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# A Tale of 3 Policies

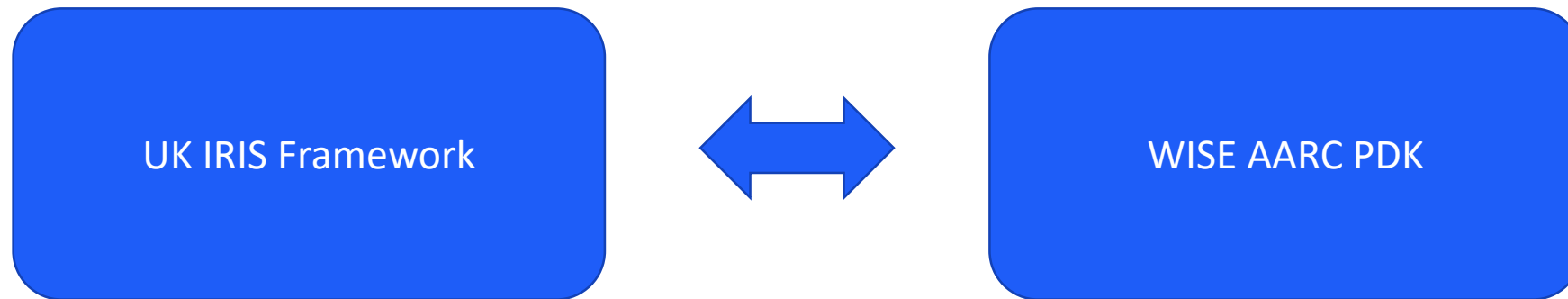
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# Objective

