

OCRE 2024 Framework:

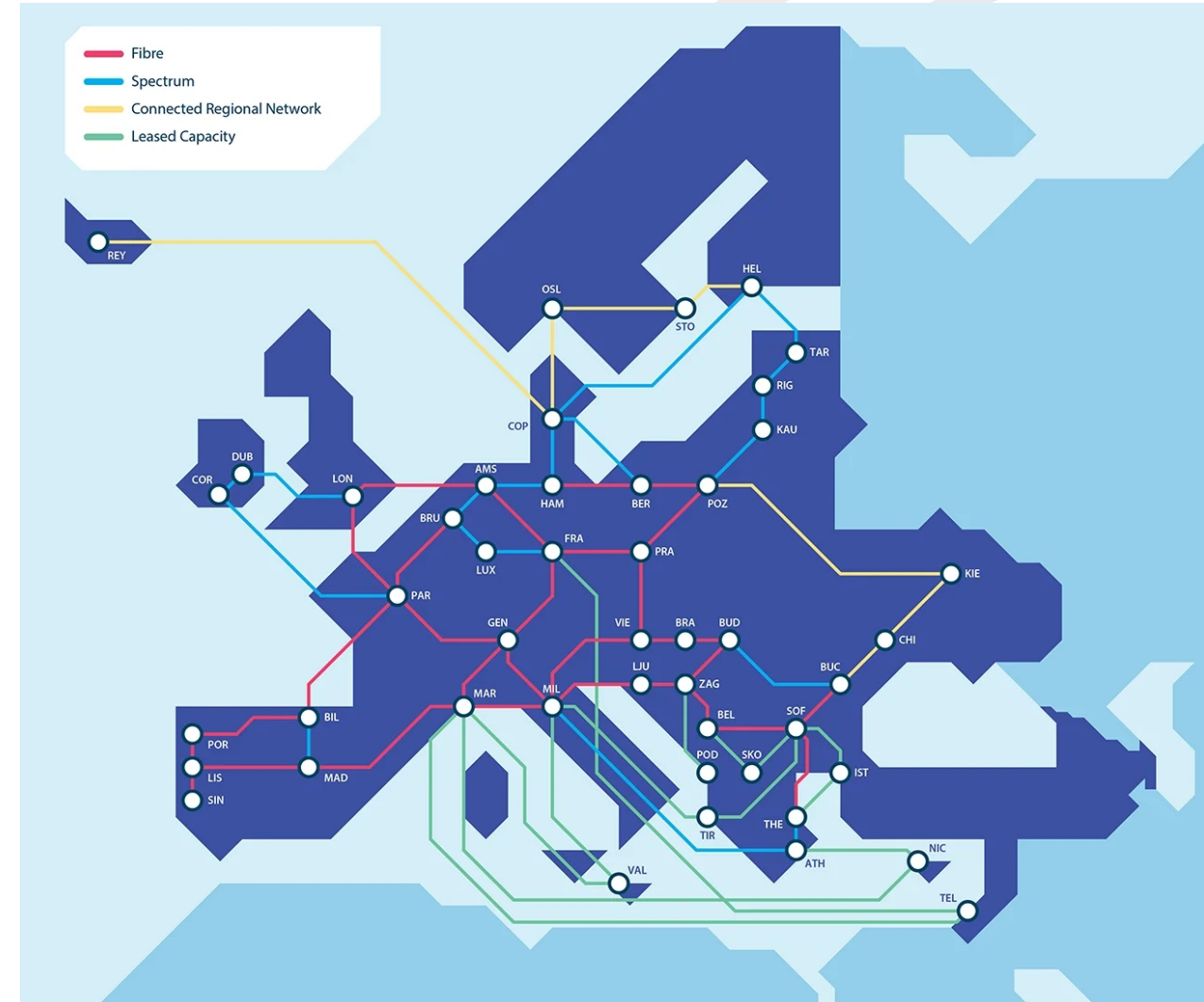
key aspects and benefits

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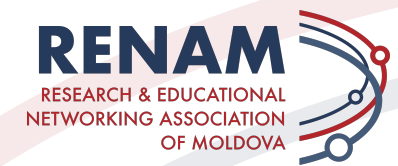
Infoshare 'OCRE 2024 Framework in Moldova', online, September 23, 2025

GÉANT vision

To ensure equal network access **and services** for all scientists across Europe to the research infrastructures and the e-infrastructure resources available to them.



