Federated Identity for Research

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A story about how...

- Research infrastructures facilities that provide resources and services for the research communities*
- Science clusters RIs in Europe are organised in five major Science Clusters to link European and other world-class RIs to the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
- e-Infrastructures computing, data and AAI infrastructures in support for research in Europe

Make use of federated identities and what are the challenges

*https://roadmap2021.esfri.eu/projects-and-landmarks/view-the-table/

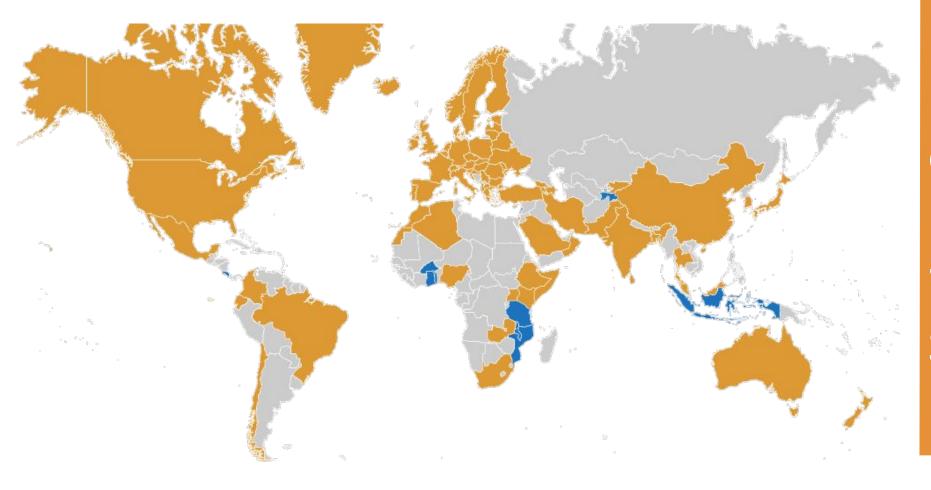
Federated Identities in R&E



"eduGAIN interfederation service connects identity federations around the world, simplifying access to content, services and resources for the global research and education community"

https://st.fbk.eu/assets/areas/events/TDI2024/slides/3_1_VaghettiDavide.pdf

eduGAIN Global Coverage

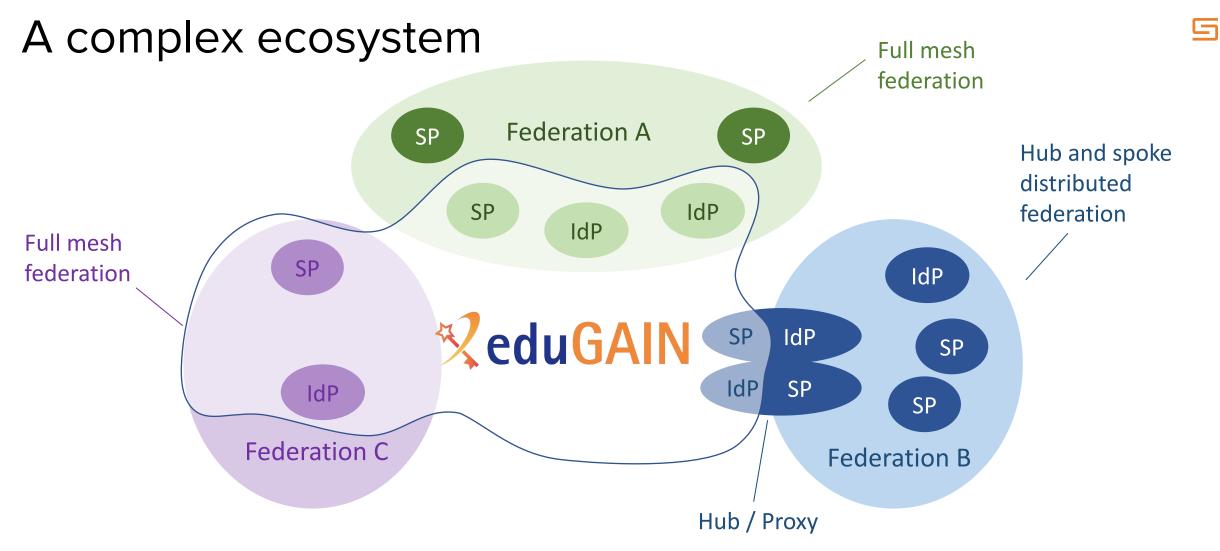


78 Federations

9698 Entities

5911 Identity Providers

3805 Service Providers



eduGAIN provides trust framework for metadata exchange

Other trust e.g for IdPs to release attributes and SPs to trust the data breaks on the federation borders

