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# Building an IRIS trust framework

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# Overview

- Introduction to IRIS
- Requirements & process
- Current status
- Next steps
- Observations

# IRIS Background

- eInfrastructure for **R**esearch and **I**nnovation for **STFC**
- Loose collaboration of **Science Activities** and **Provider Entities**
  - Primarily driven by the physics communities supported by STFC
- Does not run infrastructure **directly**
  - Not a project in that sense
  - Commissions deployment of resources available to all of its science activities
- IRIS 4x4 is a capital project coordinated by IRIS
  - £4 million per year for 4 years
  - No money for operations
  - Can issue grants for equipment and grants to make things
    - Such as the trust framework

# IRIS Background

## Science Activities

- ALMA
- ATLAS
- CCFE
- CLF
- CMS
- CTA
- DLS
- DUNE
- eMERLIN
- EUCLID
- GAIA
- ISIS
- LHCb
- LIGO
- LSST
- Lux-Zeplin
- SKA

## Provider Entities

- The Ada Lovelace Centre (ALC)
- DiRAC [HPC]
- GridPP [HTC]
- The Hartree Centre
- STFC Scientific Computing Department
- The DLS Computing Department
- CCFE computing

# The IRIS environment

- Mixture of HTC/HPC resources
  - HTC (GridPP) mixture of X509 and FIM (in the future)
  - HPC largely SSH key based Authn
  - Varying levels of existing use of federated identity management
- Very varied user base
  - HEP + Astro + Photonics...
  - Part of large experiments and quasi-independent researchers

# IRIS Background

- If we want these communities to work together, need some common elements
  - Policy and Trust Framework
  - Identity Management
  - Resource Accounting
  - Monitoring

# Requirements for trust framework

- IRIS contains a range of resource providers with existing policy frameworks
  - Need to develop a framework that sits alongside these and satisfies the wider need
- Some providers are already connected within the wider federated world
  - Particularly GridPP/WLCG
- However: it does represent a new community in its own right
  - And exists within a distributed, federated infrastructure landscape
- Requirement to establish the necessary policies to allow interoperation between resource providers, services and user groups
  - And relationships to existing policy