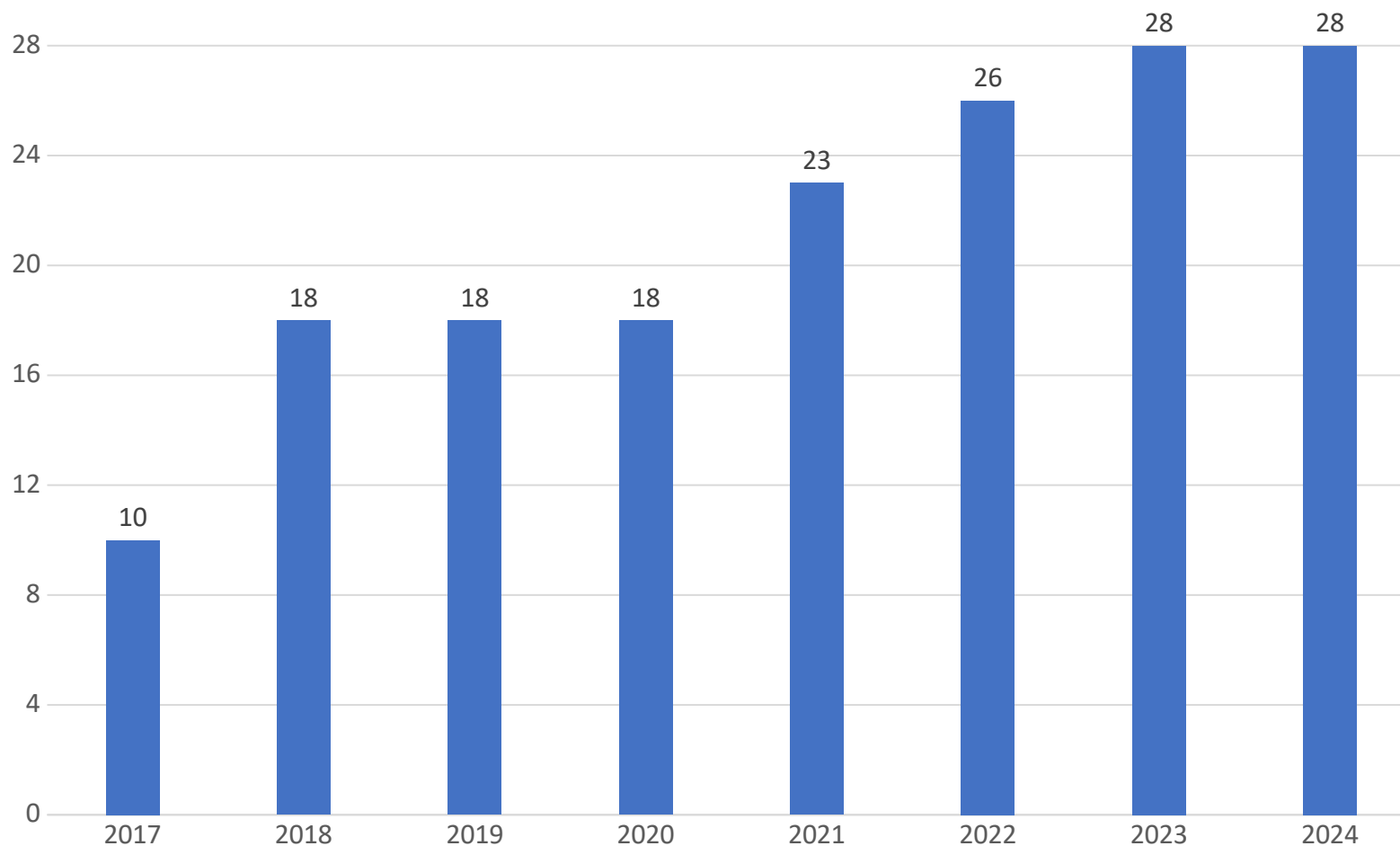
Drivers of cloud adoption in R&E sector



- **Pandemic-driven transformation:** COVID-19 accelerated remote learning and digital collaboration
- **Simplified procurement:** OCRE framework streamlined access to cloud services
- **Cost efficiency:** “Pay-as-you-go” models and scalable resources
- **Innovation & collaboration:** cloud tools enhanced research and educational collaboration
- **Advanced technologies:** support for AI, ML, and big data analytics

