

## **EaPConnect – setting the scene** Yerevan, 25 September 2019

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### Eastern Partnership countries face societal challenges





Digital Security Climate change

Cultural loss

Digital economy

Healthcare

Brain drain



### Researchers & students need tailor-made internet networks to...





Exchange data securely, reliably & cost-effectively Participate in international collaborations Increase knowledge & opportunities even in remote areas

# This is what NRENs offer



### EaPConnect – what is it about?





### **€13.7M** (95%)

European Commission co-funded project

### 1 July - 30 June **2015 2020**

5-year project





Reduction of digital divide

Support of the science, research and education sectors



### Project partnerships









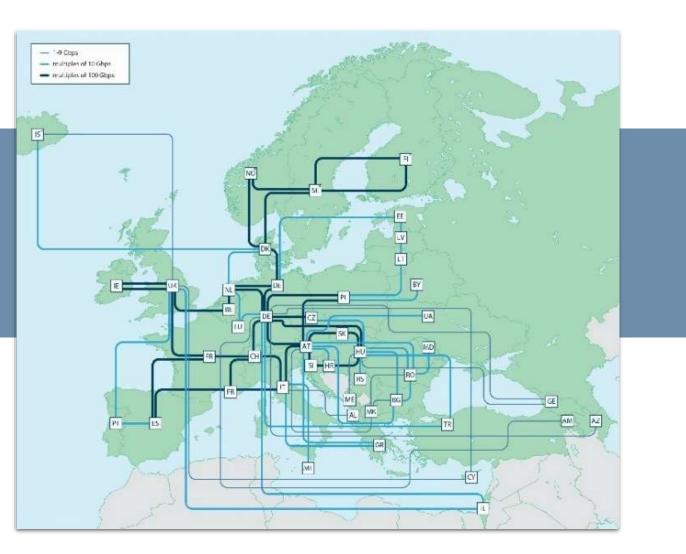
GÉANT Association supports and represents over 40 NRENs across Europe. Together they support over 10,000 institutions and 50 million academic users.



### The GÉANT Network



The GÉANT network interconnects research, education and innovation communities worldwide, with secure, high-capacity networks.





### The GÉANT organisation



To provide an open, innovative and trusted information infrastructure for the European knowledge economy and to the benefit of society worldwide



A membership association for Europe's National Research & Education Networks (NRENs) GÉANT Association



**Coordinates and participates in EC-funded projects** Under Horizon 2020 the financial instrument for implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness



**Operates a pan-European e-infrastructure with connections to all regions of the world** GÉANT network



Manages a portfolio of services for research & education EduX



**Organises and runs community events & working groups** TNC, task forces & special interest groups

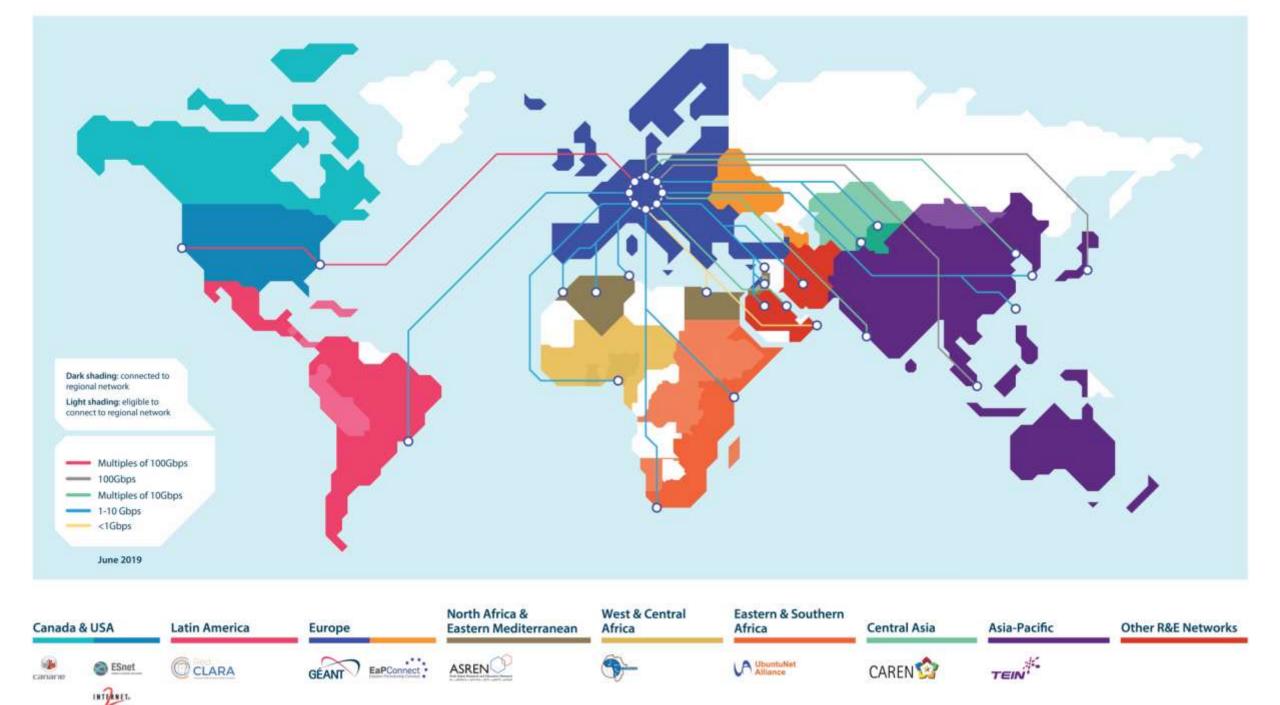


### Projects



GÉANT is a trusted European Commission (EC) partner in many global collaboration projects and initiatives through our special relationship with the European Union.

European e-infrastructure projects	Trust & identity projects	Network projects	Collaborative projects
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# Human capacity building

- EaPEC conference
- Enlighten Your Research (EYR) @EAP

- Improving EaP NRENs self-sustainability
- Integration into the GÉANT R&E community
- Adoption of new services and technologies
- Increase of connectivity in the region

Main project activities





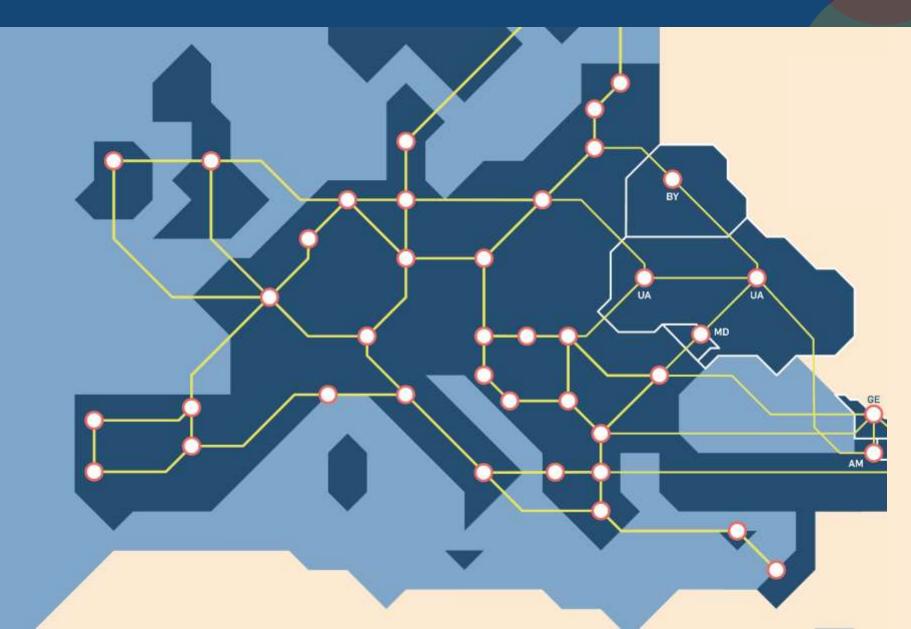
# Strengthening connectivity within the EaP region and to Europe





### Working towards resilience and inclusion





### Supporting services for R&E development





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### Growth of average daily traffic 2018 vs. 2017







### **Capacity Building - Trainings and Workshops**





# Raising visibility of partners & services at EaPEC events



Showcasing NRENs, GÉANT & e-infrastructures

350 participants over 3 conferences

Researchers, students, policy makers, NGOs etc.