# IRIS Trust Framework

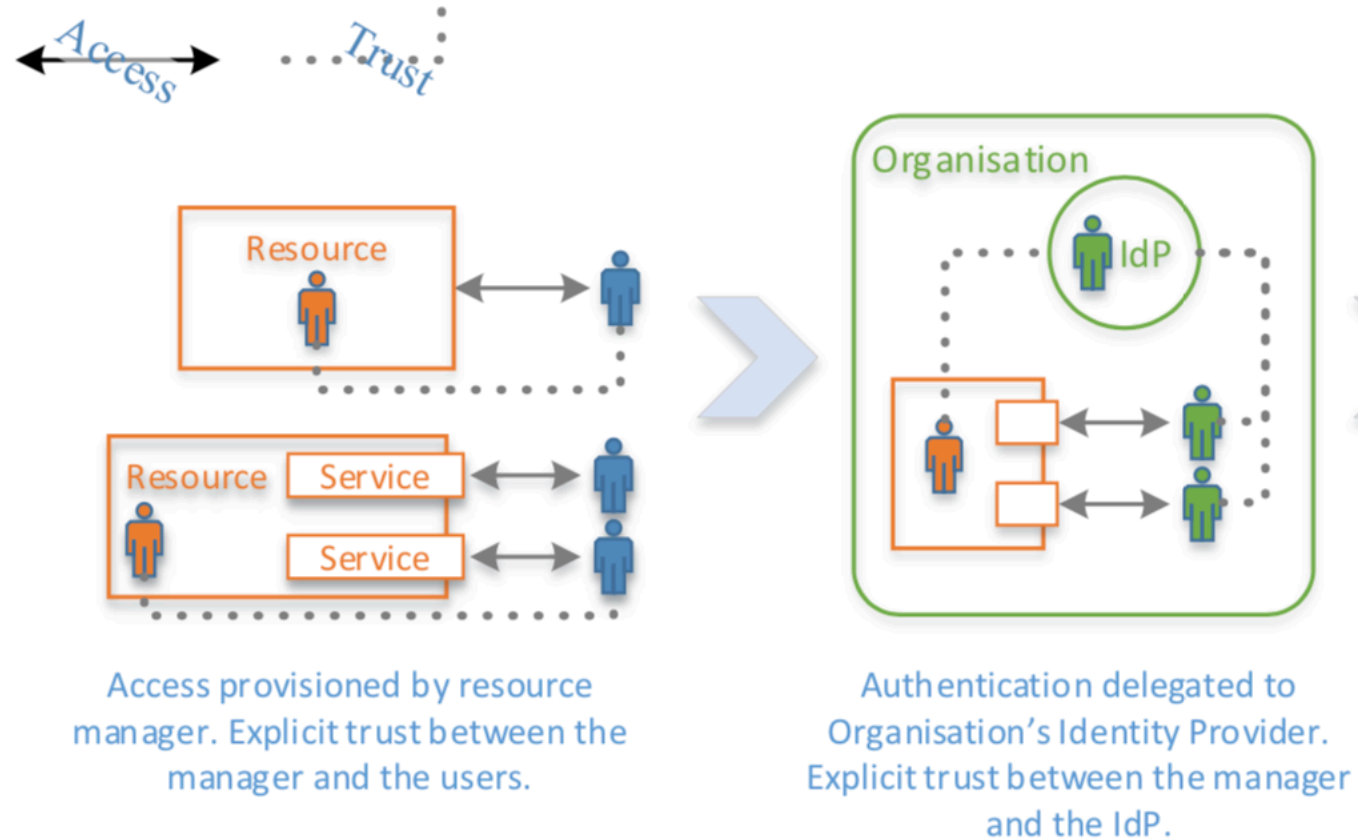
- The IRIS Trust Framework is intended to build the security policy required by IRIS
  - Start with foundational and user-facing policies
  - Roadmap for the future
- Security Incident Response
  - Clear roles and basic policy framework

