Acceptable Use Policies & Connection Policies

Help or hindrance for end-to-end research, innovation and the Open Science Cloud?

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NREN Beginnings

- Telecoms dominated by **monopolistic protected encumberents**

- Telecommunications market was **highly regulated**

- 1980's significant modernisation of the market started

- Internet in Europe starts to take off

- R&E community move from STAR networks to fully meshed clouds

- Some national regulators acknowledge that NREN community is a **CLOSED USER GROUP**

- There was hence a motivation to protect this position by defining:
  - **Connection Policy**
  - **Acceptable Use Policy**

Evolution of Research, Education, Innovation & Community

- **Globalisation**
- **Distributed Virtual Teams**
- **Class A, B, C, users**
- **E-Infrastructure providers**
- **E-Infrastructure users**
- **Open science**
- **Big Data**
- **Health Networks**
- **Sensor networks**
- **Citizen science**
- **SMEs / industry**

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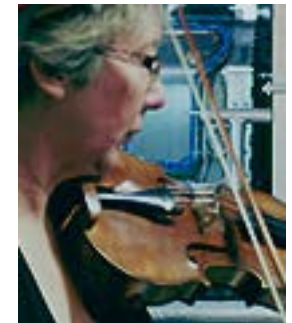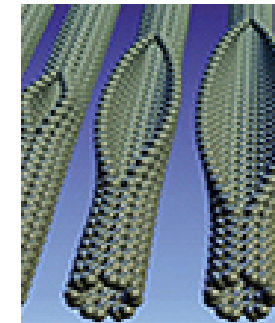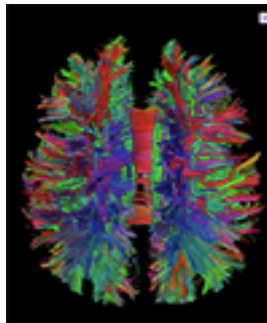
Where are we now with Connection Policy

- **Defines the conditions under which organisations are eligible to access and use the network and its services**

- **Not yet undertaken an extensive survey & comparison of European NREN CPs**

  - **Examples can be found online:**

    - **https://community.jisc.ac.uk/library/janet-policies/eligibility-policy**
    - **https://www.renater.fr/agrement-renater?lang=en**
    - **https://www.surf.nl/en/about-surf/subsidiaries/surfnet/about-surfnet/connecting-to-surfnet/index.html**

  - **Constraints and Complexity varies according to local conditions**

  - **DIVERSITY OF POLICIES**   **TAKE AWAY MESSAGE**

Connection Policy

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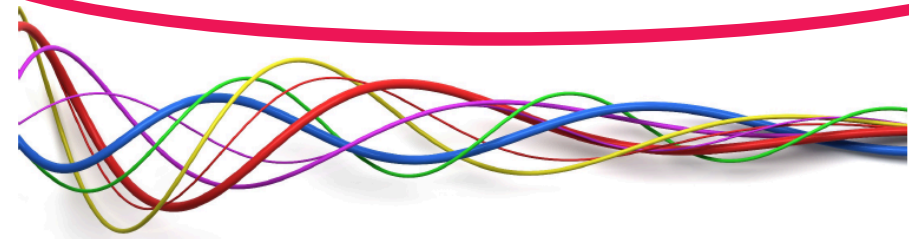*CPs do not extend to beyond your network borders, but your network does.*

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https://www.terena.org/tf-msp/meetings/20150909/MarkW2.pdf

Summary - Connection Policies

- **Vital Instrument**

  Connection Policies more important that AUP

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- **Connection Policies must reflect local needs**

- **The scope of Research and Education is changing**
  - **Globalisation**
  - **Distributed Virtual Teams**
  - **Open Data, Citizen Science, Sensor Networks, Internet of Things . . . .**