- Summarise several strands of policy work

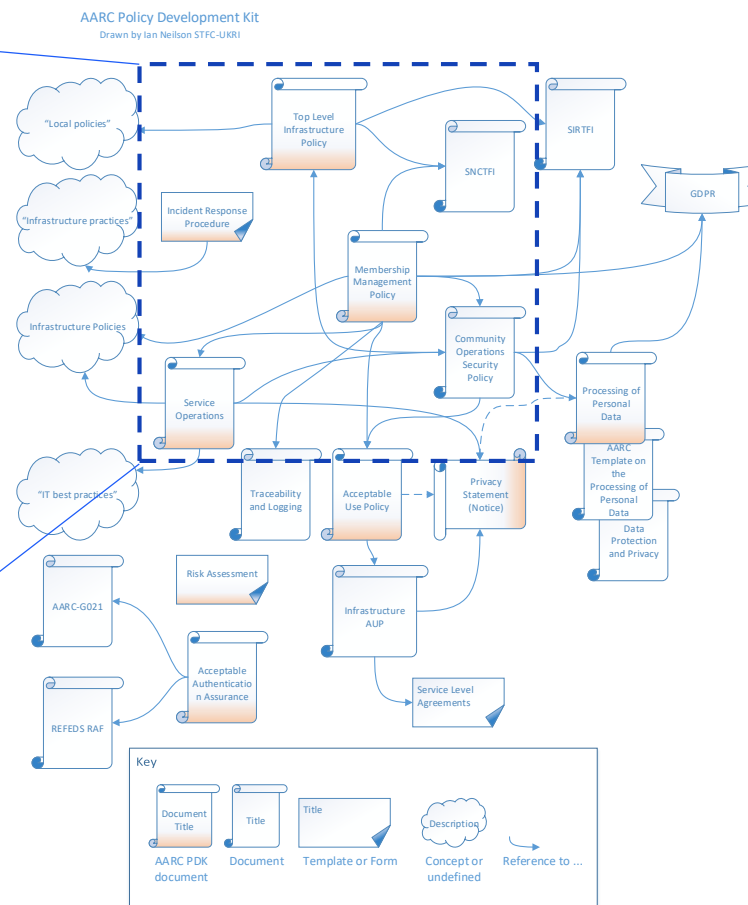
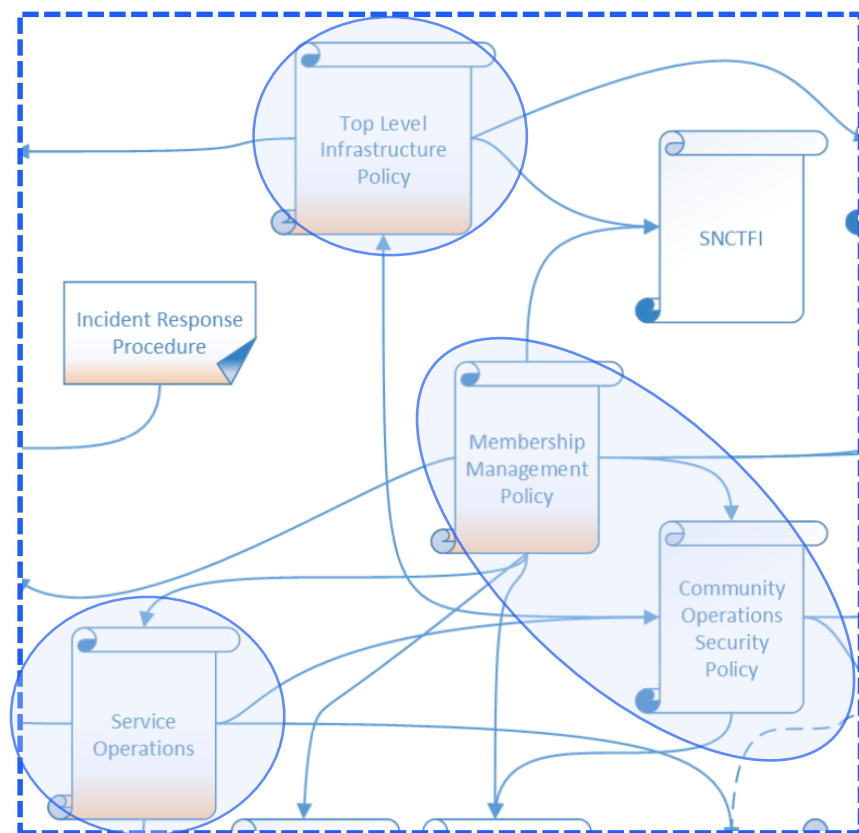


- Inform development on both sides

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# AARC PDK context



# Top Level Policy - 1

- Compare 4 related policies
  - How and why do they differ?
  - How to integrate this back into the AARC PDK?



## e-Infrastructure Security Policy

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### Top Level Infrastructure Policy Template

Questions to ask yourself when defining the policy:

- Who are the actors in your Infrastructure environment?
- How will you tie additional policies together for the infrastructure?
- Which bodies should approve policy wording?

This policy is effective from <insert date>.  
**INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS**  
 To fulfill its mission, it is necessary for the Infrastructure to protect its assets. This document presents the policy regulating those activities of participants related to the security of the Infrastructure.

**Definitions**  
**Infrastructure** All of the IT hardware, software, networks, data, facilities, processes and any other elements that together are required to develop, test, deliver, monitor, control or support services.  
**Service** An infrastructure component fulfilling a need of the users, such as computing, storage, networking or software systems.  
**Service Provider** An entity responsible for the management, deployment, operation and security of a service.  
**Participant** An entity providing, using, managing, operating, supporting or coordinating

This DRAFT IRIS Infrastructure Policy is presented as an interim measure until a full IRIS policy is agreed. It is based on the AARC project Policy Development Kit (<https://aarc-project.eu/policies/policy-development-kit/>) Top Level Infrastructure Policy, downloaded June 2019)

## IRIS Infrastructure Security Policy

This policy, the IRIS Infrastructure Security Policy, is effective from <insert date>.