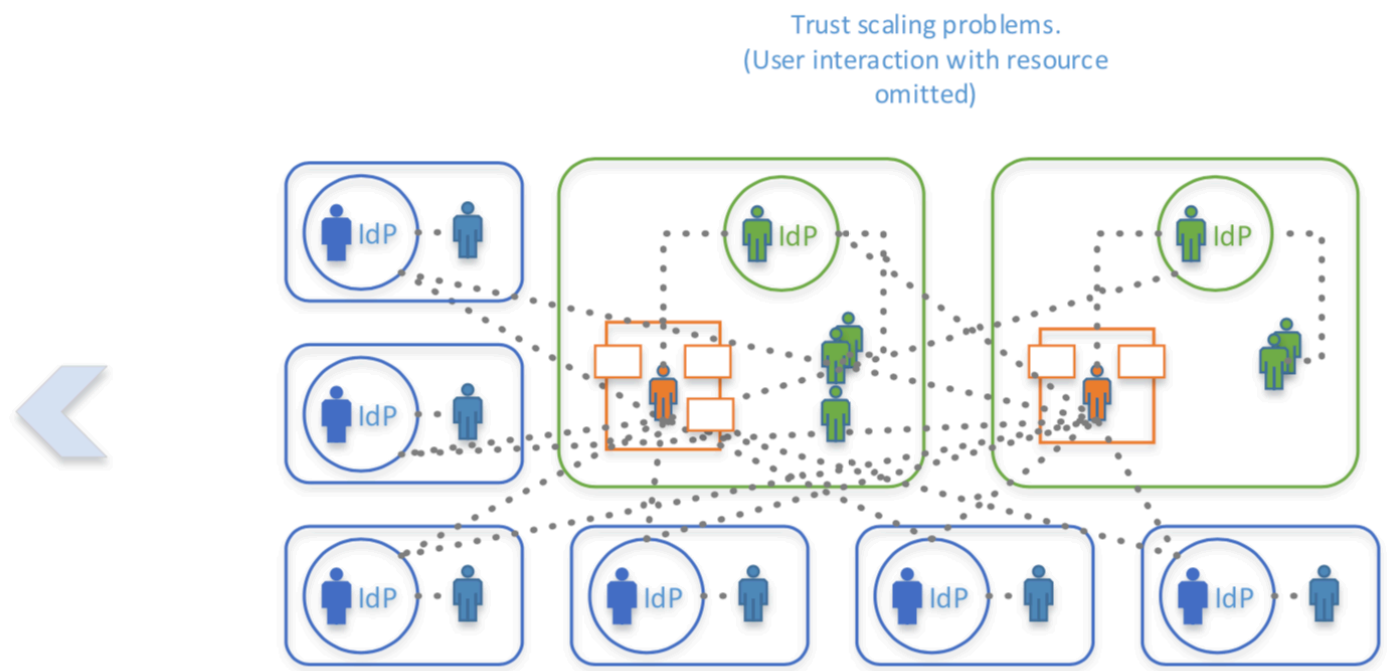
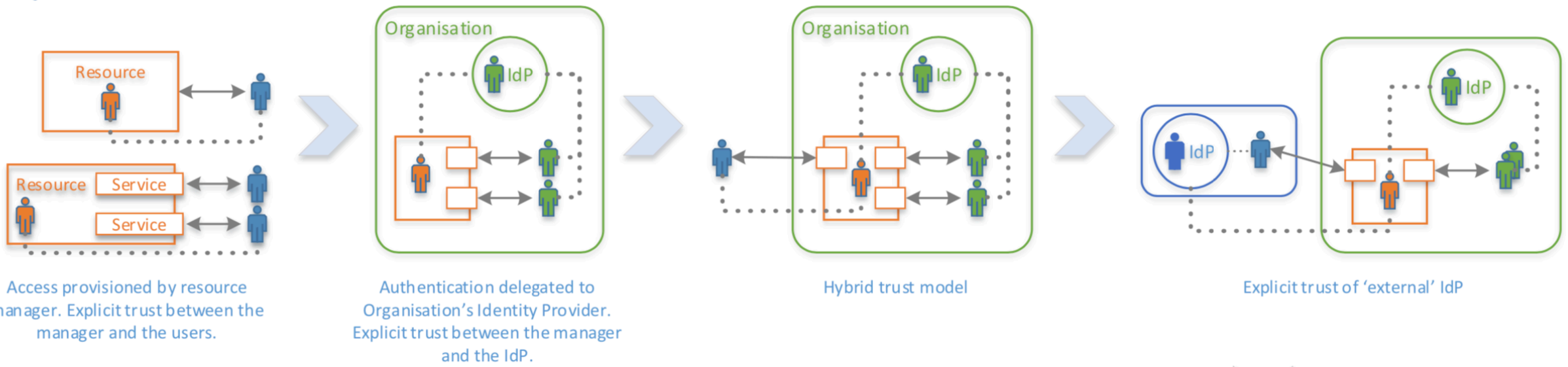


