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GÉANT perspectives on the Horizon2020 era

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Creation of the GÉANT Association

- 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

- 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**”



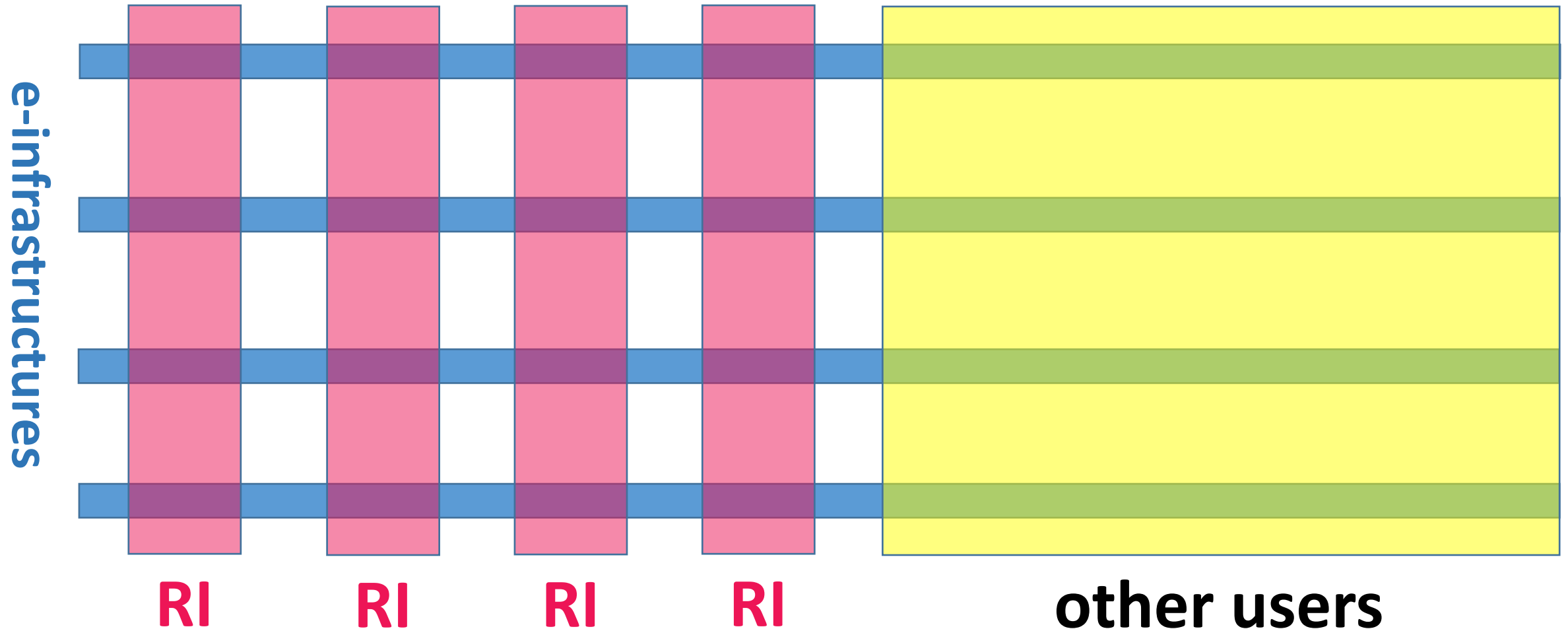
Framework Partnership Agreement: priorities

- **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

- 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?