**INTRODUCTION**  
 To fulfill its mission, it is necessary for the IRIS Infrastructure (<https://www.iris.ac.uk>) to be protected from damage, disruption and unauthorised use. This document presents the policy regulating those activities of IRIS Participants related to the security of the IRIS Infrastructure.

**DEFINITIONS**  
**IRIS Infrastructure** All of the IT hardware, software, networks, data, facilities, processes and any other elements that together are required to develop, test, deliver, monitor, control or support IRIS Services.  
**IRIS Management** The IRIS Delivery Board [R1].  
**IRIS Participant** An entity providing, using, managing, operating, supporting or coordinating one or more IRIS service(s).



# Top Level Policy – 2

- How to compare?
  - Reference against EGI

EGI	EOSC-hub	AARC PDK	UK IRIS (DRAFT 26/10/2020)	
<a href="https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/SPG:Documents">https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/SPG:Documents</a>	<a href="https://wiki.eosc-hub.eu/display/EOSC/ISM+Policies">https://wiki.eosc-hub.eu/display/EOSC/ISM+Policies</a>	<a href="https://aarc-community.org/policies/policy-development-kit/">https://aarc-community.org/policies/policy-development-kit/</a>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12Y1xNy4ax8_he-jAYUz-N8jHJcdJ_sB?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12Y1xNy4ax8_he-jAYUz-N8jHJcdJ_sB?usp=sharing</a>	
<b>The e-Infrastructure Security Policy</b>		<b>Top Level Infrastructure Policy Template</b>	<b>IRIS Infrastructure Security Policy</b>	
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# Top Level Policy – 3

Resource (Service)

TOP LEVEL POLICY	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DATE	REVISIONS	APPROVAL	REVISIONS	APPROVAL	REVISIONS	APPROVAL	REVISIONS	APPROVAL
Information Security Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Physical Security Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Access Control Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Network Security Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mobile Device Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cloud Security Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Incident Response Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Business Continuity Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Disaster Recovery Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Information Governance Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Records Management Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retention Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Network Security Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Retention Policy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Security Contact (Officer)

Approval & Maintenance

Community Management

Users

Resource (Service)