- **Connection Policies need to be adapted to the changing environment**

Acceptable Use Policy

Acceptable Use

ALLOWED

Unacceptable Use

FORBIDDEN

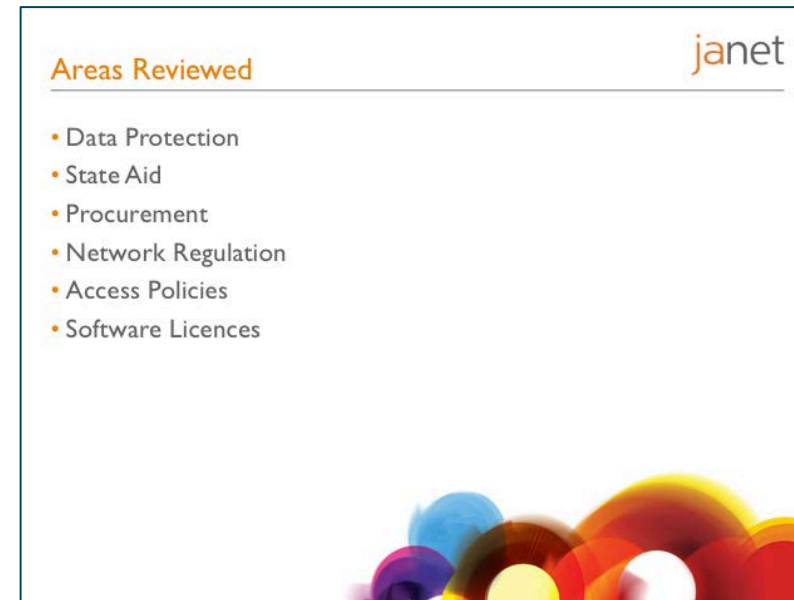# An Acceptable Use Policy (clauses describing unacceptable use)

- **The network may not be used by a User Organisation or its Members for any activity that may reasonably be regarded as unlawful or potentially so.**

- **This includes, but is not limited to, any of the following activities:**

  - Creation or transmission, or causing the transmission, of any offensive, obscene or indecent images data or other material, or any data capable of being resolved into obscene or indecent images or material; material with the intent to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety; material with the intent to defraud; defamatory material; material such that this infringes the copyright of another person; unsolicited bulk or marketing material to users of networked facilities or services, save where that material is embedded within, or is otherwise part of, a service to which the user or their User Organisation has chosen to subscribe; Deliberate unauthorised access to networked facilities or services;

  - Deliberate or reckless activities having, with reasonable likelihood, any of the following characteristics: wasting staff effort or resources, including time on end systems on another User Organisation's network, and the effort of staff involved in the support of those systems; corrupting or destroying other users' data; violating the privacy of other users; disrupting the work of other users; denying service to other users (for example, by overloading of access links or switching equipment, of network services, or of services or end systems on another User Organisation's network); continuing to use an item of software or hardware after the Network Operations Centre or its authorised representative has requested that use cease because it is causing disruption to the correct functioning of the network; other misuse of the network, such as the introduction of "viruses" or other harmful software via the network to resources on the network, or on another User Organisation's network.

An Acceptable Use Policy (clauses describing acceptable use)

- **A User Organisation and its Members may use the network for the purpose of communicating with other User Organisations and their Members, and with organisations, individuals and services attached to networks which are reachable via the network.**

- **The network may be used by a User Organisation and its Members for any lawful activity in furtherance of the missions of the User Organisation.**

- **Use by the User Organisation and its Members may be in pursuance of activities for commercial gain as well as for not for profit activities**

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Does Commercial Use of e-Infrastructures have Legal Implications?

