

## The need for federation harmonisation

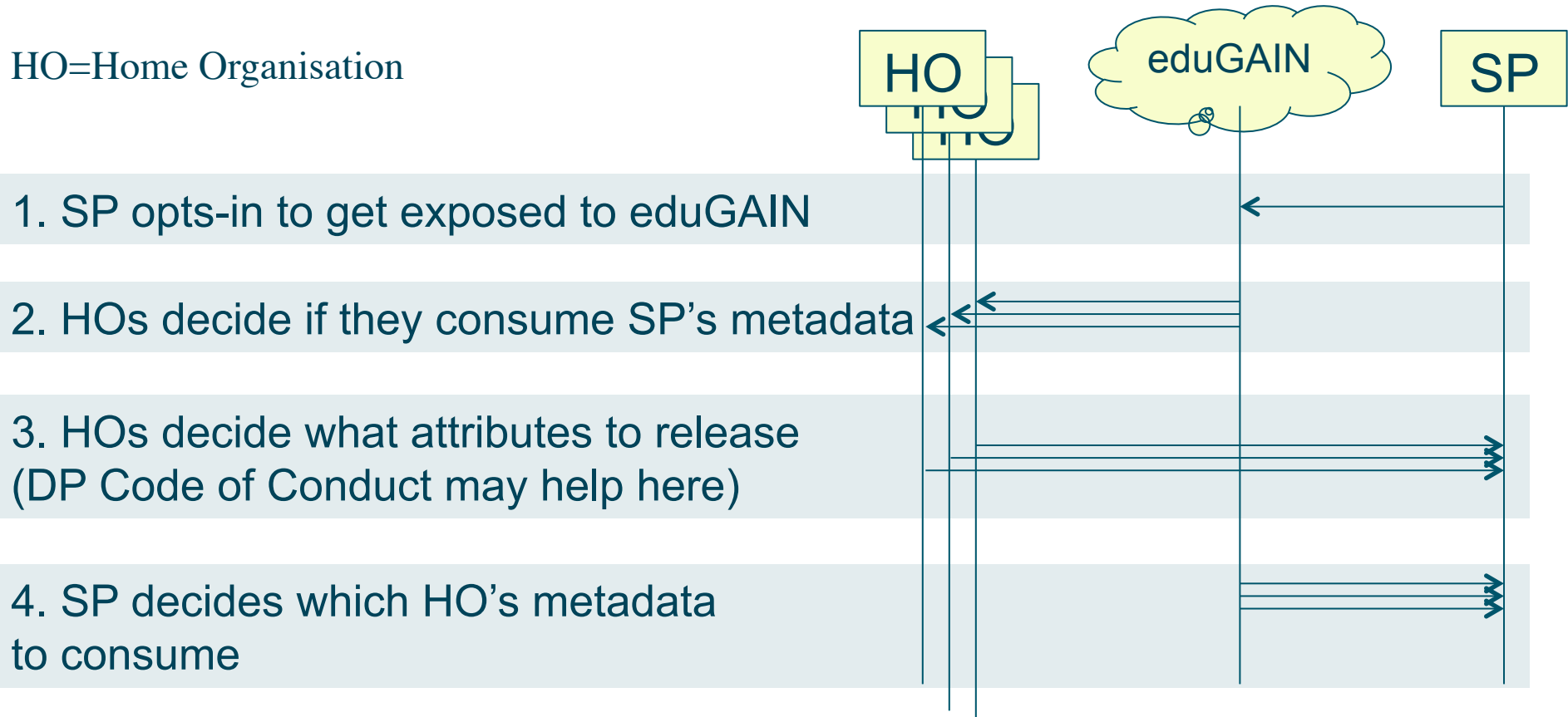
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# Process for an SP joining eduGAIN



HO=Home Organisation



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 extent that a Provider knows all peer Providers are playing with (sufficiently) similar rules