

# **Authorisation Sessions**Results





#### redes Current Elements



- Many different (mostly incompatible) approaches
  - Grids
  - NRENs
  - Industry
- The paths to crawl
  - Syntax convergence in interfaces and protocols
  - Semantics convergence in attributes
  - Trust convergence



#### redes The vision



- An infrastructure usable all over Europe (and beyond) enabling seamless sharing of e-science resources
- Able to support seamless and location independent access to network and application services
- The special requirements of the industrial sector will lead to specific rules for industrial federations
- Conditions for federated e-science
  - Absolute respect for site autonomy
  - Possibility of sharing a limited subset of resources
  - AUP is a pre-requisite



## redes The Paths and the Grips along



- Convergence at a technical level
  - Protocols: Initial common agreement on SAML and Web Services
  - Semantics an attribute convergence starting
  - Need for a bootstrap method for trust anchor exchange
- Policies and trust. Beyond technological issues
  - Federated models
  - The Cotswolds Group
    - A (con-)federation of existing (NREN/international project) federations
    - Network peering model considered relevant to extending coverage
    - Set of criteria needed to judge whether to accept a 'candidate' federation
    - Key action: production of a 'cookbook' to describe the criteria and the selection process
  - Need for translating federation policies into machine readable format
    - Automatic negotitation resulting in trust anchor exchange



### redes Timelines



- Work towards a common federation for adacemia and research institues
  - Based on possibly preliminary federation policies
  - As soon as realistically feasible
- Be prepared to change federation rules as we scale up

