



# eduGAIN Policy Framework Policy Declaration



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# eduGAIN Policy Declaration

The Federation named below (“the Federation”) hereby declares, in respect of other federations participating in eduGAIN as listed on the eduGAIN website (“the Participating Federations”) that it wishes to participate in eduGAIN, and that it will comply with the eduGAIN Policy Framework, and that:

1. Subject to clause 2 below, it will publish technical descriptions of the networked computers that act as AAI endpoints (for example to provide the functions of identity provider, attribute provider or service provider) (“the Entities”) which have been validated for use in the Federation according to its normal operational standards. These descriptions will be treated as non-confidential.
2. Publications under clause 1 above will be at the request of the Member <sup>1</sup> who controls each Entity.
3. It will make Entity descriptions provided by other Participating Federations available to Members of the Federation, who may make use of them at their own discretion to establish trusted communications between Entities.
4. It will promptly publish any subsequent changes to Entity descriptions previously published.
5. It will inform the eduGAIN Operational Team promptly of any changes affecting either the validation of Entities or the process for publishing Entity descriptions.
6. It will provide such assistance to other Participating Federations as they may reasonably request concerning the publication or use of Entity Descriptions.
7. It will provide the eduGAIN Operational Team with such documentation and agreements as may be necessary to demonstrate compliance with eduGAIN’s basic level of trust, as defined in the eduGAIN Constitution and, where appropriate, such documentation and agreements as may be required to support enhanced levels of trust.
8. The behaviour of any Member of any Participating Federation whose Entity description is published shall continue to be bound only by the rules of that Participating Federation.
9. In particular any complaint about a Member shall be made to the operator of its Participating Federation and dealt with between that Member and that operator according to the rules of that Participating Federation and subject only to that Participating Federation’s governing law and jurisdiction.
10. Neither the existence of this declaration, nor the exchange of information enabled by it, shall create any new legal obligations or rights between Members or operators of any federation. Members and operators remain bound only by their own respective laws and jurisdictions.

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout the eduGAIN Policy Framework, the term Member refers to any organisation that has signed an agreement with a federation operator to cover the verification and publication of Entity descriptions. This may include organisations referred to as Members, Participants or otherwise by those federation operators.

11. In particular this declaration creates no rights of membership, nor of access to services, between Members of any federation.

12. Any disagreement between Participating Federations shall be resolved by discussion between the respective Participating Federations or their successors and assigns.

13. No financial consideration will be expected between the Federation and other Participating Federations as federation operators and any financial consideration between Members or Members and operators is outside the scope of this declaration.

14. It will, in the event that it no longer wishes to participate in eduGAIN, give timely advance notice to both its own Members and the eduGAIN Operational Team in accordance with the eduGAIN constitution.

In case of translations, the authoritative version of this Declaration shall remain the version in English.

Should any provision of this Declaration be found invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, this will not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of any other provision. The Federations agree to replace any such provision with a provision having substantially the same effect but which is not invalid, illegal or unenforceable.

Signed on behalf of

..... (the Federation)

on ..... (Date)

by ..... (Signature)

..... (the name in capital letters)

of ..... (Organisation)