



# GÉANT COMMUNITY PROGRAMME: BACK IN FULL SWING AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK

Collaboration across teams in different geographic locations and disciplines is crucial to the GÉANT community. Task Forces (TFs) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) help GÉANT, NRENs and other Research & Education bodies to collaborate, share experience and guide future developments of networking services, technology and also a variety of non-technical topics.

Are you new to the community? Have you ever heard about the Community Programme? Would like to learn more about the SIGs and TFs? Here's an overview of some of these busy groups, their roles, plus dates and locations of their forthcoming meetings. Most of these groups' calendars are full with events scheduled to take place in the next couple of months, giving all participants something exciting to look forward to after their summer vacations.

**SIG-CISS**, the Cloudy Interoperable Software Stacks team that shares and collaborates on infrastructure stacks, platforms and research workflows, will meet in Berlin, at DFN's premises, on 16 November.

**SIG-ISM**, the Information Security Management team that develops security expertise and excellence within the NREN community, will meet in Luxembourg on 15-16 October.

**SIG-MSP**, the Management of Service Portfolios team supporting management across the product life cycle and sharing service ideas, will meet in Belgrade, Serbia on 3-4 October.

**SIG-NGN**, the Next Generation Networks team that promotes and facilitates knowledge exchange and collaboration on developments in networking technologies, will hold its first official meeting in Rome, hosted by GARR, on 22-23 November.

**SIG-NOC**, the Network Operations Centres team that shares and creates common best practices for the organisation and management of Network Operations Centres will meet in Rome, hosted by GARR, on 21-22 November.

**SIG-PMV**, the Performance Monitoring and Verification team that identifies and establishes best practices for wired/wireless networks, will meet in Manchester, UK on 23-24 October.

For further information on the GÉANT Community Programme, visit [https://www.geant.org/People/Community\\_Programme/Pages/Home.aspx](https://www.geant.org/People/Community_Programme/Pages/Home.aspx)

If you are interested in joining any of these groups or the GÉANT Community Slack workspace, please contact Nicole Harris at [nicole.harris@geant.org](mailto:nicole.harris@geant.org).