled out.

- TechEX – December, 2019 — Very unlikely because of the proximity to the event
- TIME 2020 – February, 2020 — Audience determined not to be the right fit

Possibly in March 2020, but needing to include topics broader than just eduGAIN to justify travel + wider participation (to include eduroam, possibly REFEDS WGs, invite FIM4R, FIM4L, possibly some “CAMP” type sessions). This will be coordinated by Casper Dreef and was broadly supported. Desirable to have the dates flagged early to support travel + visa processing requirements. Both dates + location needed. A Town Hall hasn’t been convened since 2017, the end of 2018 event was skipped because of the preparation of the GN4-3 project. This event is to have a global focus to better support transcontinental travel.

**eduGAIN "baselining"**

The [eduGAIN Compliance Issues](https://wiki.edugain.org/index.php?title=eduGAIN_Compliance_Issues) wiki page has been updated but required more attention and this is an ongoing process.

- Countries in Europe with no Federation, currently only available for Europe, extend to all regions?

Validator report at [https://technical.edugain.org/profile_v2](https://technical.edugain.org/profile_v2) now shows:

- 4 red (non-compliant) - Belnet, MATE, Oman KID, WAYF
- 44 yellow (partially compliant)
- 15 green (fully compliant)

The AAF situation is due to the logo requirement for discovery. Pål also highlighted the logo issue as not being important. Rhys stated that priority needs to be with the RED (non-compliant) issues. Davide explained that the eduGAIN Support team is able to contact federations to work on these issues.

**Note:** Belnet corrected their compliance situation to Partially Compliant after the meeting. The 4/44/15 now stands at 3/44/18.

**Resolving eduGAIN issues**

R&S, SIRTFI, baselining, validators and the many other tools are all helping to resolve and even prevent issues occuring for a researcher in one federation seamlessly accessing a service on the other side of the planet. When it all works great!

But when it doesn't determining the fault can be complex. Issues include:

- federation and organisation policies
- awareness
- working across many organisational and national boundaries
- working across time zones

Simple guidance for communities communicating issues and identifying parties that need to be involved?

Improving awareness for organisations and federations interoperating and particularly sharing and tracking the issues and the solutions.

Terry provided an example of a R&S service within Australia having difficulty working with a UK Federation identity provider not supporting R&S. Liaising with Jisc has been useful as they want to promote R&S within their federation. Chris Phillips highlighted that there are services that required SIRTFI in addition to R&S and sometimes these issues are urgent or conveying the importance and urgency doesn’t always pass between support functions. Davide highlighted that the resolution time can often be in the order of weeks. Davide to provide statistics on eduGAIN support topics/issues for the next meeting.

Who and how to provide guidance is an open issue for a different forum.

**Future meetings**

*The next SG meeting was confirmed to take place on Tuesday 10th December 2019 13:00 UTC* Drop in sessions:

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Terry highlighted some topics from the previous drop in sessions:

- Need for usage statistics is major driver of FIM4L and displacing EZproxy.
- Service Catalogue (although there is a range of work groups on this topic).

Chris raised the issue of discussion documents on service catalogue. Terry highlighted emerging federations needing a service catalogue to point people toward a service - in a follow-up email he also flagged [REFEDS Service Catalogue Best Practices](https://www.refeds.org/documents) and [2018 REFEDS Workplan](https://www.refeds.org/documents). Pål highlighted the fact that with more than 3000 SPs within eduGAIN it is difficult to curate and maintain a list. Terry highlighted the desire of service providers to provide good information to encourage update of their service. Chris flagged the importance of a service might differ between federations.

**AoB and Close**

- Zoom connections URLs and use of Zoom for future meetings? The WebRTC will be promoted for future meetings.
The meeting closed at 15:45 and encouraged all to attend the next drop in session and the SG meeting in December, coordinates to follow.