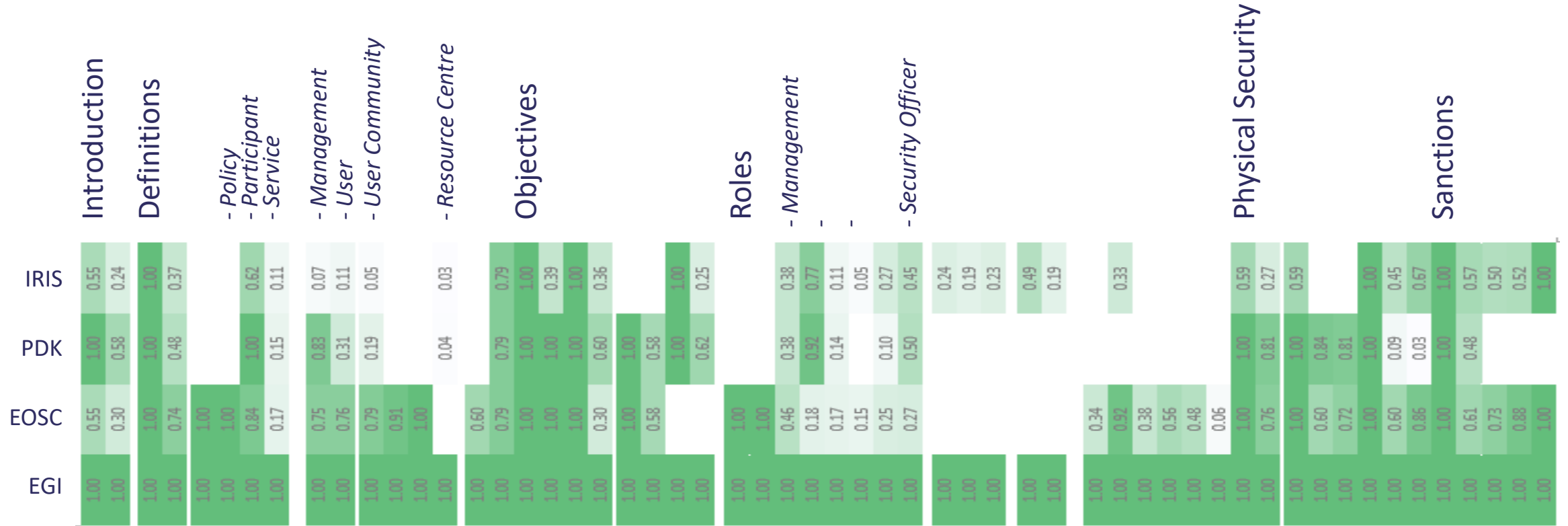
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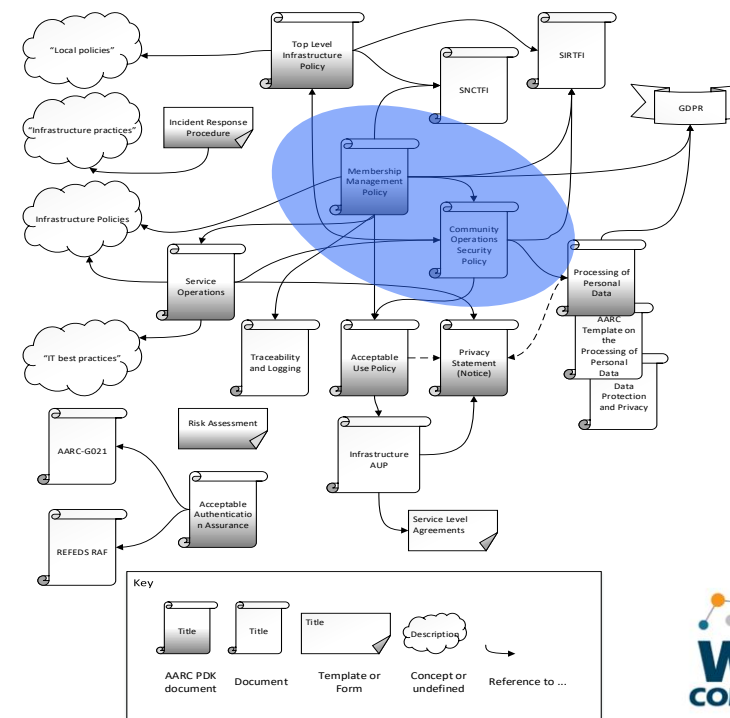


Cosine similarity measure



# “Combined” Community Policy - 1

- Presentation at virtual WISE meeting, April 2020
  - <https://wiki.geant.org/display/WISE/Virtual+WISE+meeting+21+April+2020>
- Summary
  - Community policy in [AARC PDK](#) is incomplete
    - Membership Management ✓ Community Operations ✗
  - Highly interlinked with other policies
  - Internally a complex set of many requirements (~93)
    - Community Managers, Infrastructure Operators ...
  - Hard to understand and difficult to implement



# “Combined” Community Policy - 2

- IRIS draft
  - input from GEANT GN4-3 Enco
- Community Operations + Membership Management
- Strip out many details
  - But don't lose them!
- Restructure ongoing
  - Separate into Policy + Guidance Addendum

## Draft “Combined” Community Security Policy

*Combined Community Operations and Community Membership Management policy.*

### Introduction

Individuals, by virtue of their membership of a Community, may be authorised to access Community and Infrastructure resources. As such, to help protect those resources from damage or misuse, a Community has responsibilities in the manner it manages its membership and behaves towards the Infrastructure. This policy, by defining the relationship between a Community and a supporting Infrastructure, aims to establish a sufficient level of trust between Communities, Infrastructures and the Research and Education federations to enable reliable and secure Infrastructure operation.

