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Introduction

The RCTS is a computing network, run by FCCN, that makes use of the Internet protocols to guarantee a collaboration and communication platform among educational, scientific, technological and cultural institutions.

The RCTS Backbone Service is designed to be an infrastructure for data communication, and is restricted to the following entities:

- Higher Education Institutions, public or private;
- State R&D Laboratories and Organisms;
- Non-profitable Institutions with R&D activities as their main goal;
- R&D Units belonging to private entities, when properly singled out in the related structure;
- Public or private Institutions whose main goal is promoting or supporting the activity developed by the previously mentioned entities.

Having in mind the pursuit of the purposes stated above, the User Entities of the RCTS Backbone Service, from now on designated UE, must act in agreement with the established in the present document.

The user entities of this service are responsible for their usage of the available resources, remaining as a task of their own the divulgation, among their final users, of the utilization rules in force.

General Principles

1. The usage of the RCTS Backbone Service must be consistent with the network's main purpose: to serve the teaching, research and cultural community.
2. The information and resources attainable by means of this service are considered to belong to the persons, individual or collective, owning the correspondent property rights.
3. The usage of the RCTS Backbone Service is not intended for commercial purposes, namely advertising purposes. It is an exception to this rule the divulgation of the UE's own activities, namely the material they publish and the courses they offer.
4. It is not authorized any usage of this service violating the rules stated in the present document or any legal rule in force.

Restrictions

1. The resources made available by the RCTS Backbone Service must not be sold to a third part by the related entities. In certain cases, yet always subject to the previous permission from FCCN, agreements might be established between several entities for sharing the costs of a RCTS Backbone Gate, to which, however, cannot be bound any profitable purposes. The entities hereby involved must always fit in the institutional range RCTS Backbone Service is intended to serve, as stated in number 1 of General Principles.
2. An UE, with an Access Gate to RCTS, is not authorized to grant the access to another person, individual or collective, without the previous permission from FCCN. Whenever permission is granted for this type of access, FCCN will act as if the person (individual or collective) was part of the UE internal organization, not being due to FCCN the obligation to render any service to it. In this way, the UE shall be responsible for the RCTS usage carried out by the

third entity.

3. A person (individual or collective) not possessing its own Access Gate is not authorized to grant the access to another person, individual or collective.
4. It is not permitted any RCTS usage harmfully interfering with other users, equipments or services.
5. Any unauthorized access to the services/informations made available by the RCTS Backbone Service is considered as misuse, and is penalized as such.

Non-fulfilment

1. FCCN's Board of Directors will analyse, in a casuistical manner, possible delations on the non-fulfilment of what is established in this document. If proven, the involved entities will be notified, and should rectify their situation immediately, under the penalty of being disconnected from RCTS.
2. In extreme cases, and to prevent further damages, the Board of Directors might decide, unilaterally, to temporarily disconnect a person, individual or collective. In such cases, FCCN will make every effort to notify the involved entities before the disconnection, restoring the connection as soon as it is considered safe.
3. Whenever a connection is unilaterally deactivated, FCCN commits itself to send, in three days at most, by fax or express mail, an explanatory technical report properly justified.

Responsibility

FCCN does not undertake any responsibility for the RCTS Backbone Service usage whenever it entails any action against the law or the present rules; such responsibility is incumbent on the UE.