



## Terms and Conditions

### Enlighten Your Research – India2Europe

Enlighten Your Research – India2Europe (EYR-India2Europe) is organized by NKN and GÉANT and a number of supporting organizations.

#### 1. Definitions

The website:	<a href="https://www.geant.org/News and Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx">https://www.geant.org/News and Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx</a>
NREN:	National Research and Education Network
Organizing partners:	For the list of organizing NRENs visit here: <a href="https://www.geant.org/News and Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx">https://www.geant.org/News and Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx</a>
Program:	Enlighten Your Research – India2Europe
Organizing Committee:	A team comprised of representatives from each NREN responsible for organizing the program.
Applicant:	Anyone who submits a draft proposal or anyone who is named in the draft proposal as a team member.
Team:	All the people mentioned as members/co-applicants in the submitted draft and/or final proposal.
Main applicant:	The team member (a researcher) that will be considered the administrative contact and will be responsible for communicating with the Enlighten Your Research – India2Europe organizing committee, with other applicant institutions, and with all the members of the team, as defined in the draft and final proposals.
Co-applicant:	A co-applicant can be of any type, such as (but not limited to) research and other partners.
Network	The team member 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.



Participating	An institute is participating when people from that institute are team members mentioned in a submitted draft proposal.
Draft	The submitted 1 <sup>st</sup> round proposal, based on the template made available on the program website.
Final proposal:	The proposal submitted in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of the application process, which only approved applicants from the 1 <sup>st</sup> round are invited to submit.

## 2. Applicants and application teams

### Applicant and team requirements for proposals:

- 1) **International project:** Each team must consist of a minimum of two researchers affiliated with different institutions in Europe and India.
- 2) **Main Applicant:**
  - a) Each team needs to assign one of their members as the main applicant. This member will be considered the administrative contact and will also be responsible for communication between the involved institutions.
  - b) The main applicant must be a researcher in India or Europe who takes part in the program on behalf of his or her institution.
  - c) The main applicant must be affiliated with a research institution that is connected to the Organizing Partners (GÉANT, a [European NREN](#) or [NKN](#)).
- 3) **Co-applicants:** Co-applicants can be of any type, such as (but not limited to) research and other partners. This information will be requested in the final proposal template.
- 4) **Network coordinator:** For the draft proposal, it is sufficient to include one network coordinator in the team, however, more than one may participate (and is appreciated). If a network connection is involved, the network coordinator must be able to approve its establishment within all the involved institutions. This information will be requested in the final proposal template.
- 5) **Other:**
  - All team members – including the network coordinator(s) – need to give their (written) approval to the final proposal.



- Teams may submit multiple proposals.
- Several teams from the same institute can participate, provided each team submits a separate proposal.

### Second round – the final proposal

- 1) Only teams with approved draft proposals from the first round will be asked to submit a final proposal.
- 2) Each team must include at least one network coordinator. If a network connection is involved, the network coordinator must be able to approve its establishment within all the involved institutions.
- 3) Likewise, all team members – including the network coordinator(s) and the institution coordinator(s) – need to give their (written) approval to the final proposal.

### 3. Submission details

- Draft proposals must be submitted using the link on the website [https://www.geant.org/News\\_and\\_Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx](https://www.geant.org/News_and_Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx). The applicants will receive e-mail confirmation of their submission.
- The deadline for submission of the draft proposal is 31 January 2018.

### 4. Application process

- The application process consists of two rounds:
  - \* The first round consists of a draft proposal submitted on the website. Eligible proposals will continue to the second round.
  - \* The second round consists of a set of consultation meetings to prepare a final proposal with technical requirements.
- The subject of the proposal can be chosen freely and may involve any field of research.
- The draft and final proposals must 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 [https://www.geant.org/News\\_and\\_Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx](https://www.geant.org/News_and_Events/Pages/Enlighten-Your-Research-India2Europe.aspx).
- Both the draft proposal and the final proposal should be submitted in English.
- Applicants retain the intellectual property rights to their proposal.
- A consultation team from the organizing NRENs will contact the qualified candidates of the first round and their ICT department(s) to discuss the technical, organizational and financial feasibility of the proposal. The outcomes of this discussion should be incorporated into the final 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.
- The EYR-India2Europe organizing committee reserves the right to use the awarded proposals for publicity and promotion via different media channels. The awarded teams can cooperate with the Organizing Partners on publicity and communications and act as



ambassadors for e-Infrastructure services as demonstrated in their proposal, for example by giving presentations at conferences or taking part in interviews.

## 5. The selection procedure

- The selection procedure consists of two stages.
  - \* In the first stage, the selection committee reviews all draft proposal submissions and compiles a shortlist of the proposals that are eligible for the next round.
- In the second stage, the selection committee will choose the final proposals. Representatives of the organizing NRENs will form the selection committee.
- The qualified candidates from the first round will be notified no later than February 2018.
- Teams that qualify to the second round must submit the final proposal no later than March 2018.
- Teams that agree to submit their final proposal are obliged to provide the consultation team with the necessary information to determine the technical, organizational and financial feasibility of the proposal. The outcomes of discussions with the consultation team should be incorporated into the final proposal.
- The awarded projects will be announced at the NKN Annual Workshop on Cybersecurity in Varanasi.
- Implementation and integration of the awarded services and/or support will start after December 2018.

## 6. Awarded services or resources

The awarded teams receive the following:

1. An invitation for a representative of the Indian partner to attend the NKN Annual Workshop on Cybersecurity in April 2018 in Varanasi, India <sup>1</sup>;
2. Opportunity to present their research project at the Annual NKN workshop;
3. Support and advice on end-to-end network connectivity and use of services;
4. Commitment to an agreed level of (network) resource provisioning and support for 1 year.

## 7. Project selection procedures

- In principle, the EYR-India2Europe organizing committee will correspond only with the main applicant, via e-mail and/or telephone. He/she needs to ensure that he/she can be contacted through an operational e-mail address, which should be made known to the EYR-India2Europe organizing committee.
- The EYR-India2Europe organizing committee will appoint a selection committee and will determine and undertake a diligent and transparent proposal selection.

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<sup>1</sup> The NKN Annual Workshop is a high-level event organised by NKN with attendance by invitation only.



- 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 these terms and conditions and the awarding decisions are binding and final.

#### **8. 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-India2Europe program.
- Under certain unforeseen circumstances, the organizing partners 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.