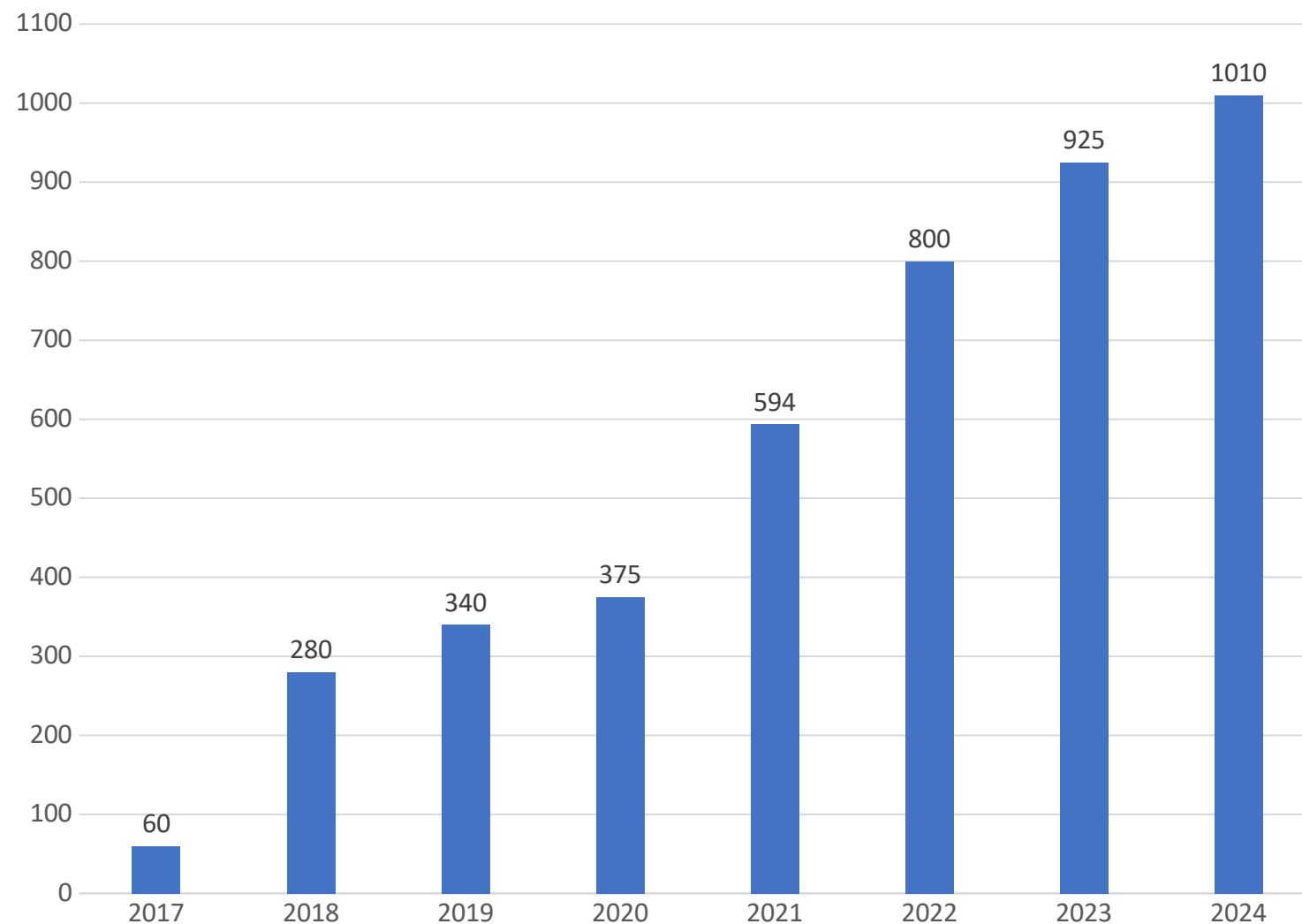


Previous frameworks: countries



28 countries as at
31/12/2024

Previous frameworks: institutions



1010 institutions as at
31/12/2024

OCRE 2024: key aspects



- **GÉANT as Central Purchasing Body:**
40 (N)RENs, 39 countries
- 1 lot per country; sub-lots per platform
- Max 3 suppliers per sub-lot
- **Framework duration:** 5 years (3 Feb 2025 – 2 Feb 2030)
- NRENs role: default or underwriter
- No obligation to procure

Contracts:

