

# Sponsorship Agreement

This agreement is made on xx xxx 2015

Between:

GÉANT Association, Amsterdam Office, Singel 468 D, Amsterdam, 1017 AW, The Netherlands  
here referred to as "GÉANT"

And:

Here referred to as "Sponsoring organisation"

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The Parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1 REFEDS works on behalf of the Research and Education Federation Operators worldwide to discuss (inter)federation issues and to work towards best practices to facilitate interoperability. The GÉANT Association provides the secretariat for REFEDS. REFEDS meets at-least twice a year, and manages its work throughout the year via an annual workplan.
- 2 The purpose of REFEDs is to serve the mutual needs of the worldwide community of Research and Education Identity Federations. Collaboration in this area is needed:
  - to reach outside the Research and Education (R&E) community to enable federated access in the larger world;
  - to create community best-practices and promote them;
  - to support emerging R&E federations;
  - to discuss policy issues and whenever possible to harmonize them to ease inter-operability.
- 3 Participation in REFEDs is open to anyone, without payment. However REFEDs participants are invited to become 'REFEDs Sponsors', i.e. to provide funding for REFEDs work in addition to contributing effort.
- 4 REFEDS Sponsorship is on four levels:

Levels	Fee
Platinum	10000 euro or more
Gold	6000 euro
Silver	3000 euro
Bronze	1000 euro

**BRONZE:** Organisations that regularly send attendees to REFEDS meetings or participate on the mailing list are encouraged to become BRONZE sponsors. This



will ensure that REFEDS is able to maintain its basic infrastructure to support this engagement (mailing lists, website, wiki) and ensure that REFEDS can offer attendance at meetings for free to all attendees.

**SILVER:** Organisations that wish to shape the content of the yearly workplan are encouraged to become SILVER members. Without these contributions, REFEDS would not be able to run an active yearly work plan. SILVER contributions will ensure that we can allocate time to work-items over the course of any given year and support the development and execution of the yearly workplan.

**GOLD:** Organisations that actively use REFEDS outputs are encouraged to become GOLD members. This may be organisations that use tools such as Entity Category definitions or documentation such as the FOP guidelines, Discovery Guidelines or other templates. This sponsorship will ensure time allocation for the REFEDS Coordinators or other external consultants to ensure that these activities are sustained in the long-term.

**PLATINUM:** Organisations that wish REFEDS to pursue specific goals to support their own identity management roadmap are encouraged to become PLATINUM sponsors. Platinum sponsors will enable REFEDS to be truly innovative and responsive as an organisation. Platinum sponsors will be given the opportunity to help plan and direct workitems on the REFEDS workplan each year.

5 The Sponsoring Organisation has agreed to sponsor REFEDS according to the level shown below on an annual basis. In return, the Sponsoring Organisation shall receive:

- A seat on the REFEDS sponsor committee (see 6);
- Recognition of sponsorship at the given level on the REFEDS website;
- An annual report from REFEDS on the work carried out within any given year with the detailed break down of the expenditures;
- The opportunity to approve the workplan and priorities proposed by the REFEDS Steering Committee;
- The opportunity to nominate candidates for the REFEDS Steering Committee.

6 The **REFEDS sponsor committee** consists of one representative of each of the sponsoring organisations. The committee will meet twice per year: once after the REFEDS Steering Committee has ratified the REFEDS plan and once towards the end of the REFEDS year to gather the feedback from the sponsors. Dedicated meetings between members of the REFEDS sponsor committee and REFEDS coordinators can be organised on demand.

7 This agreement shall operate from the date shown above. The GÉANT Association will automatically invoice the Sponsoring Organisation annually alongside delivery of the annual report and the annual workplan. Should the Sponsoring Organisation wish to cease sponsorship it should inform the GÉANT Association no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December of the year preceding the sponsorship year.

Sponsorship level: .....

Signed



On behalf of GÉANT Association:

On behalf of the Sponsoring Organisation:

at Amsterdam

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