Additional measures to establish trust

Attribute release:

- Anonymous Access entity category organization, scoped affiliation
- Pseudonymous Access entity category above + assurance, identifier
- Personalised Access entity category- above + name, email
- R&S entity category identifier, name, email, scoped affiliation
- Code of conduct

Identity assurance:

- **REFEDS Assurance framework**

Security:

- Sirtfi framework



Requirements for access to RIs

Federated Identity

Global coverage

Attribute release

Identity assurance

Multi-factor Authentication

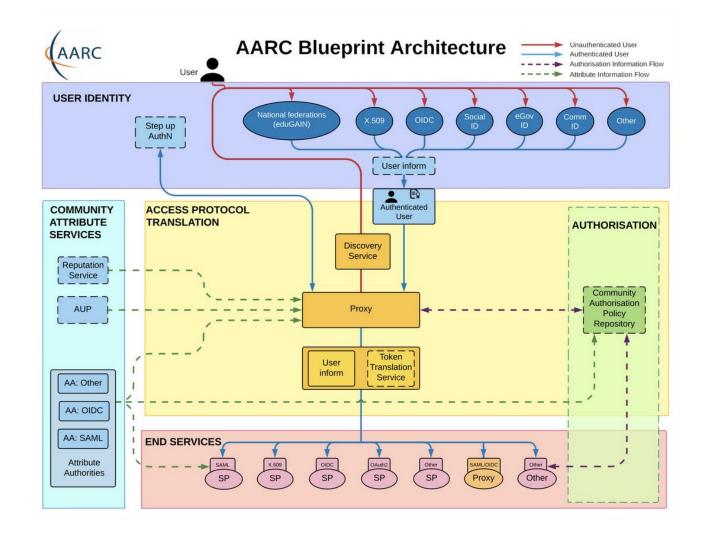
Functionalities

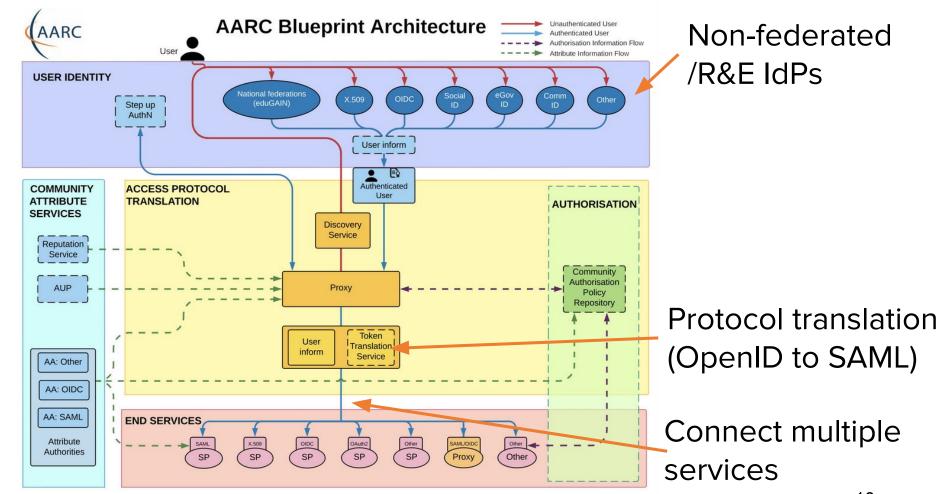
Connect multiple services Non-federated/R&E IdPs Protocol translation Manage access policies Membership management system **Discovery service** Linking identities Federated SSH access MFA Seamless user experience



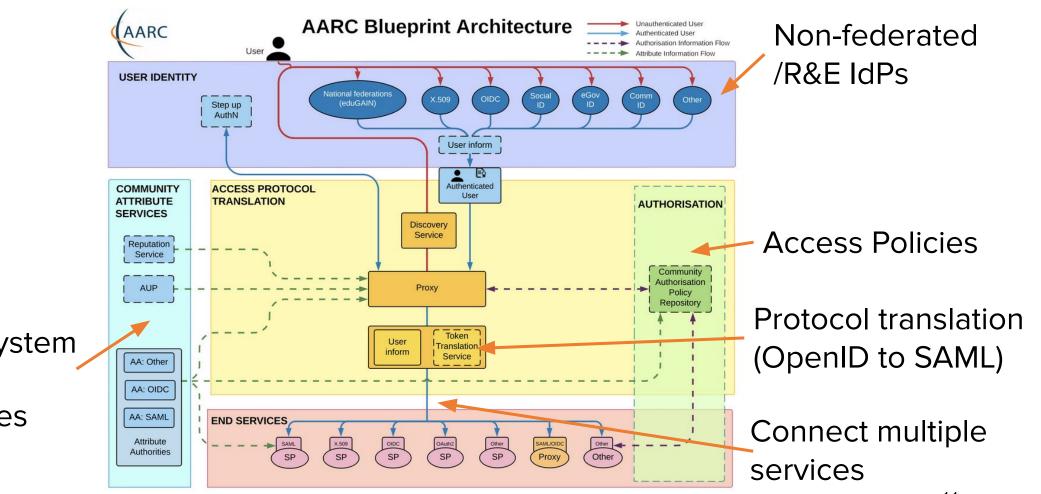
Authentication and Authorization for Research and Collaborations BluePrint Architecture