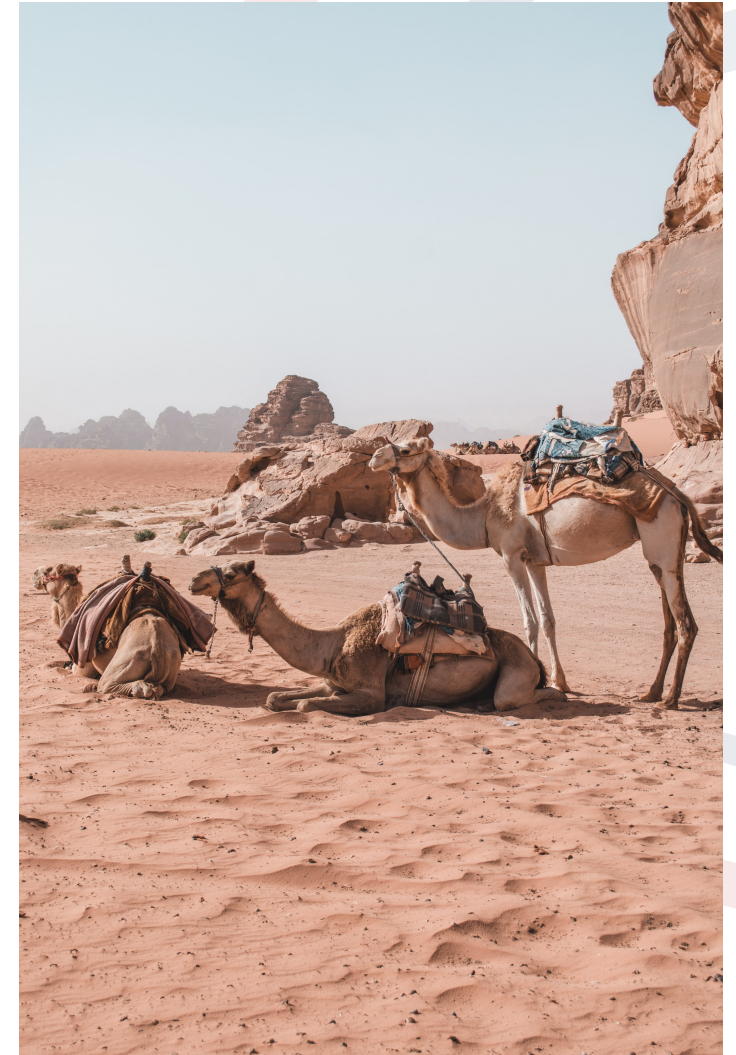
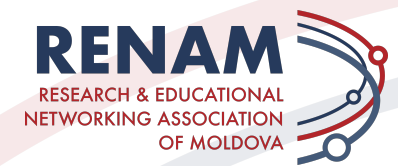
- 416 Frameworks under Dutch law
- Call-off Contracts (CoC) under local law
- Managed by the GÉANT Contract Management Group



OCRE 2024: scoring the monster tender...

- 496 bids
- Scored by 13 people from 8 countries
- Each working 3 days a week during 6 months
- Scoring in teams in consensus
- Automation was key, thousands of datapoints, auto generation award letters and the contracts

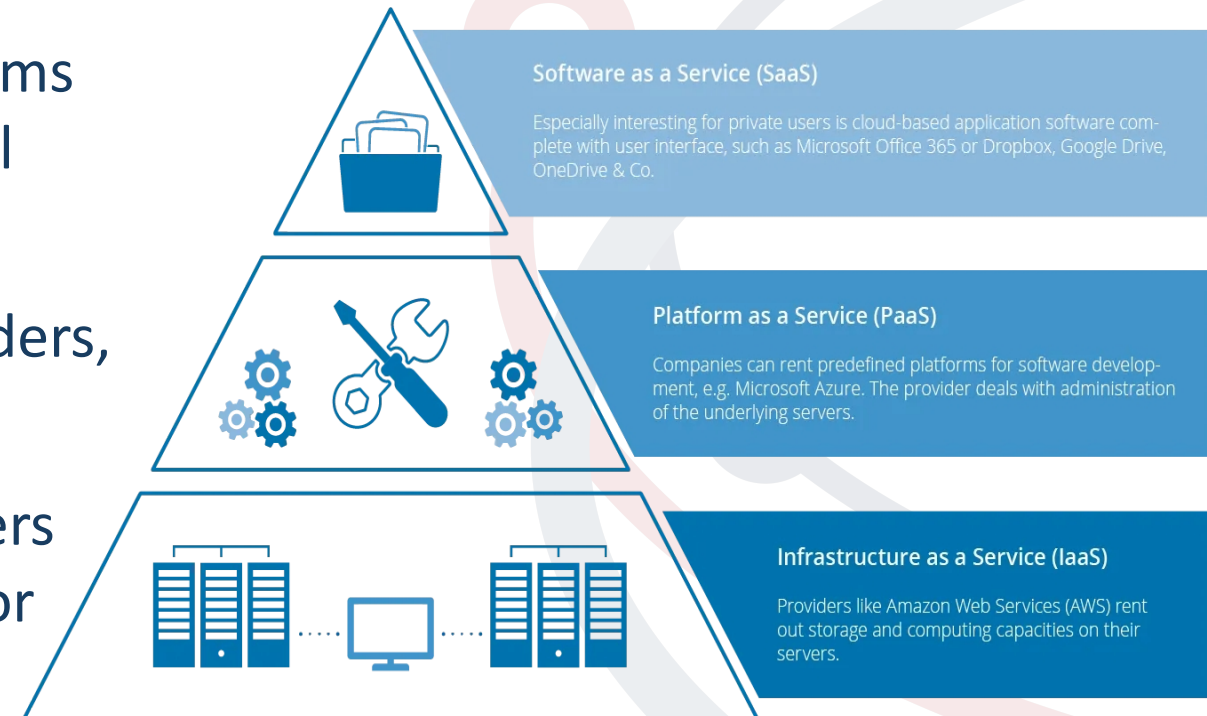
Resulting in 416 Framework Agreements signed and no objections