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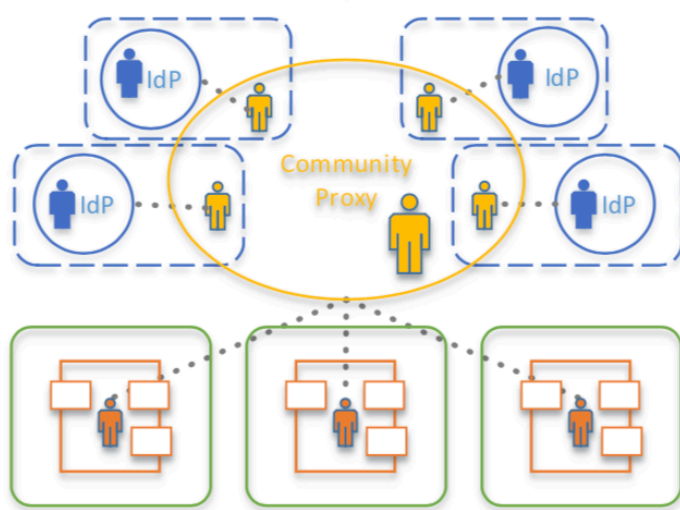
- Build on extensive existing experience developing policy within existing communities
  - GridPP/WLCG, UK Access Management Federation, EGI, ...
  - Extend to new resource providers and user communities
- Identify key stakeholders and develop trust relationships
- Coordinated work is ongoing to deploy an IAM identity proxy for IRIS
  - See [talk](#) at mini-FIM4R at Fermilab
  - Use this as driver
  - See also [talk](#) by Andrea Ceccanti at CHEP 2018 on Token-based Authentication and Authorization for HEP

