



**GÉANT**  
**ASSOCIATION**

Networking • Services • People

## **LHCONE meeting Welcome**

***Cambridge Meeting 9-10 Feb 2015***

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# TERENA and DANTE have joined forces!

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The leading collaboration on network and related infrastructure and services for the benefit of research and education, contributing to Europe's economic growth and competitiveness

A first website with basic information is at [www.geant.org](http://www.geant.org)



# What is the GÉANT Association?

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- One organisation comprising TERENA and DANTE staff, activities and ethos:

## **Networking. Services. People.**

- We are owned by our core membership of:
  - 36 National Members (European NRENs)
  - 1 Representative Member (NORDUnet - on behalf of 5 Nordic NRENs)
- Associates also welcome:
  - including commercial organisations and multi-national research infrastructures and projects
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# Current members

## GÉANT Association Membership

### NATIONAL MEMBERS

1 per country

### REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER

NORDUnet\*

### ASSOCIATES

ADVA Optical Networking

Alcatel-Lucent

CERN

Ciena Corporation

Cisco Systems

Coriant GmbH

\*CSC (FI)

\*DeIC (DK)

ECI Telecom GmbH

EMBL

ESA

Google UK Ltd

Huawei Technologies

Level 3 Communications

\*RHnet (IS)

\*SUNET (SE)

Tata Communications

Telefónica

\*UNINETT (NO)



# Locations



*Cambridge office – 80 people  
Information currently on [www.dante.net](http://www.dante.net)*

*Legally established in the UK*



*Amsterdam office – 20 people  
Information currently on [www.terena.org](http://www.terena.org)*

*Legally established in the Netherlands*

# What does the GÉANT Association do?

## *Physical networks*

- Manage research & education networking projects
- Procure, build and operate large-scale, advanced international high-speed networks
  - GÉANT (Europe)
  - EUMEDCONNECT (Mediterranean)
  - AFRICACONNECT (currently S and E Africa but soon W and N Africa)
  - CAREN (Central Asia)
- Support and assist other regional projects
  - ORIENTplus (Europe-China collaboration)
  - RedCLARA (Latin America)
  - CKLN (Caribbean)
  - TEIN\*CC (Asia-Pacific)



# What does the GÉANT Association do? Other Services

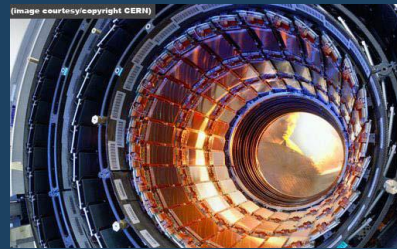


- Develop, operate and support innovative services relating to such areas as
  - Trust and identity,
  - Security and certification,
  - Mobility and access,
  - Flexible connectivity options and test bed facilities
  - Cloud Services and media and real-time communications
- Provide practical support for members, educators, researchers and other partners to collaborate, innovate, share knowledge and agree on policies and strategies



# What does the GÉANT Association do?

## *Human networking*



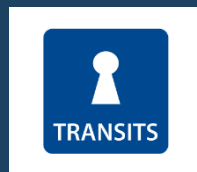
- Organise workshops, meetings and conferences, including TNC – Europe's largest networking conference for research and education
- Liaise with other e-infrastructure organisations, user communities, industry and the European Commission



# What does GÉANT Association do?

## People

- Provide expertise in procurement, project management, community engagement, network operations, and outreach including dissemination and training
- Mobilise and coordinate community expertise to achieve collaborative innovation and knowledge sharing



# The EC Framework Partnership Agreement in Horizon 2020



- Framework Partnership programme; FPA
  - 7 year partnership programme between The European Commission and GÉANT
  - Consists of 3 x Special Grant Agreements (SGA)
    - Duration 1+3+3 years
  - EC Budget EUR 175mill; Total budget up to EUR 350 mill
  - Start May 2015
- FPA Actions
  - A: Drive the Evolution of the Network
  - B: Support the Knowledge Community
  - C: Provide Security, Trust and Identity
  - D: Deliver GÉANT's Collaborative Ecosystem
  - E: Develop the Human Capital of the GÉANT Partnership
  - F: Ensuring the Long-Term Future of the GÉANT Infrastructure
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# Actions of the FPA

## A: Drive the Evolution of the Network

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- FPA Action **A** :
  - Continue to design, build and implement collaboratively-delivered, multi-domain services with appropriate Service Level Agreements (SLAs).
    - These services comprise any user-accessible, network capability that directly or indirectly supports digital data transport between users of the GÉANT network services and international collaborators.
  - Maintain its focus to develop and offer unique, very high-speed facilities in the network infrastructure to serve the intensive point-to-point data flows required by large international scientific endeavours.
  - Represent the common interests of the collective European NRENs internationally as coordinator and facilitator of inter-continental connectivity and inter-continental collaborations.
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# Actions of the FPA

## B: Support the Knowledge Community

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- FPA Action B :
  - The knowledge communities served by GÉANT are extremely diverse, including:
    - Big Science projects that involve a large amount of data generation and widespread scientific collaborations to process the data,
  - The long-term objective of the partnership is to offer all of these communities secure and trustworthy access from anywhere to the e-Infrastructure data sources and services relevant to their endeavours
    - including: publications, raw data, remote control of instruments, computing resources and databases, videoconferencing, etc. This objective of a digital continuum will be pursued in cooperation with the other European e-Infrastructure providers.
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# Actions of the FPA