OCRE 2024: benefits



- **Expanded services:** IaaS, PaaS, SaaS options
- **Cloud service offerings:** hyperscale platforms and European platforms (including Original Infrastructure Providers)
- **Reduced costs:** not running individual tenders, discounts
- **Better commercial terms:** individual tenders would not result in favourable conditions or discounts
- **Enhanced compliance:** stronger alignment with EU regulations



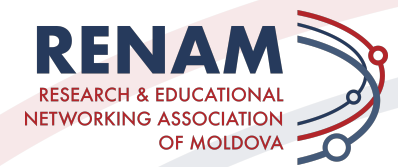
OCRE 2024: eligible institutions

Participating entities to benefit from OCRE 2024 are divided into three groups:

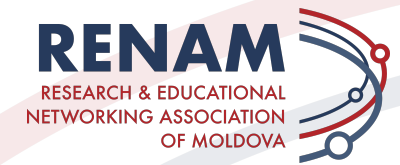
Group A: The NREN and all its members with R&E focus

Group B: All institutions with a R&E focus that are, for whatever reason, not a member of the NREN

Group C: All institutions that are affiliated with the NREN but do not have a R&E focus (may include central government bodies, must be non-profit organisations)



OCRE 2024: Moldovan legislation



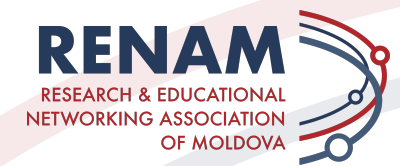
- 10 Apr 2024: RENAM contacted Public Procurement Agency (Moldova) <helpdesk@tender.gov.md>
- 24 May 2024: reply and additional explanations

Law No. 131 of July 3, 2015 on public procurement

Article 5. Exceptions: “contracts for research and development services ...”

