The need for federation harmonisation

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Process for an SP joining eduGAIN

HO=Home Organisation

1. SP opts-in to get exposed to eduGAIN
2. HOs decide if they consume SP’s metadata
3. HOs decide what attributes to release (DP Code of Conduct may help here)
4. SP decides which HO’s metadata to consume

This is too complicated!
Service Provider communities will find an easier way!
e.g. Social network identity or issue local uid/pwd
The current model won’t fly in a large scale

Why do we have this complexity??
- Because the federations have unequal policies!
- Each Provider is bound by its local federation policy
  => Opt-in principle – A Provider acknowledges it understanding that the peer Provider is playing with different rules

How to overcome this?
- Need to harmonise our federation policies
- To the extend that a Provider knows all peer Providers are playing with (sufficiently) similar rules