Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Enlighten Your Research – India2Europe

Why EYR-India2Europe?

Many fields of research are exponentially producing more data and facing challenges with data transit, processing, and storage.[1] Turning these data into scientific discovery, making this data available to collaborators, or publishing the results are creating many new challenges for researchers.

Enlighten Your Research (EYR) is an internationally renowned program that encourages collaboration between researchers using specialised IT, network and e-infrastructure services to help solve these growing data requirements.

NKN and GÉANT are organizing the first program, EYR-India2Europe, between Europe and India for 2018, with support from a number of National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) and e-infrastructures in Europe, such as PRACE and OpenAIRE. EYR-India2Europe is a program designed to increase the use and awareness of e-infrastructure resources between the two regions in various fields of research.

How is the EYR program structured?

The EYR program awards selected projects with expert engineering support, consultation, and collaboration to guide and enhance researchers' workflows.

- **The first round** consists of researchers submitting proposals describing their work and what bottlenecks or problems they have within their research wofklow. Then, the organizing committee will select a shortlist of proposals will be invited to submit a final proposal.
- **The final proposal** consists of a consultation team working with the main applicant to elaborate on technical, organizational, and financial requirements in a final proposal document which is reviewed by engineers for technical feasibility with qualified teams.
- **Project approval:** A selection of final proposals is accepted into the EYR program.

What does an awarded project receive?

The final selected EYR-India2Europe project proposals can receive the following services (but are not limited to this list) depending on their proposal request and technical requirements:

- Network services
- Cloud resources
- Computing resources

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[1] "Beyond the Data Deluge": http://science.sciencemag.org/content/323/5919/1297.full; and "What drives academic data sharing"? https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4340811/

Additionally, the final selected projects will receive:

- A representative of the Indian partner will be invited to attend the NKN Annual Workshop on Cybersecurity in April 2018 in Varanasi, India and to present the research project at this conference;
- Opportunity to present their research project at the workshop;
- Support and advice on end-to-end network connectivity and use of services;
- Commitment to an agreed level of (network) resource provisioning and support for 1 year.

What are e-infrastructure services?

e-Infrastructures are a collection of information systems used to process, store, or transport data connected seamlessly through computer networks (internet) and software, regardless of the systems' physical location. e-Infrastructure services allow users to easily perform a task (such as place data in a storage system) on the e-infrastructure usually through some type of user interface.

What is the timeline for this year's edition?

Time	Description
Monday, 8 January 2018	Call for Participation opens for 1st round proposals
Wednesday, 31 January 2018	Deadline for 1st round proposals submissions
Thursday, 8 February 2018	Notification of 1st round proposals are sent via email
February 2018	Consultation meetings with researchers and experts will be held
Thursday, 1 March 2018	Final proposals are due
Thursday, 15 March 2018	Awarded proposals are announced
Beginning of April 2018	Award Ceremony at NKN Conference in Varanasi
May 2018 - May 2019	Awarded projects are implemented

What kind of projects can be submitted?

- **Research disciplines:** the program is open to any academic discipline.
- **Geographic Scope:** The projects may be international in scope (that is, involving more than 1 country). At least one of these countries must have an NREN that is part of the EYR-India2Europe Organizing Partners. Please note that GÉANT connects European

NREN organizations, therefore, any European institution connected to their country's NREN should be applicable to this program. Please visit the GÉANT membership and organization page.

Who can be on the project team?
- **Researchers:** the program is open to researchers at any level of expertise.
- **Team composition:** Each team must consist of a minimum of two researchers affiliated with different institutions in different participating countries, and respective network coordinators. The teams may be as large as necessary to accommodate project needs.

Which organizations are participating?
EYR-India2Europe is organized by the Organizing Partners and supported by collaborating organizations: XXX{website link}.

Where can I find additional information about the program?
We encourage you to reference all the materials on the website, where you will be able to find information about the proposal process, the program terms and conditions, templates and guidelines of proposal documents.

I am a network engineer. Should I be the main applicant on the proposal?
The main applicant must be a researcher who takes part in the program on behalf of his or her institution. Additionally, the main applicant must be affiliated with a research institution that is connected to the organizing NRENs (GÉANT/GÉANT members and NKN).
Visit the GÉANT and/or NKN webpages for more information.

What are the main applicant's responsibilities?
The main applicant is the team member considered as the administrative contact. As such, he/she will be responsible for communicating with the EYR-India2Europe organizing committee, with other applicant institutions, and with all the members of the team, as defined in the draft and final proposals.

How many network coordinators are required?
For the draft proposal, it is sufficient to include one network coordinator per participating institute in the team, however, more than one may participate (and is appreciated).

What kind of resources may be required from the network coordinator?
The team member assigned to this task is responsible for ICT and/or communication with the ICT department within their own institute. Every participating institute should provide and name one network coordinator. If a network connection is required, the network coordinator must be able to approve its establishment within the institutes involved.

We have 3 projects that would benefit from advanced networking capabilities. Can we only submit one?

There is no limit on the number of proposals submitted - teams may submit multiple proposals.

How many proposals will I be required to submit throughout the program?

The program consists of two rounds and as such calls for the submission of two proposals. The first, draft proposal, is based on the online form made available on the program website and must be submitted by 31 January 2018. If your proposal is approved, your team will work with an assigned network engineer to develop and submit a second, final proposal, by 1 March 2018.

Is there a specific format that my proposal should follow?

Yes, your proposals should adhere to the guidelines described in the *Call for proposals* and the *Submission guidelines* that can be found, along with other document templates, on the website you can find and download all the documents needed. All proposals must be submitted in English.

Please note that applicants retain the intellectual property rights to their proposal.
Further guidelines and criteria for elaborating the proposals in the second round will be communicated to the main applicant upon approval of the first round proposal.

Can more than one team from my institution participate?

Yes, several teams from the same institution can participate, provided each team submits a separate proposal.

What will be required from my institution?

Your institution must approve and support all proposals that you submit. Additionally, as part of the final proposal, the institutions of the participating researchers must ensure the availability of the required local infrastructure and facilities, and moreover ensure their cooperation in integrating the awarded services.

Are there any additional obligations after receiving the award?

The EYR-India2Europe organizing committee reserves the right to use the awarded proposals for publicity and promotion via different media channels. The awarded teams will cooperate with the organizing NRENs on publicity and communications and will act as ambassadors for e-Infrastructure services as demonstrated in their proposal, for example by giving presentations at conferences or taking part in interviews.

Can you tell me more about the selection process?

The EYR-India2Europe organizing committee will appoint a selection committee and will

determine and undertake a diligent proposal selection. The selection committee acts in good faith in granting the awards, and reserves the right not to grant awards.

Decisions made by the EYR-India2Europe organizing committee regarding the interpretation of the Terms and Conditions and the awarding decisions are binding and final.

Disclaimer

- The participating teams are responsible for the content and nature of their submission to the EYR-India2Europe program.
- The participating teams are responsible for ensuring that no legal obligations, no rules of public order or decency and no rights of third parties are violated, according to the laws of the countries involved. They must also ensure that their submission results in no unlawful act and/or in no damage to others. Teams indemnify the organizing NRENs from any and all costs and damages that could result from infringing on these and other obligations.
- No rights can be derived from suggestions and instructional materials provided by the organizing NRENs regarding the EYR program.
- Under certain unforeseen circumstances, the organizing NRENs reserve the right to change the Terms and Conditions of the program at any time. The latest version of this document can be found on the website.