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European eduroam Confederation Policy Declaration

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1. Confederation organisation

1.1 Confederation objective

The European eduroam Confederation provides the 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 eduroam Service Definition document. Please refer to the Service Definition document when reading this Policy Declaration. 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 National Roaming Operators (NROs) are, in most cases, NRENs participating in the GÉANT project. If an NRO is not the NREN itself, then that NRO is required to have a well-defined relationship with the NREN.

See the eduroam Service Definition document for a description of roles and responsibilities of the bodies involved in the operation and governance of the European eduroam Confederation.

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 declaration (Annex A), thereby committing to its implementation.
- The national roaming 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 the European eduroam Service Definition document.

If the eduroam operational team (OT) confirms that the federation has signed the membership agreement and adheres to the technical requirements for participating federations, the eduroam steering group (SG) can, on behalf of the NREN PC, 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 European eduroam Confederation.

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, etc.).

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.

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.

