

To: Co-Presidents of RENAM Association
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Dear Co-Presidents of RENAM Association

I am writing to you regarding GÉANT's cooperation with the Republic of Moldova.

The GÉANT Association operates the leading e-infrastructure and complementary services for research and education in Europe. The pan-European GÉANT network interconnects Europe's national research and education networks (NRENs) with high bandwidth, high speed and a highly resilient backbone. The GÉANT network connects over 50 million European researchers, academics and students to each other and links them to over 100 other countries globally. This network is essential for the European research and education community and supports Open Science with an exascale ready e-infrastructure and advanced networking services for trusted access. Without such an e-infrastructure and associated services, Moldovan researchers would struggle to collaborate with their counterparts, both in Europe and across the world.

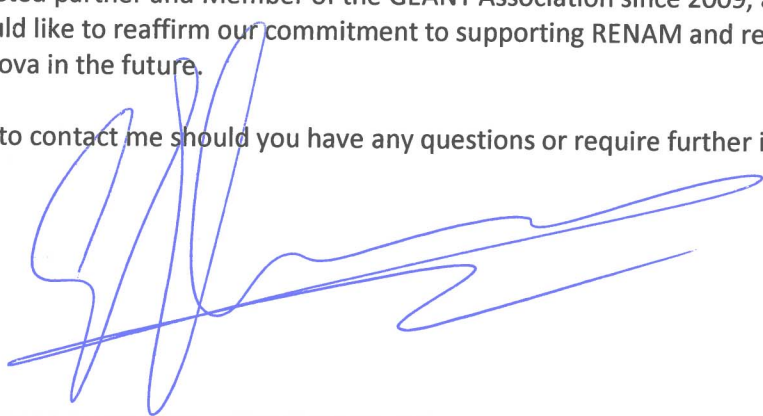
Partner NRENs deliver innovative services to research and educational institutions in order to empower international research and education on a non-commercial, not for profit basis. The main role of RENAM Association as the internationally recognised NREN of the Republic of Moldova is to provide connectivity, networking and specific GÉANT services. RENAM is a trusted partner of GÉANT, offering the necessary end user support directly to Moldovan research, educational, cultural and medical organisations. I would like to emphasise that connectivity to the GÉANT network and access to associated services cannot be commercialised or resold, as that would be in violation of our statutes and European competition laws. Nor can it be provided to any eligible legal or natural entity other than directly via a partner NREN that is a member of the GÉANT Association. Any infringement of the aforementioned conditions will be seriously considered, and appropriate measures will be taken if deemed necessary to protect the legal position of GÉANT and its members.

RENAM has been a trusted partner and Member of the GÉANT Association since 2009, and despite this complication I would like to reaffirm our commitment to supporting RENAM and research and education within Moldova in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Erik Huizer
Chief Executive Officer
GÉANT Association

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Dr Erik Huizer, written over the signature line.