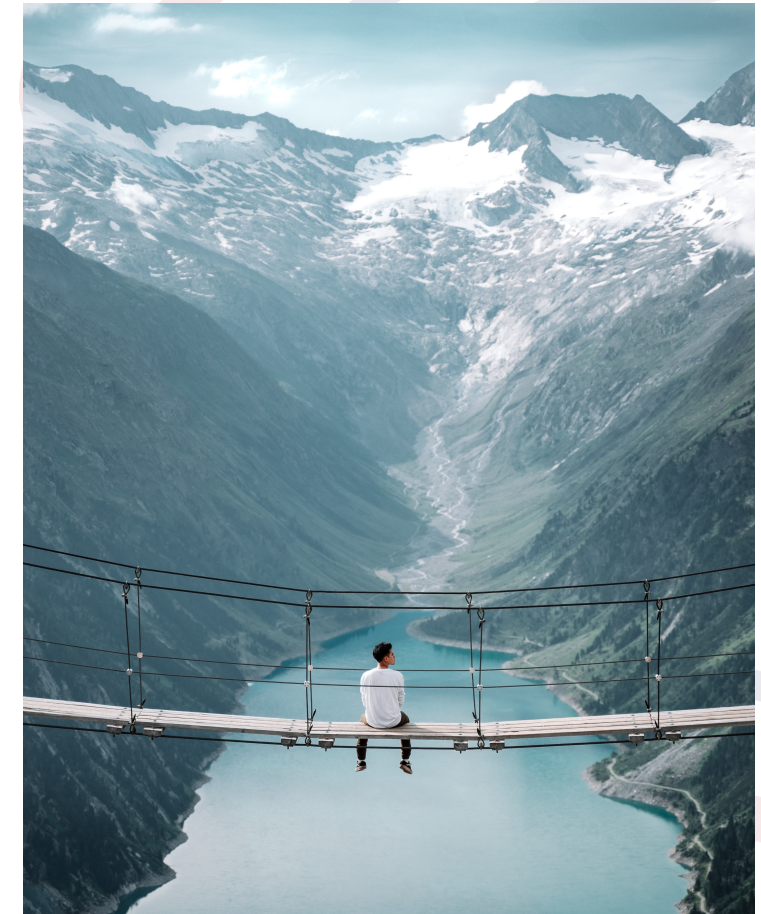


OCRE 2024: RENAM – default role NREN

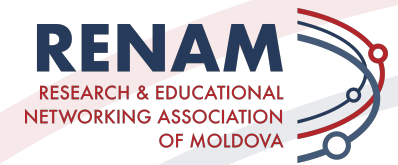


- Connect members with trusted cloud providers
- Provide guidance and support (together with GÉANT OCRE 2024 team)
- Ensure fair treatment of all providers (impartial and agnostic)
- Promote the OCRE 2024 Framework in Moldova
- Organize on-demand one-to-one sessions (RENAM and organizations)

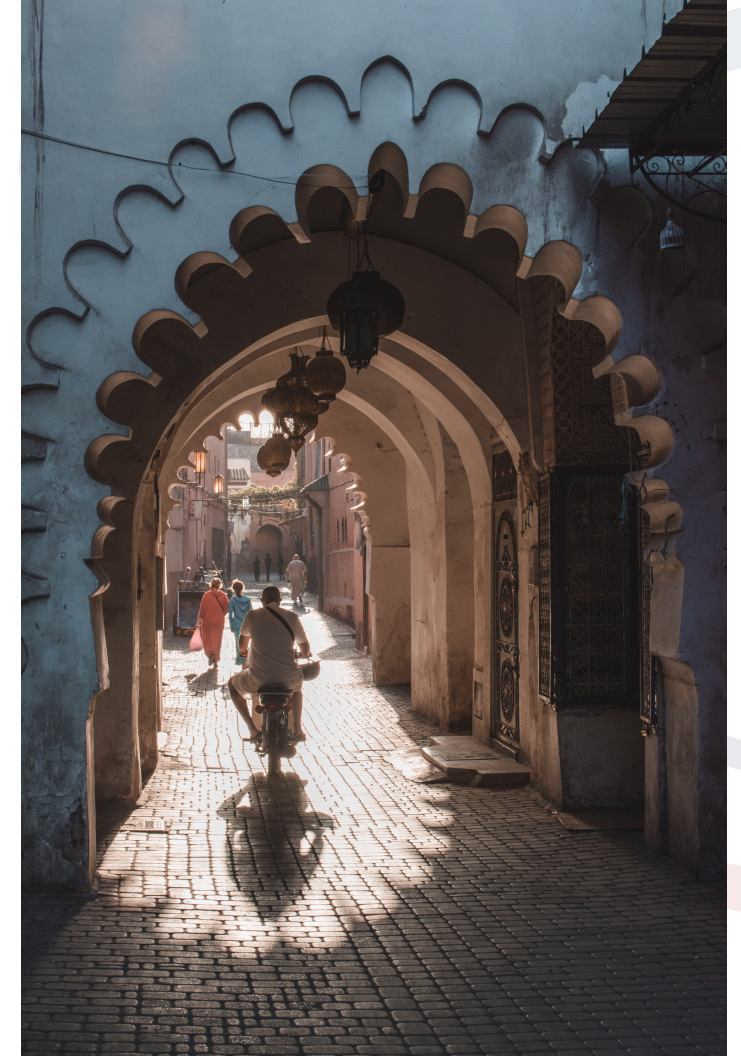
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OCRE 2024: more details



- GÉANT Cloud **website**: <https://clouds.geant.org/>
- OCRE 2024 **Catalogue**:
<https://clouds.geant.org/ocre-2024-catalogue/>
- OCRE 2024 **Institution Guide** to Using the Framework:
<https://clouds.geant.org/resources/>



Thank you!

Any questions?

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