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Areas Reviewed

- Data Protection
- State Aid
- Procurement
- Network Regulation
- Access Policies
- Software Licences

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Finding out about NREN AUPs

https://compendium.terena.org/reports/aup

Initial Research (September 2015)

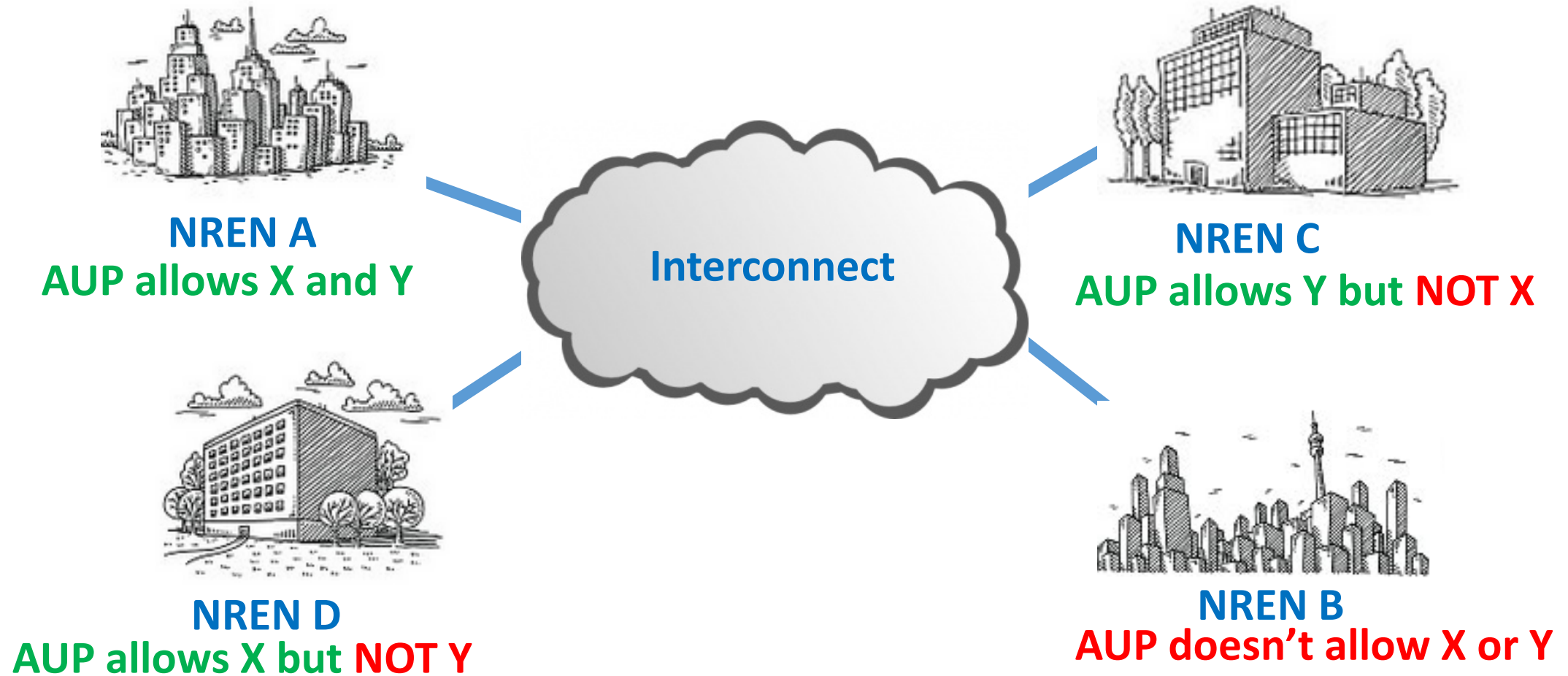| NREN	In Matrix report	AUP	Lang	COM for Research innovation	Use for financial gain	Comments / other information
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What could this mean ?

