



Federated identity system for scientific collaborations

Introduction

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How did this start?

- Issue of identity management raised by IT leaders from EIROforum labs during their IT working group meeting hosted by ESA in January 2012

EIROforum = CERN, EFDA, EMBL, ESA, ESO, ESRF, European XFEL, ILL

- These laboratories, as well as national and regional research organizations, are facing similar challenges



- Two Federated Identity Management for Scientific Collaborations workshops already held:
- June 2011, CERN
 - Identified needs of users communities
 - Current state of usage explored
 - Scope for commonality and willingness to work together expressed



- November 2011, RAL
 - Uses cases presented
 - Common vision developed
 - Architects/contacts from each community agreed to produce a common paper
- Policy makers and national funding agencies as well as technology and services providers present at both workshops



This workshop

- First face to face discussion of the contents of the draft paper
- Communities have stated they have users around the world and so any solutions must interoperate globally
 - Today is an opportunity to gather input from colleagues in Asia Pacific
- Will also get updates about on-going service/technology developments and pilot projects