Provides a set of building blocks for solution architects and technical decision makers who are designing and implementing access management solutions for international research collaborations





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Membership management system

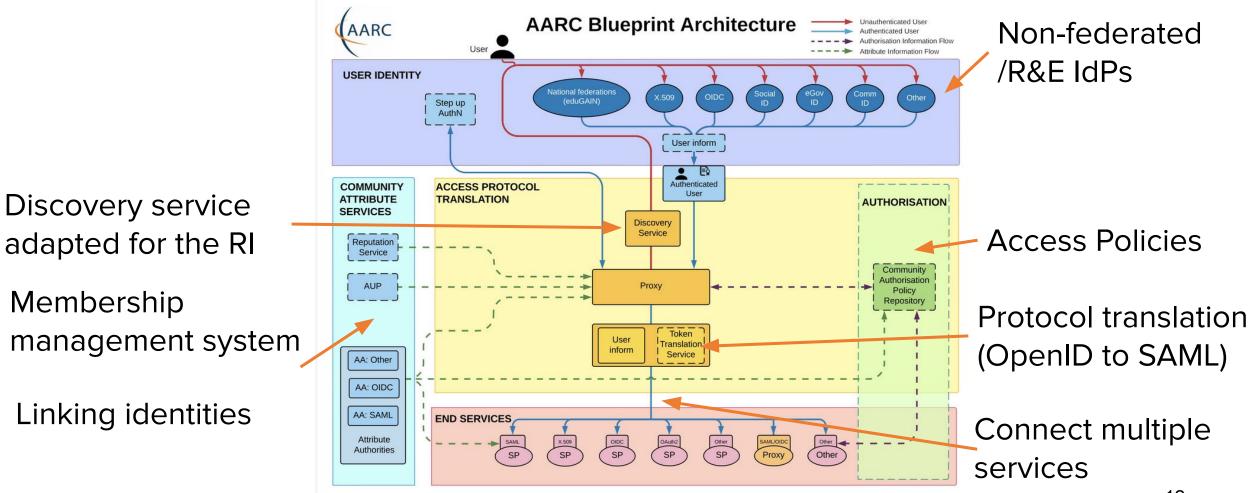
Linking identities

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Seamless User experience

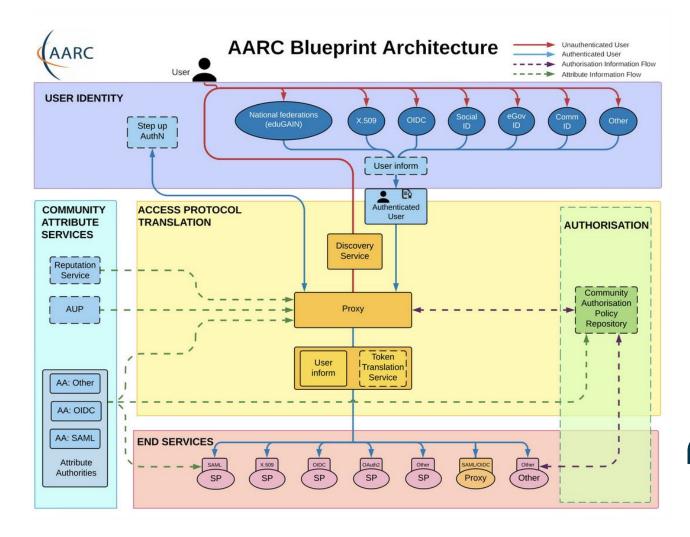
Federated SSH access

MFA



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Interoperability in the AARC BPA: the AARC GUIDELINES



