



Global eduroam Governance Committee Charter

Version History

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1. Definitions

eduroam	eduroam is a federated roaming service that provides secure network access by authenticating a user with their own credentials issued by their Identity Provider.
eduroam Compliance Statement	The eduroam Compliance Statement outlines the minimum technical and organisational standards for roaming operators (RO) and roaming confederations (RC) in order to provide the global eduroam service. Implementing the minimum standard requires the coordination of roaming operators (RO) and roaming confederations (RC).
eduroam Roaming Confederation (RC)	An eduroam Roaming Confederation represents the interests of a cohesive set of Roaming Operators. The Roaming Operators that are members of the RC, are bound by an 'eduroam confederation policy', which defines the extent to which the RC acts on behalf of its member ROs.
eduroam Identity Provider (IdP)	An eduroam Identity Provider (IdP) is an entity that creates and maintains user accounts for access to eduroam. An IdP is also referred to as the user's 'home institution'.



eduroam Roaming Operator (RO)	An eduroam Roaming Operator (RO) is an entity that is authorised to operate the eduroam service at a national, territorial or regional level. In many countries there is a National Research and Education Networking organisation (NREN) that acts as the RO of the territory or country.
eduroam Secretariat	The eduroam Secretariat is the body appointed to support the GeGC and the process for appointing members to the GeGC.
eduroam Service Provider (SP)	An eduroam Service Provider (SP) is an entity that operates an access network on which eduroam users are admitted. An SP is sometimes referred to as the 'visited institution' of the user.
Global eduroam Governance Committee (GeGC)	The Global eduroam Governance Committee (GeGC) is the group of individuals nominated to provide a central role in the global eduroam governance structure.
Host Entity	The Host Entity is the organisation that provides central support and a legal home for eduroam.
Operations Team (OT)	The Operations Team (OT) is responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of eduroam's core services in support of the Secretariat and the GeGC. The exact scope evolves as technology and needs change, and is documented separately (ref).

2. Global eduroam Governance Structure

The *Global eduroam Governance Committee (GeGC)* has the central role in the global eduroam governance structure.

The members of the GeGC are representatives of ~~RCs and~~ ROs worldwide. The GeGC members are officially appointed by the eduroam Secretariat following a nomination process.

In order to allow the GeGC to work efficiently and effectively, the number of its members will be kept small. The seat allocations are currently shown in the table below.



The GeGC regions reflect those used by Regional Internet Registries (<https://www.ripe.net/about-us/what-we-do/ripe-ncc-service-region/>) and countries will be expected to align to those regions for representation on the GeGC.

Europe (aligned with RIPE NCC)	3 members
Asia Pacific (aligned with APNIC)	3 members
North America (aligned with ARIN)	3 members
Latin America (aligned with LACNIC)	3 members
Africa (aligned with AFRINIC)	3 members

Regional representatives may be appointed through a process of nominations from the ROs in each region. The mechanism for doing so is defined by each region and may differ from region to region. Where more nominations than seats are received, the eduroam Secretariat will make the final decision in consultation with the region's outgoing representatives. In addition, the GeGC may appoint prominent eduroam experts as non-voting members of the GeGC. Members will be appointed for a two-year term of office. At the end of each two-year term ROs will be invited to participate in a new nominations process.

The GeGC will aim to take decisions by consensus among its members; if consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be taken by simple majority. In case of a tie the Chair has the decisive vote. The GeGC will appoint a chair for each term of office from amongst its members.

3. Appointment of the eduroam Secretariat

The Host Entity is responsible for providing the eduroam Secretariat. The eduroam Secretariat is then responsible for facilitating the GeGC as described below, including facilitating the process of appointing new members to the GeGC every two-year period. A representative of the eduroam Secretariat attends all GeGC meetings as a non-voting member.

4. Duties

The GeGC will carry out the following tasks:

- To formulate the text of the eduroam Compliance Statement and any later revisions of the Compliance Statement that may become necessary because of changes in technology or in the eduroam environment. The GeGC will consult the ROs (through their confederations, where applicable) before finalising the text of a new version of the Compliance Statement.



- To collect eduroam Compliance Statements signed by RCs or potential ROs, and to recommend – after investigation of the recognition of each potential RO by the research and education community that it is expected to serve – authorising the members of the RC or the potential RO concerned to operate the eduroam service.
- To recommend removing the authorisation of the members of an RO to operate the eduroam service if the RO concerned has not signed the newest version of the Compliance Statement within a reasonable period.
- To investigate complaints which suggest that an RC or an RO acts in severe violation of the eduroam Compliance Statement. If in the judgement of the GeGC the RC or the RO is in severe violation of the Compliance Statement and the situation cannot be remedied within a reasonable period, the GeGC may recommend removing the authorisation of the members of the RC or of the RO to operate the eduroam service.
- To provide advice on the proper operations of the eduroam service and any changing requirements.

The eduroam Secretariat will:

- Appoint the members of the GeGC and appoint eduroam experts as non-voting members of the GeGC.
- Formalise (new versions of) the eduroam Compliance Statement on the proposal of the GeGC.
- On the proposal of the GeGC, authorise the members of an RC or an RO to operate the eduroam service, or remove the authorisation of the members of an RC or an RO to operate the eduroam service.
- Provide a coordinator to the GeGC, provide the email and postal mail address for the GeGC and maintain the repository of documents issued and received by the GeGC.

The Host Entity will:

- Provide a legal home and support for managing funding and budgets for central eduroam services.
- Establish and provide support and resources for the core eduroam Operational Team (OT) and the eduroam Secretariat.
- Manage any legal requirements for the service such as copyright, trademarks and signed documentation.
- Host and maintain the global eduroam website, and any necessary global eduroam communication channels (including a mailing list that RCs and ROs can use to ask each other for advice on (operational) eduroam issues).

By acting as a legal home and representative for eduroam, the Host Entity may be required to comply with external legislation or legal requirements that impact global eduroam operations. Where possible, such actions will be disclosed to the GeGC in advance.



5. eduroam Compliance Statement

In order to be authorised to operate the eduroam service, a potential RO is requested to sign an eduroam Compliance Statement.

By signing the Compliance Statement, ROs commit to ensure that they themselves, their IdPs and their SPs comply with certain technical and administrative requirements.