# Trust relationship scenarios



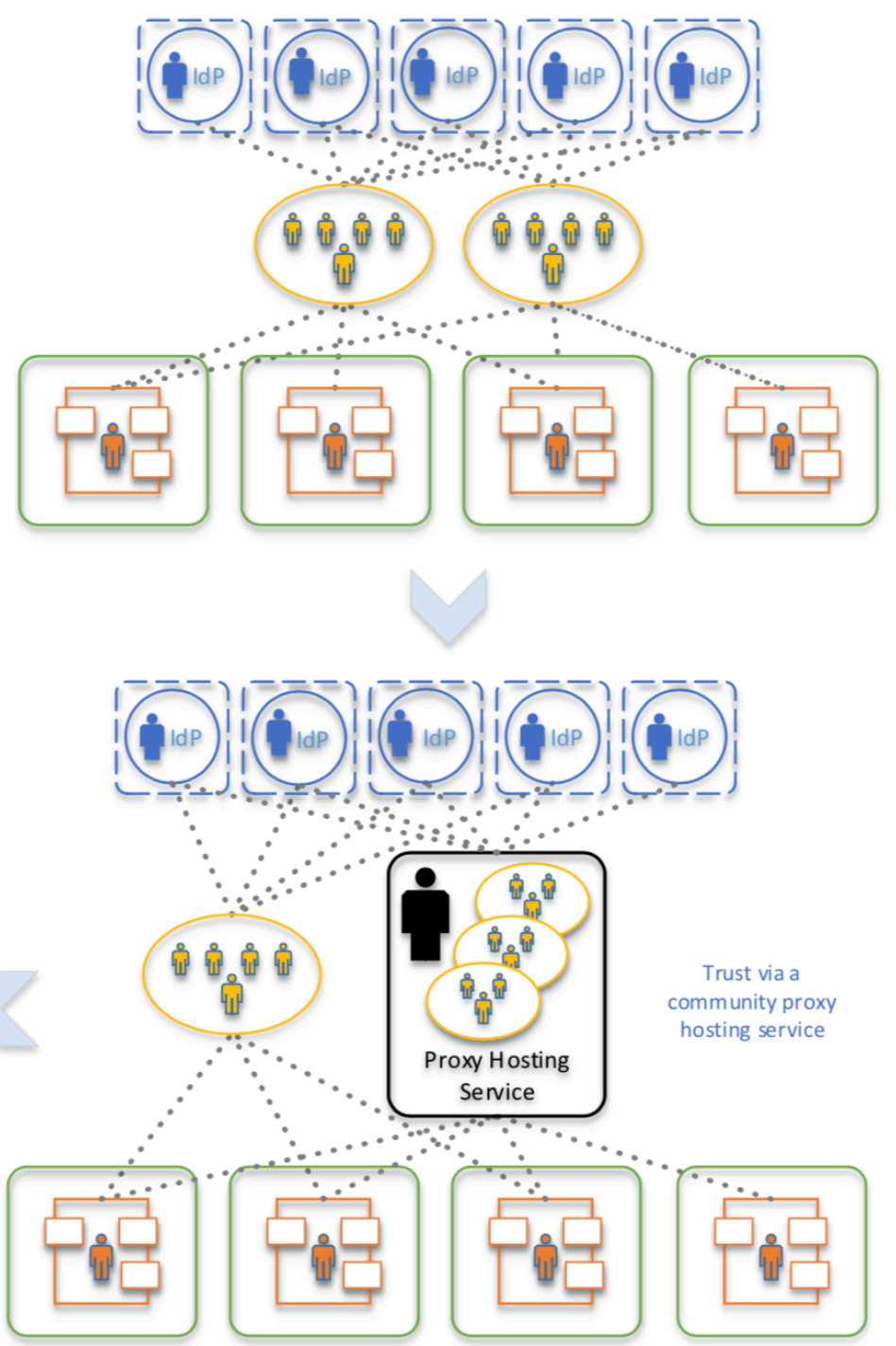
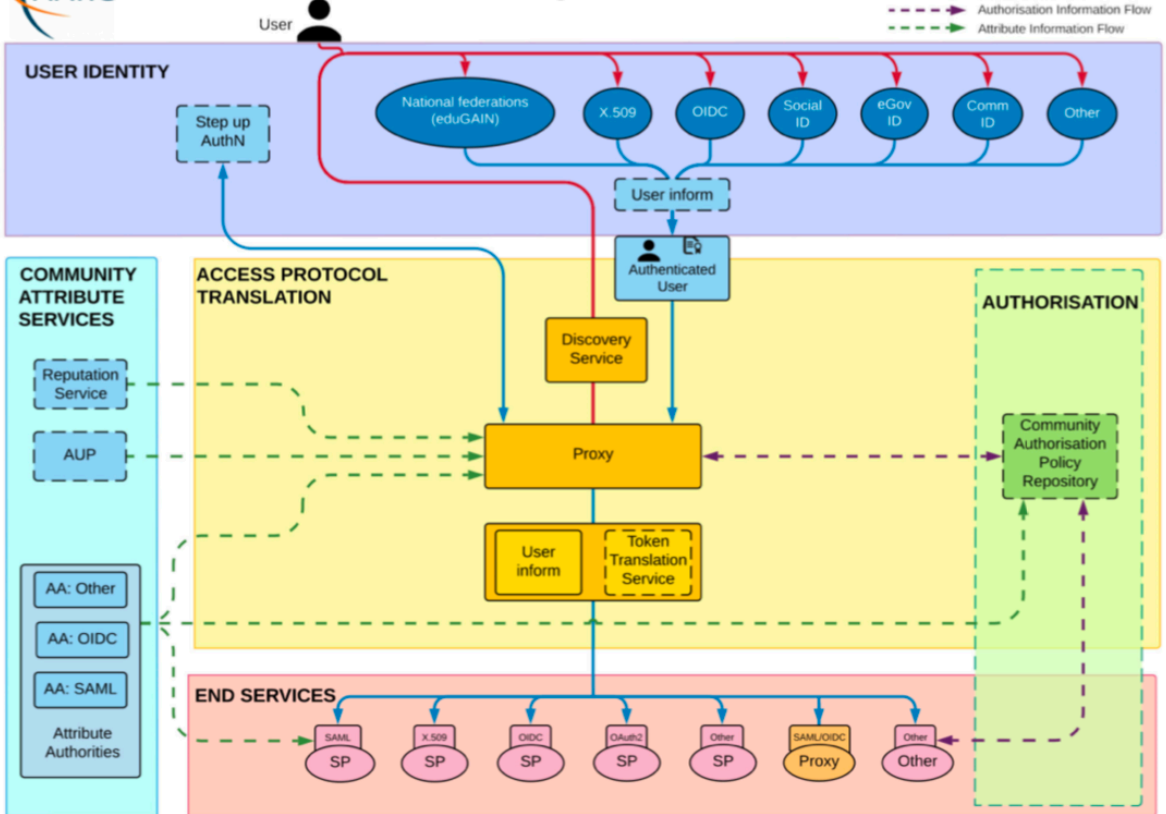


