

European eduroam confederation policy

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1. Confederation organisation

1.1 Confederation objective

The European eduroam confederation provides the legal framework for the organisation of the European eduroam service. The use of eduroam is restricted to the closed community served by NRENs according to their national policies.

The European eduroam service is defined in the GÉANT2 Deliverable GN2-07-327 “eduroam Service Definition and Implementation Plan”. Please refer to this document when reading this Policy. In particular, see Section 2 “Service Elements” for a description of the elements that make up the service, and Section 4 “Service Organisation” for a description of the structure of the service.

1.2 European eduroam confederation members and structure

The **members of the European eduroam confederation** are the organisations responsible for operation of the national roaming service. These organisations (National Roaming Operators, NROs) are in most cases NRENs participating in the GÉANT2 project. If an NRO is not the NREN itself, then that NRO is required to have a well defined relationship to the NREN as partner in the GÉANT2 project.

The NRENPC has established a GÉANT2 project management which gives a management role for the GN2 project as a whole to the GÉANT2 Executive and DANTE. The SA5 role is in general terms embedded in this structure.

Please see GN2-07-327 “eduroam Service Definition and Implementation Plan” for a description of roles and responsibilities of the groups in eduroam.

1.3 Prerequisites for joining the confederation

NROs, on behalf of national roaming federations, can join the European eduroam confederation if:

- The national roaming federation accepts and signs the European eduroam confederation policy membership agreement (Annex A), thereby committing to its implementation.
- The national eduroam federation operates the eduroam service in the federation on the basis of the operational and technical requirements for participating federations, as defined in Section 6 of DS5.1.1.

If the OT confirms that the federation has signed the membership agreement and adheres to the technical requirements for participating federations, the NREN PC then can approve the membership of the federation in the confederation. This will be announced on the official web page of the eduroam service. The signed document will be kept by DANTE on behalf of the consortium of European NRENs.

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1.4 Leaving the confederation

Any member of the European eduroam confederation can at any time leave the confederation by giving three months' notice of their intent to leave. This notice period is to ensure that all technical practicalities can be taken care of in a timely manner (updating web sites, top level servers, and so on).

In the case of severe violation of the eduroam policies, the NREN PC has the right to exclude a member from any further participation in the eduroam confederation.

1.5 Liability

DANTE, as the Coordinator of the GÉANT2/GN2 project, is not liable toward the third parties for any damages, including but not limited to loss of profit, loss of savings and incidental or consequential damages resulting from its activities including the operation of the European eduroam confederation.

Article 8 of the Consortium Agreement regulates the liability issues arising between the Parties participating in the SA5.

2. Policy change announcement

All policy changes will be announced in writing to all confederation members with at least three months' notice before becoming effective.

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Annex A: Membership agreement

The NREN participating in the SA5 activity of the GÉANT2 Project to run the European eduroam service as the eduroam federation service provider in its country (NREN) and (if service is not provided by the NREN itself) the respective National Roaming Service Operator (NRO) agree to participate in the European eduroam confederation and commits to the implementation of the European eduroam confederation policy and the service description (GN2-07-327 “eduroam Service Definition and Implementation Plan”).

Signed on behalf of the NREN by:

Signed on behalf of DANTE as the GEANT2 Project coordinator

Name:

Name:

Signature:

Signature:

Date

Date

Signed on behalf of the NRO (if the service is not provided by the NREN) by:

Name:

Signature:

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