Each project partner takes a turn 'in the spotlight'

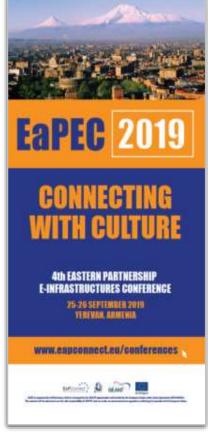
TV, radio, press & online media coverage

Host gains contacts with ministries, institutions









### Enlighten Your Research (EYR)

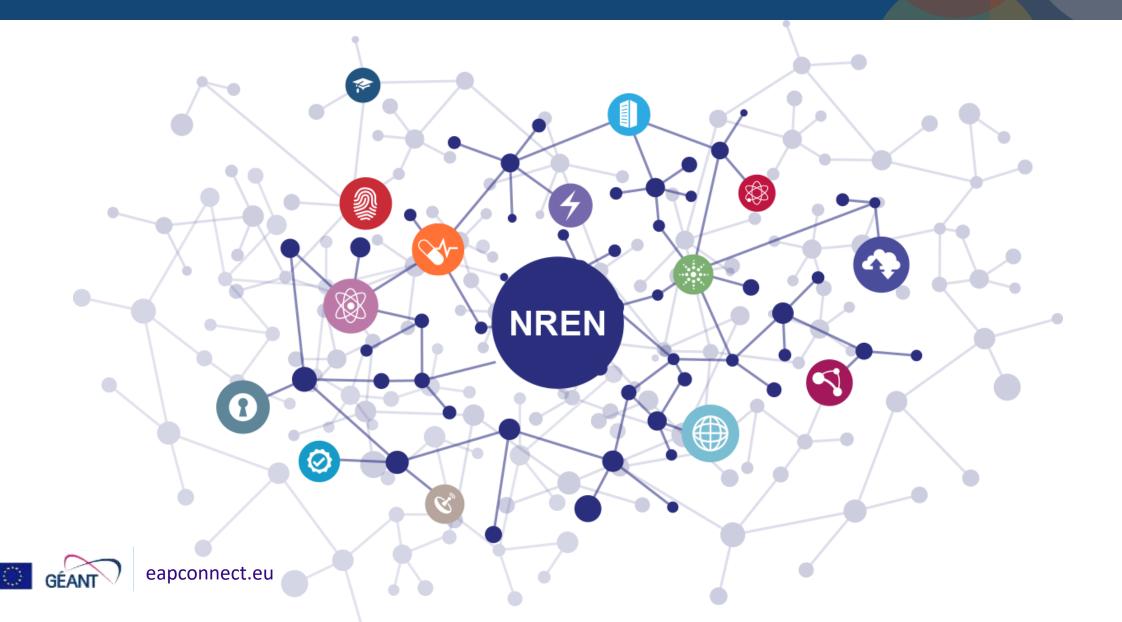


### Success! 15 winner projects during 3 years.



### Helping EaP NRENs to be at the heart of their R&E communities





### Real benefit for people in the EaP region

EaPConnect \*

supports particle physics research

EaPConnect and URAN\* give Ukrainian researchers

access to large amounts of experimental data from the

Large Hadron Collider, allowing them to contribute to

networks for research and education across the Eastern Partnership.

international research collaborations.

bit.ly/URAN-KIPT

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#### EaPConnect \* prevents extreme weather damage



bit.ly/ASNET-weathe

EaPConnect supports the development and use of high-capacity Internet networks for research and education across the Eastern Partnership. \*ASNET-AM + Academic Scientific Research Network of Armenia







EaPConnect and BASNET\* connect Belarusian researchers to High-Performance Computing resources, allowing them to develop new methods and software to improve computerised disease diagnosis.

bit.ly/basnet-medical









EaPConnect and GRENA\* promote cybersecurity awareness and skills development among young people and the public in Georgia through contests and a training portal, provided in collaboration with national and international partners. bit to/CRENA security

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EaPConnect and RENAM\* provide cloud infrastructure and guidence on Open Data and Open Science to support environmental education activities that will equip Moldovans to preactively prepare for floods and drought. bit.tv/RENAM-environ

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# Thank you! Any questions?



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