WLCG Group

Identity Federation pilot WG

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Use cases

- Use cases foreseen by the experiments for federated identities
 - Alice: Interested but would rather the work to focus in priority on the Web use case
 - Atlas: Interested in both CLI and Web use case
 - CMS: No feedback not interested?
 - LHCb: Interested in particular in a CLI





EMI STS instance at CERN

- A test EMI STS instance has been installed at CERN.
- It can function either with :
 - A test IdP at HIP that supports the ECP profile
 - The WS-Trust endpoint of the CERN ADFS
- A CLI tool has been made available for everyone to test
- More information is available at https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LCG/WLCGFedIdPilot





ECP status

- ECP is the standard component need for CLI interaction with IdPs
- Only very few IdPs support it worldwide
 - Extremely difficult to convince hundreds of IdPs to adopt it,
 especially when only a small fraction of their users would like to use it
- ECP deployment is likely to grow, but this is a long term (years) hope
- Solutions without ECP include significant costs/ compromises





Possible options

- Leave the CLI use case for now
 - Focus on the Web use case (incl. attributes)
- Continue investigating a CLI-based pilot
 - Push for an ECP-based pilot, push+wait for adoption (years)
 - Investigate alternative solutions for a CLI (supported by CILogon)
 - Browser interface offering the end user to download a certificate?
 - A Java webstart client, offering a PEM-formatted certificate that will be downloaded by the client
 - An OAUTH-based (but not yet compliant with OAUTH specs) system, offering the user to get an activation code via the web browser, to be copy/pasted on the CLI
 - Another approach to ECP:
 - Central credential repository: the user has to login with a Web browser (only once a year). Subsequently, a CLI could use this service to get a proxy for the user.