NREN A
AUP allows X and Y

Interconnect

NREN C
AUP allows Y but NOT X

NREN D
AUP allows X but NOT Y

NREN B
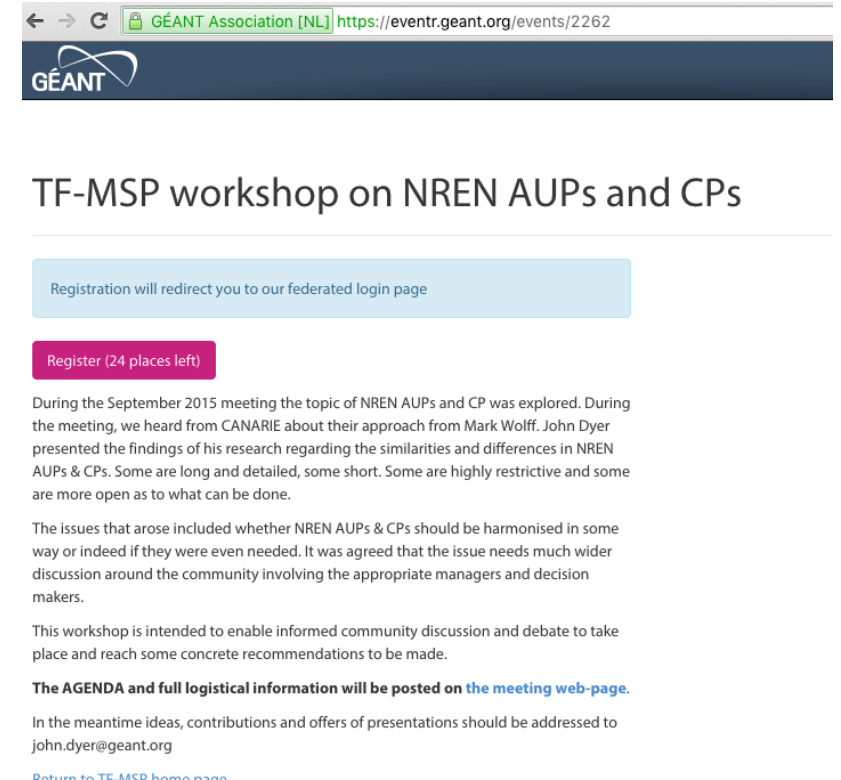AUP doesn't allow X or Y

Conclusions

- **The world & networking landscape is evolving rapidly**

- **R&E networks need to adequately support all its user communities**

- **SIGNIFICANT DIVERSITY POLCIES**

- **RISK: following the path of the lowest common denominator**

- **Need solutions that serve all users, including high-end users**
    that cannot be satisfied by the market

A. Lightweight users, browsing mailing, home use
   Need full Internet routing, one to many

B. Business applications, multicast, streaming, VPN's, mostly LAN
   Need VPN services and full Internet routing, several to several + uplink

C. Scientific applications, distributed data processing, all sorts of grids
   Need very fat pipes, limited multiple Virtual Organisations, few to few, p2p

$\sum C \gg 100$ Gb/s

$\sum B \approx 30$ Gb/s

$\sum A \approx 20$ Gb/s

Number of users

Low Bandwidth e.g. ADSL

Increasing Bandwidth Requirements

High Bandwidth e.g. GigE

Open Workshop on AUPs and CPs

- **Invitation to participate, present, discuss: Acceptable Use & Connection Policies**

- **Workshop Agenda & Logistics:**

  https://www.terena.org/tf-msp/meetings/20160111/

- **Registration:**

  https://eventr.geant.org/events/2262

- **Hosted by DFN in Berlin 11 & 12 January 2016**

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TF-MSP workshop on NREN AUPs and CPs

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During the September 2015 meeting the topic of NREN AUPs and CP was explored. During the meeting, we heard from CANARIE about their approach from Mark Wolff. John Dyer presented the findings of his research regarding the similarities and differences in NREN AUPs & CPs. Some are long and detailed, some short. Some are highly restrictive and some are more open as to what can be done.

The issues that arose included whether NREN AUPs & CPs should be harmonised in some way or indeed if they were even needed. It was agreed that the issue needs much wider discussion around the community involving the appropriate managers and decision makers.

This workshop is intended to enable informed community discussion and debate to take place and reach some concrete recommendations to be made.

The AGENDA and full logistical information will be posted on the meeting web-page.

In the meantime ideas, contributions and offers of presentations should be addressed to john.dyer@geant.org

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