Support structures and procedures, necessary for an implementation of this policy, should be created as a collaboration between a Community and the Infrastructure with which it has a usage agreement. Guidance on this implementation is available in the [Addendum](#).

### Scope

This policy applies to a Community, its members and those operating and managing services on behalf of the Community

### Definitions

In this document the key words 'must', 'must not', 'required', 'shall', 'shall not', 'should', 'should not', 'recommended', 'may', and 'optional' are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2119>]

### Policy

Communities must -

1. collaborate with others in the reporting and resolution of security incidents and issues arising from Community members' use of the Infrastructure (see Contact Information)

# “Combined” Community Policy – 3

## Policy

Communities must -

1. collaborate with others in the reporting and resolution of security incidents and issues arising from Community members' use of the Infrastructure (see Contact Information),
2. agree a name with the Infrastructure to be used to uniquely identify the Community in the Infrastructure (see Naming),
3. manage its membership to restrict it to bona fide individuals,
4. suspend an individual's membership on request of the Infrastructure Security Officer. (see Membership Lifecycle),
5. define a Community Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to which Community Members must agree as part of their registration with the Community. The AUP must not be in conflict with the Infrastructure AUP (see Acceptable Use Policy),
6. respect the confidentiality of information gained as a result of the Community's use of the Infrastructure, the legal rights of Community members and others in regard to their personal data, and only use such data for administrative, operational, accounting, monitoring and security purposes (see Data Protection).

# “Combined” Community Policy – 4

Communities shall apply due diligence in -

7. promptly informing the Infrastructure Security Officer of any non-compliance with this policy (see Compliance),
8. ensuring that services managed by, or on behalf of, a Community log and retain sufficient system generated information to be used in the event of a security incident (see Traceability),
9. ensuring that software licensed to a Community is used only in accordance with the applicable license conditions.

By using the Infrastructure, Communities acknowledges that -

10. access to Infrastructure resources may be restricted or suspended, for administrative, operational, or security reasons, without prior notice and without compensation,
11. reliance on the software and services provided by the Infrastructure shall only be to the extent specified by any applicable licenses and service level agreements.

# “Combined” Community Policy – 5

## Addendum

### Guidance Notes on Implementation

A number of the recommendations below align Communities with the REFEDS Sirtfi framework - A Security Incident Response Trust Framework for Federated Identity. (<https://refeds.org/sirtfi>).

#### 1. Naming

It is strongly recommended that Infrastructures require Communities to register globally unique names. These should be either a URN prefix that is persistently assigned to the Community or a fully-qualified domain name from the global domain name system assigned to the Community by the relevant naming authority.

#### 2. Contact Information

For reliable operation, contact information should be provided for at least two individuals taking a Community Management role, and one taking a Security Contact role. Management and Security Contact roles may be shared and must commit to responding to enquiries in a timely manner. Community contacts should be authoritative for management, security and operational decisions relating to the Community's use of the Infrastructure, and any services operated by or on behalf of the Community that interact with the Infrastructure. [SIRTFI]

#### 3. Membership Lifecycle

# Service Operations Policy - 1

- IRIS draft
  - Based on AARC PDK
  - Reduce policy linkage
- Strip out some details
  - But don't lose them!
  - Separate into Policy + Guidance Addendum
- Restructure ongoing

## Draft Service Operations Security Policy

### Introduction

An infrastructure is composed of a set of cooperating services. This policy, by defining expectations of the behaviour of those offering services to Communities using the Infrastructure and to the operators of other supporting Infrastructure services, aims to establish a sufficient level of trust between all participants in the Infrastructure to enable reliable and secure Infrastructure operation. Support structures and procedures, necessary for the implementation of this policy, should be created as a collaboration between service operators and the Infrastructure operations management.

### Scope

This policy applies those operating and managing Services as part of the Infrastructure, including those providing services on behalf of a Community.

