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## **GÉANT perspectives on the Horizon2020 era**

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# Creation of the GÉANT Association

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- October 2014, Berlin
  - TERENA and DANTE together become the GÉANT Association
  - interim Board and CEO appointed to build a new single organisation
- Objectives of the Association
  - development of advanced network and e-infrastructure services
  - promotion of innovation amongst membership and with others
  - coordination of collaboration amongst membership and in projects
  - development of knowledge, skills and competencies across Europe
  - promotion of consensus in development of e-infrastructure services

# Horizon2020 funding mechanism

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- Framework Partnership Agreement for GÉANT 2015-22
  - the vessel, not the contents ...
  - 1 + 3 + 3 year specific funding, subject to agreements
  - national funding perhaps 95% of total ecosystem
  - EU funding as “**glue**”
- Outside Europe
  - increasing importance of global connectivity and services
  - from regional development towards global partnerships
  - EU funding as “**fuel**”



# Framework Partnership Agreement: priorities

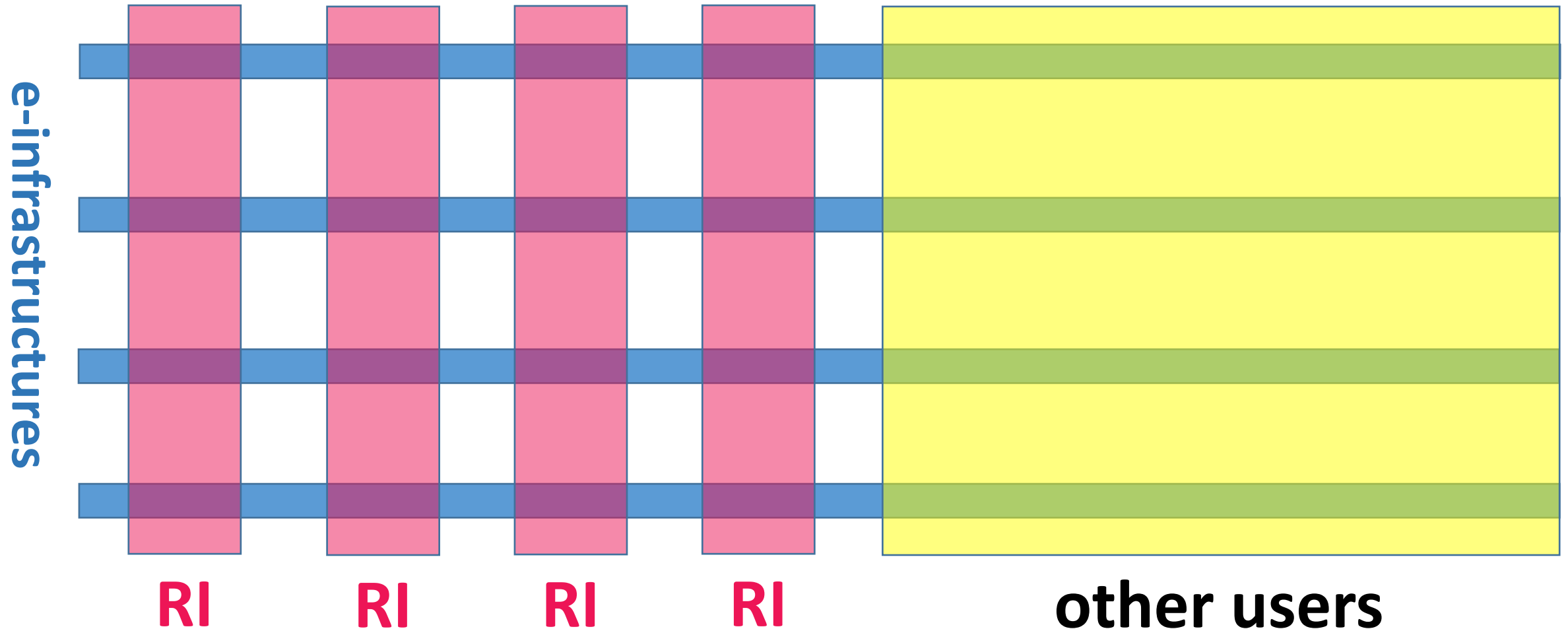
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- **Sustainability:** GÉANT as European Communication Commons
- **Universality:** support for all projects and all researchers
- **Reliability:** cost-effective services for knowledge communities:  
connectivity • federated identity • virtualisation • mobility • trust
- **Innovation:** the underpinning by which these are delivered

*“An open, innovative and trusted information infrastructure for the European knowledge economy.”*

*- GÉANT mission*

# Research infrastructures & e-infrastructures



## Actions needed

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- Keep the horizontal funding “glue” for e-infrastructures in place
  - avoid geographic and/or disciplinary disaggregation
- Encourage vertical integration of e-infrastructure
  - generalise and commoditise disciplinary/RI service stacks
  - more formal partnerships (and integration?) amongst providers
- Encourage user-led national e-infrastructure coordination
  - most users are nationally funded and serviced
  - GÉANT Association will be governed as a national membership body
  - EGI is moving its governance in this direction



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**Thank you**

**Questions? Comments?**