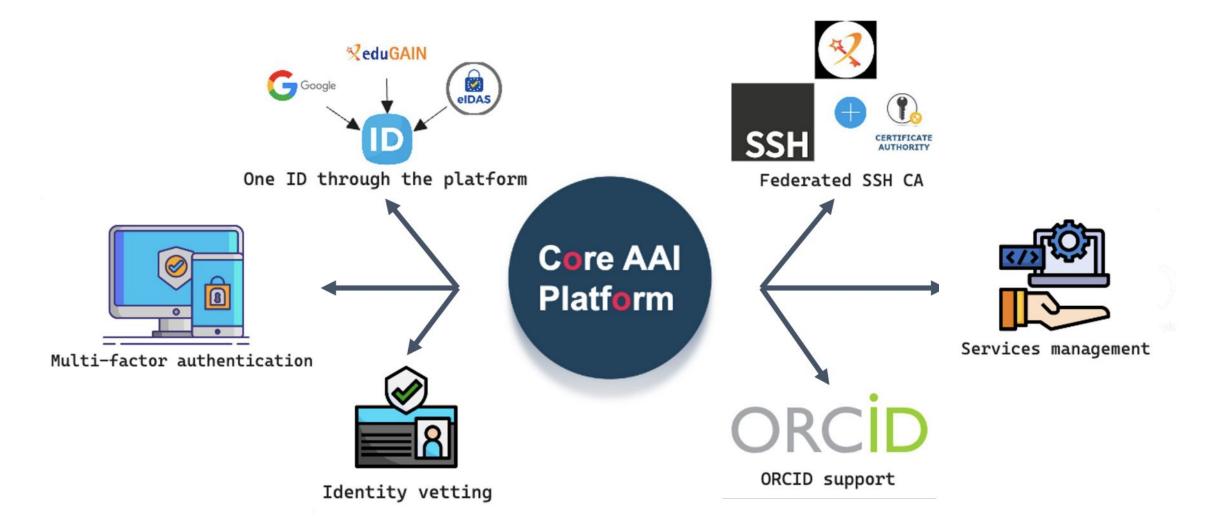
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Top Level Infrastructure Policy		Infrastructure Management	All Infrastructure Participants (abides by)	This policy template defines the roles of actors in the Research Infrastructure and binds the policy set together	Google Doc
Incident Response Procedure		Infrastructure Management & Security Contact	Infrastructure Security Contact, Services (abides by)	This template procedure provides a step- by-step breakdown of actions to take following a security incident.	Google Doc
Membership Management Policy		Infrastructure Management	Research Community (abides by)	This policy template defines how Research Communities should manage their members, including registration and expiration.	Google Doc
Acceptable Authentication Assurance		Infrastructure Management	Research Community, Services (abide by)	This is a placeholder for the Infrastructure to determine rules for the acceptable assurance profiles of user credentials.	Google Doc
Risk Assessment		Infrastructure Management, Services & Security Contact	Infrastructure Management (completes)	This table can be used as a starting point for identifying whether a full Data Protection Impact Assessment is required.	Google Doc
Policy on the Processing of Personal Data		Infrastructure Management & Data Protection Contact	Research Community, Services (abide by)	This document defines the obligations on Infrastructure Participants when processing personal data.	Google Doc
Privacy Policy		Infrastructure Management (for general policy) & Services (for service specific policies)	Users (view)	This can be used to document the data collected and processed by the Infrastructure and its participants. Each service in the infrastructure, as well as the infrastructure itself, should complete the template.	Google Doc
Service Operatio		structure agement	Services (abide by)	This policy defines requirements for running a service within the Infrastructure.	Google Doc
PD		$\mathbf{K}^{\mathbf{T}}$	Users (abide by)	This is a template for the acceptable use policy that users must accept to use the Research Infrastructure. It should be augmented by the Research Community.	Google Doc



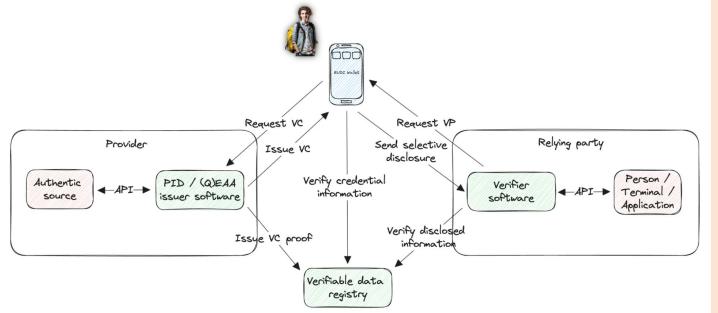
Identity and Access Management Solution for RIs



Complementing features



Looking forward - Wallets for research use cases



Researcher identity Attestations of organisational affiliations

Entitlements, group membership or resources capabilities

Researcher accomplishments



Questions?

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