

# e-IRG Workshop

## e-Infrastructure Providers Panel

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- A collaboration that owns and operates a pan-European, high-performance network with 'above the network' services like security, trust & identity, and cloud services
  - Together we provide end-to-end connectivity between research infrastructures, scientific facilities, educational institutions, industry and end users
  - High-speed connectivity abroad to more than 70 research networks outside of Europe
  - Support all disciplines, from Big Science to the long-tail of research and education, libraries, cultural institutions, arts, etc.
- Work as a federation of national organisations
  - Our strength: reach & connectivity, member-driven, focus on common challenges
  - Our challenge: 41 different operating models / policies / capabilities

*“An ecosystem of ICT services for scientific research, where users enjoy the freedom to choose the services they need from a mix of public e-Infrastructure and commercial services and where providers have the freedom to innovate.”*

- As e-Inf providers, need to improve ease of use
  - Even after 30 years, networking is still ‘hard’
- Requirements gathering should be done in collaboration
  - Not just other e-Inf, but their campus IT people AND funders
  - With a common understanding, we can build integrated services
- Separation of innovation and operational could lead to less innovation and commoditization of e-Infrastructures
- Managing e-Inf: governance vs. competition



Thank you

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