## D: Deliver GÉANT's Collaborative Ecosystem

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- FPA Action D

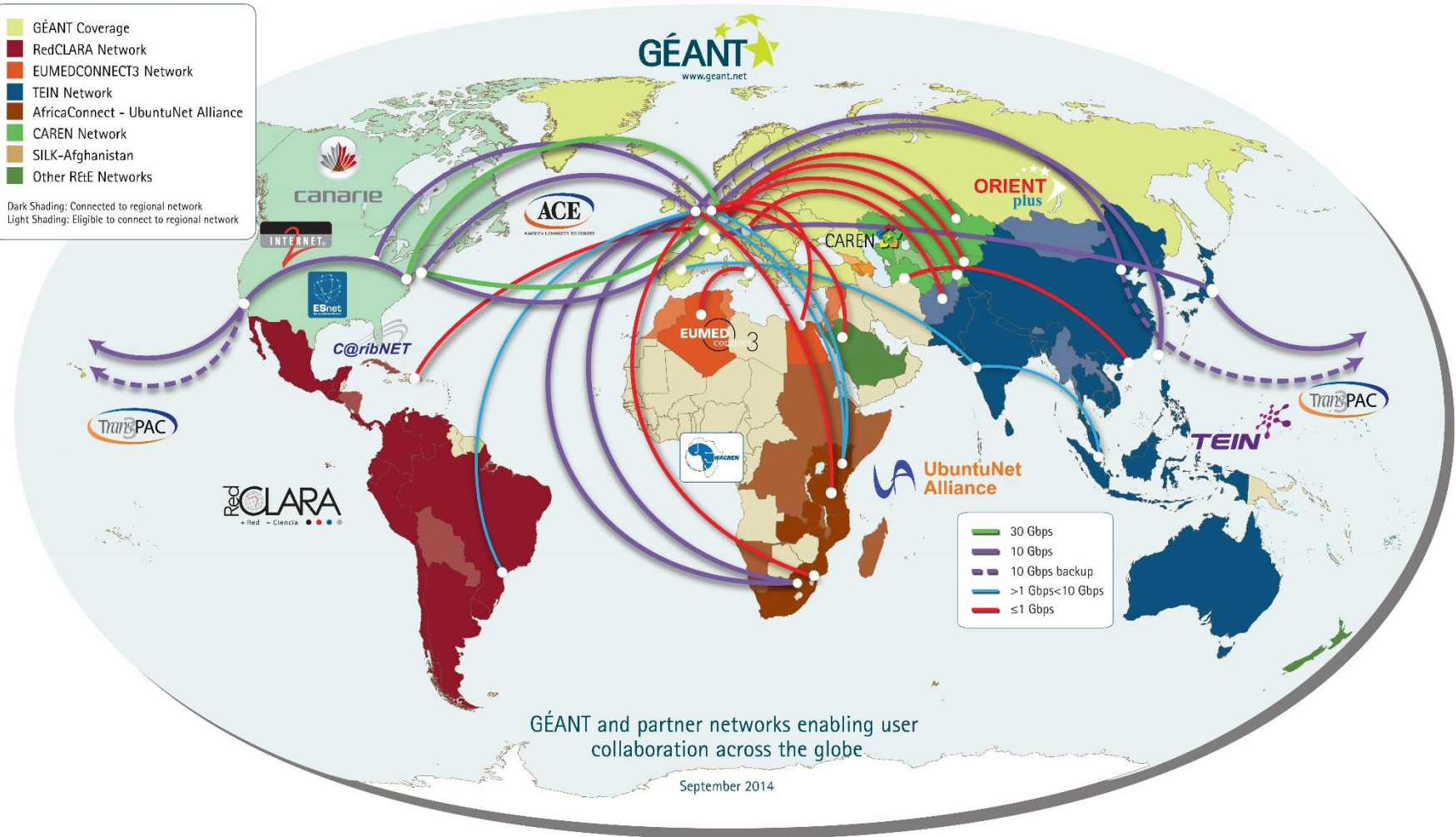
- Ongoing liaison with other e-Infrastructure suppliers for data repositories, computing services, important Research Infrastructure projects in Europe and beyond, in order to discuss and aim for:
  - A safe environment in which users have a wide choice of services, independent of geographical location.
- Liaise and work with all relevant EC Directorates and large scientific projects using e-Infrastructures, in order to be aware of future requirements and adapt the development roadmap of the GÉANT infrastructure in good time.

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# At the Heart of Global Research and Education Networking

- GÉANT Coverage
  - RedCLARA Network
  - EUMEDCONNECT3 Network
  - TEIN Network
  - AfricaConnect - UbuntuNet Alliance
  - CAREN Network
  - SILK-Afghanistan
  - Other R&E Networks
- Dark Shading: Connected to regional network  
Light Shading: Eligible to connect to regional network



GÉANT and partner networks enabling user collaboration across the globe

September 2014



- In N America: Esnet, I2 and CANARIE
  - Shared focus on customer needs
  - Strong collaboration providing EEX European connectivity across GÉANT infrastructure
  - Well positioned to deliver seamless services across large geographical part of user base
- GÉANT has extensive relationships with other world regions
  - China
    - Just about to sign 10 year agreement with CERNET/CSNET
      - *Initially 10Gbps*
      - *First true joint procurement activity*
  - SE Asia ( TEIN programme)
    - Working on implementation of LHCONE in Asia
  - Africa
    - EC co-funded AFRICACONNECT2 contract being prepared
    - Includes all Africa( Ubuntunet, WACREN and N African Nations)
  - South America

- LHCONE is very important to GÉANT and its European NREN members
- Objectives:
  - Understanding AND Meeting LHC Research user needs across Europe and intercontinentally
  - Connecting to other world regions with an integrated and 'seamless' service
  - Highly burstable network capacity
- Supported by dedicated and experienced GÉANT and NREN staff
- Hope you enjoy the short visit to Cambridge - Have a productive and fruitful meeting!