Trust via a community proxy



### AARC Blueprint Architecture

- Unauthenticated User (Red arrow)
- Authenticated User (Blue arrow)
- Authorisation Information Flow (Purple dashed arrow)
- Attribute Information Flow (Green dashed arrow)



Trust via a community proxy hosting service

# Roadmap

- AARC Policy Development Kit
  - Authentication and Authorisation for Research Collaboration
  - Recently completed EU projects
- 9 documents aimed at best practice bootstrap for infrastructures & communities deploying the AARC Blueprint Architecture
  - Federated IDPs with services/resources 'behind' an AAI Proxy
- Policies intended to co-exist with local policies where applicable

# WISE

- Wise Information Security for Collaborating e-Infrastructures
  - <https://wise-community.org/about-wise/>
- Global collaborative community of security experts
- IRIS work takes place under aegis of WISE
  - Benefit to IRIS of considerable experience
  - Benefit to WISE and wider community of new requirements and context

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# Draft UK IRIS AUP

- Use of a common, baseline AUP
  - Based on the WISE Baseline AUP template
    - Promotes trust in users' behaviour across infrastructures
    - Reduce need to agree to multiple different AUPs
  - Allows for consistent presentation of necessary Privacy Notices
  - Allows for augmentation with additional local / community requirements
    - 10 immutable clauses + scope to add specific additional ones
  - Easier bootstrapping – don't reinvent the wheel

# Draft UK IRIS Privacy Notice

- Presented to user at time of registration alongside AUP
- Assumes GDPR legal basis of “legitimate interest” for processing
  - i.e. not consent – due to imbalance of power (employer – employee)
- To be taken from (final) deployment context
  - Personal data gathered / processed
  - Data retention period
  - Use of ‘common policy framework’ for processing

# Draft UK IRIS Infrastructure Security Policy

- Provides high-level framework for other subordinate policies
  - Approved/adopted by infrastructure management body to give
  - **“...authority for actions which may be carried out by designated individuals and organisations and places responsibilities on all participants.”**
  - Roles and Responsibilities of Management
  - Roles and Responsibilities of Security Contact
  - Physical and Network Security
    - Delegated to local/service policies, but scoped.
  - Exceptions to Compliance and Sanctions

# Incident response

- GridPP has distributed incident response capability through EGI CSIRT, supported by NGI UK Security Team
- Initial proposal for IRIS is to expand NGI UK Security Team to include new IRIS resource providers
  - Focus in the beginning on sharing experience and building trust
  - Understand the boundaries between incident response for **IRIS**, **existing infrastructures**, and **local institutions**
- Specify security contacts for resource providers

# Observations

- Using a technology deployment (such as IRIS-IAM) can be helpful in developing a policy timeline
  - And crystallising use cases
- Requirements setting is a critical component in developing policy
- Developing policy is an excellent way for a community to introspect itself
  - What are the relationships between entities and use cases?
  - What defines a 'User'? ...
- This provides both a challenge and an opportunity
- There is a benefit to working on policies in the light of groups such as WISE
  - Enhances interoperability from the outset

# The IRIS trust challenge

- Generate the minimum policy set to enable this environment
- Identify critical workflows and responsible parties to support take-up of these policies in the community
- Service operators as well as community managers and users are key stakeholders
- At all levels, emphasise that IRIS policy sits alongside local policy
  - Need to communicate that concept to stakeholders
  - Key point: this is the model that scales!

# Next steps

- In progress
  - Gather feedback on drafts
  - Membership Management Policy/Acceptable Assurance
- Ongoing discussion framing policies in the context of IRIS structure
- Use scenarios & use cases to explore mapping policies to stakeholder responsibilities



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# Questions?





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