

GÉANT Project Receives ‘Excellent’ Accolade From European Commission



Independent review awards highest rating to European project

The GÉANT project, which includes the high-speed data network serving 50 million research and education users across Europe, has received ‘Excellent’, the highest possible rating in a European Commission review. This puts GÉANT in the top 10% of all EC-funded projects.

The GÉANT network is among the world’s most advanced networking infrastructures. It interconnects Europe’s National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) and provides worldwide connectivity to some of the biggest science projects of our time: from nuclear fusion research to sequencing the human genome, health, high-energy physics, deep-space research, food security and geohazards.

Research and education increasingly relies on massive amounts of data and the remote teams who collaborate on that data, making the 500 Gbps GÉANT network and its associated services vitally important.

Cambridgeshire-based MEP Vicky Ford said: "I have visited the GÉANT project in Cambridge and have seen, first hand, the innovative work they do, creating the necessary communications infrastructure for cutting-edge, world-leading research. I am delighted that their efforts have been recognised."

Matthew Scott and Niels Hersoug, Joint Project Managers of GÉANT said "The last four years have seen a step change in how the network and its services facilitates innovation within the European Research and Education community. This gives us the ability to remain one step ahead of growing data needs. It is an incredible achievement from all the project participants and fantastic to have all that effort formally recognised."

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