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## Enlighten Your Research -travels around the world

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Enlighten Your Research (EYR) is a program designed to increase the use and awareness of e-infrastructure resources in various fields of research. The goal of this EYR is to provide access and support for network, compute, and storage resources to meet the growing data needs of research, in addition to inspiring new and understanding existing collaborations between Europe and another major regions of the world such as India with the NKN Network or the Eastern European Partnership (EaP) countries.

The first EYR programme was started by SURFnet, the Dutch research and education network, to disseminate the adoption of point-to-point network connections for research collaborations. Over a couple of iterations of the Dutch EYR programme, and trying to further meet the needs of researchers, resources from other e-infrastructures (such as high performance computing hours, or programming expertise to process researchers' data), were also included in the programme 'awards'. The idea of the EYR programmes has now been taken up by GEANT to foster international research collaborations and to promote the use of GÉANT's global links connecting European e-infrastructure resources.

This Lightning Talk will feature the challenges of running the international programme Enlighten Your Research (EYR) as regional editions with the objective to initiate challenging international research collaborations in Networking and Data-Intensive Research and to foster cooperation between the pan-European e-infrastructure GÉANT and NREN Associations from other regions of the world.

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## **Summary**

This Lightning Talk will feature the challenges of running the international programme Enlighten Your Research (EYR) in collaboration with the pan-European e-infrastructure GÉANT, and major NRENs in different regions around the world. We will describe the different starting conditions we faced, our approaches on how to address our target audiences, the factors which decided on the type of proposals submitted and the efforts taken to support the selected proposals. We will give an overview of successful award-winning proposals of EYR –India2Europe and EYR@EaPConnect and we will outline future plans for running EYR around the world.

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