### Definitions

In this document the key words 'must', 'must not', 'required', 'shall', 'shall not', 'should', 'should not', 'recommended', 'may', and 'optional' are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2119>]

### Policy

Service providers must -

1. collaborate with others in the reporting and resolution of security incidents and issues arising from their Services' participation in the Infrastructure and those affecting the



# Service Operations Policy - 2

(Very) Draft UK IRIS

PDK

1. collaborate with others in the reporting and resolution of security incidents and issues arising from their Services' participation in the Infrastructure and those affecting the Infrastructure as a whole (see Contact Information),
2. *{endeavour to}* ensure that their Services operate in a manner which is not detrimental to the Infrastructure nor to any of its Participants,
3. follow *{ as a minimum, common }* IT security best practices such as pro-actively applying security updates and taking appropriate action in relation to security vulnerability notifications,
4. respect the confidentiality of information gained as a result of their Services' participation in the Infrastructure,
5. respect the legal rights of Infrastructure users and others in regard to their personal data, and only use such data for administrative, operational, accounting, monitoring and security purposes (see Data Protection),
6. hold users and other Infrastructure participants free and harmless from liability for loss or damage the Service provider may incur as a result of the provision of or use of their Service in the Infrastructure, except to the extent specified by *{law and}* any license, service level or other applicable agreements,
7. *{endeavour to}* promptly inform users and other affected parties if they control access to their Services, and do so only for *{necessary}* administrative, operational and security purposes,
8. retain sufficient system generated information (logs) to be used in the event of a security incident (see Traceability),
9. ~~Your Service's connection to the Infrastructure may be controlled for administrative, operational and security purposes if you fail to comply with these conditions.~~
10. promptly inform the Infrastructure Security Officer of any non-compliance with this policy (see Compliance).

1. You shall comply with all relevant Infrastructure Policies [R1]
2. You shall provide and maintain accurate contact information, including at least one Security Contact who shall support Sirtfi [R2] on behalf of the service.
3. You are held responsible for the safe and secure operation of the Service. Any information you provide regarding the suitability and properties of the Service should be accurate and maintained. The Service shall not be detrimental to the Infrastructure nor to any of its Participants.
4. You should follow IT security best practices including pro-actively applying updates or configuration changes related to security. You shall respond appropriately, and within the specified time period, on receipt of security notices from the Infrastructure or any of its Participants. You must support the Sirtfi Framework [R2] on behalf of your service.
5. You shall document your processing of personal data in a Privacy Statement that is displayed to the User and shared with the Infrastructure.
  - a. You shall apply due diligence in maintaining the confidentiality of user credentials and of any data you hold where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.
  - b. You shall collect and retain auditing information in compliance with policies and procedures [R1], and must assist the Infrastructure in security incident response.
  - c. You shall use logged information, including personal data, only for administrative, operational, accounting, monitoring and security purposes. You shall apply due diligence in maintaining the confidentiality of logged information.
6. Provisioning of Services is at your own risk. Any software provided by the Infrastructure is provided <on an as-is basis | in accordance with service level agreements>, and subject to its own license conditions. There is no guarantee that any procedure applied by the Infrastructure is correct or sufficient for any particular purpose. The Infrastructure and other Participants acting as service hosting providers are not liable for any loss or damage in connection with your participation in the IT Infrastructure.
7. You may control access to your Service for administrative, operational and security purposes and shall inform the affected users where appropriate
8. Your Service's connection to the Infrastructure may be controlled for administrative, operational and security purposes if you fail to comply with these conditions

# So?

- *Top-Level*
  - *EGL is an infrastructure, EOSC-hub is a “federation”, IRIS is an evolving partnership*
  - *One size does not fit all*
- *Community*
  - *“Community”, “Collections”, “Users” and “Members”, “lifecycle” .....*
  - *People arrive with their own context and expectations*
- *Service Operations*
  - *Services exist and then attach to an infrastructure*
  - *Local policies must be respected*
- *And ... we haven't mentioned AUPs or Privacy Notices!*

Comments and input very welcome  
Links to googledocs [here](#)





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