Feedback from NREN user

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Sorbonne University

- 55 000 students
- 10 000 staff members including 6400 teachers and researchers
- 450 000 alumni

- Top 50 in international ranking

- Involved in partnerships

  - »Europe (Germany, Denmark, Italy, Czech Republic, Poland, Ireland,...),
  - »Latin and North America,
  - »Africa, Asia, and Australia

⇥ Sorbonne University needs fawless communication networks to exchange with its staff, students and partners.

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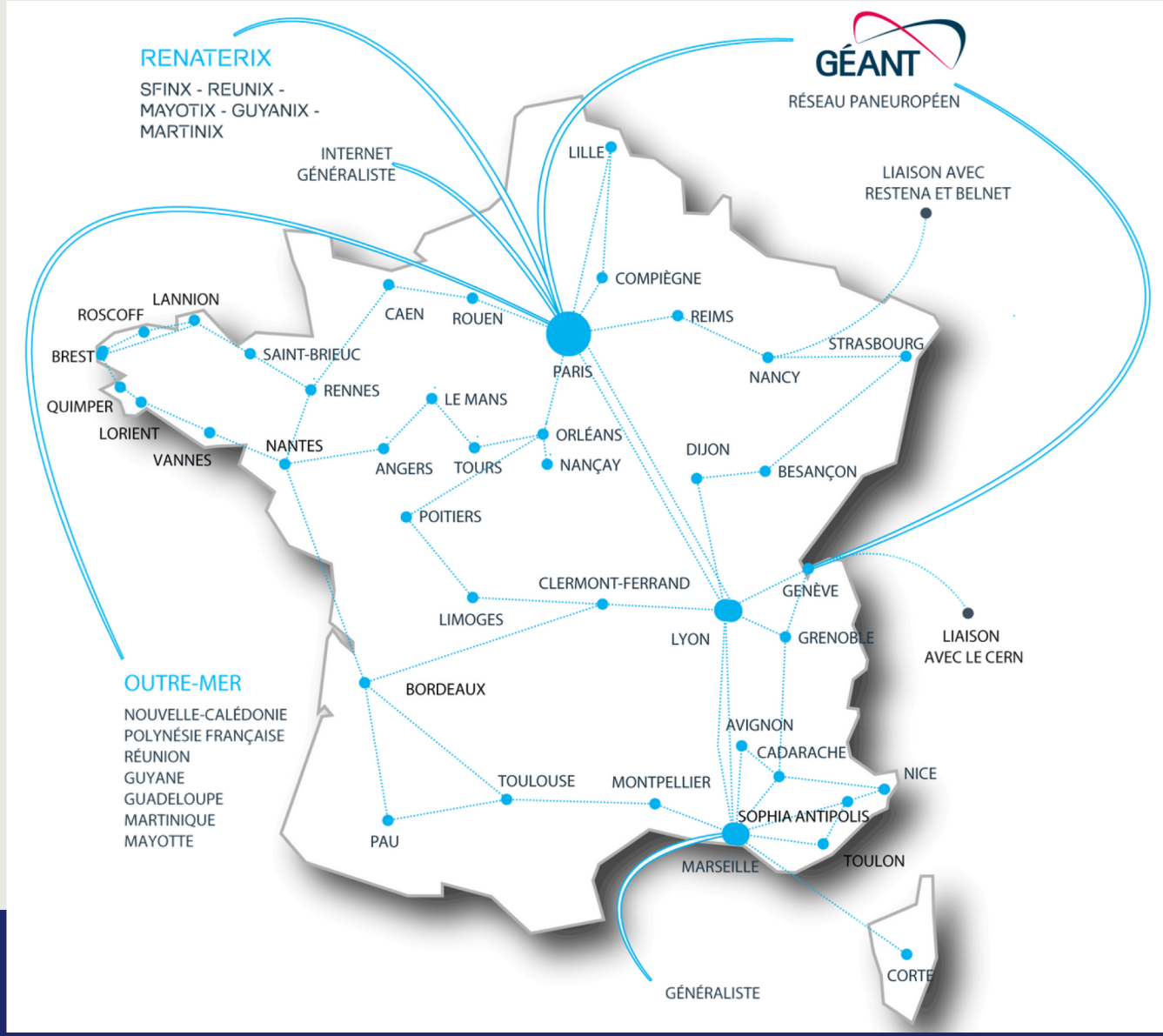
EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORKS

French NREN - RENATER

- Reliable and secure national fiber infrastructure dedicated to R&E
  +1300 sites connected
- RENATER owns its infrastructure
  - Transports the national interministerial backbone
  - Transports specific research signals (Time frequency, LHC data, quantum keys…)

- Interconnects national HPC centers, datacenters, large research instruments



RENATER Portfolio

Connectivity : Services VPN · Services IP · Partenaire RIE · Eon

Identity : Identitas · Fédération · Noms de domaine

Security : AntiSpam · TCS · Scan'ER

Communication : Renavisio

Collaboration : PARTAGE · Rendez-Vous · FileSender · Evento · Universalistes · SourceSup

Mobility : eduroam

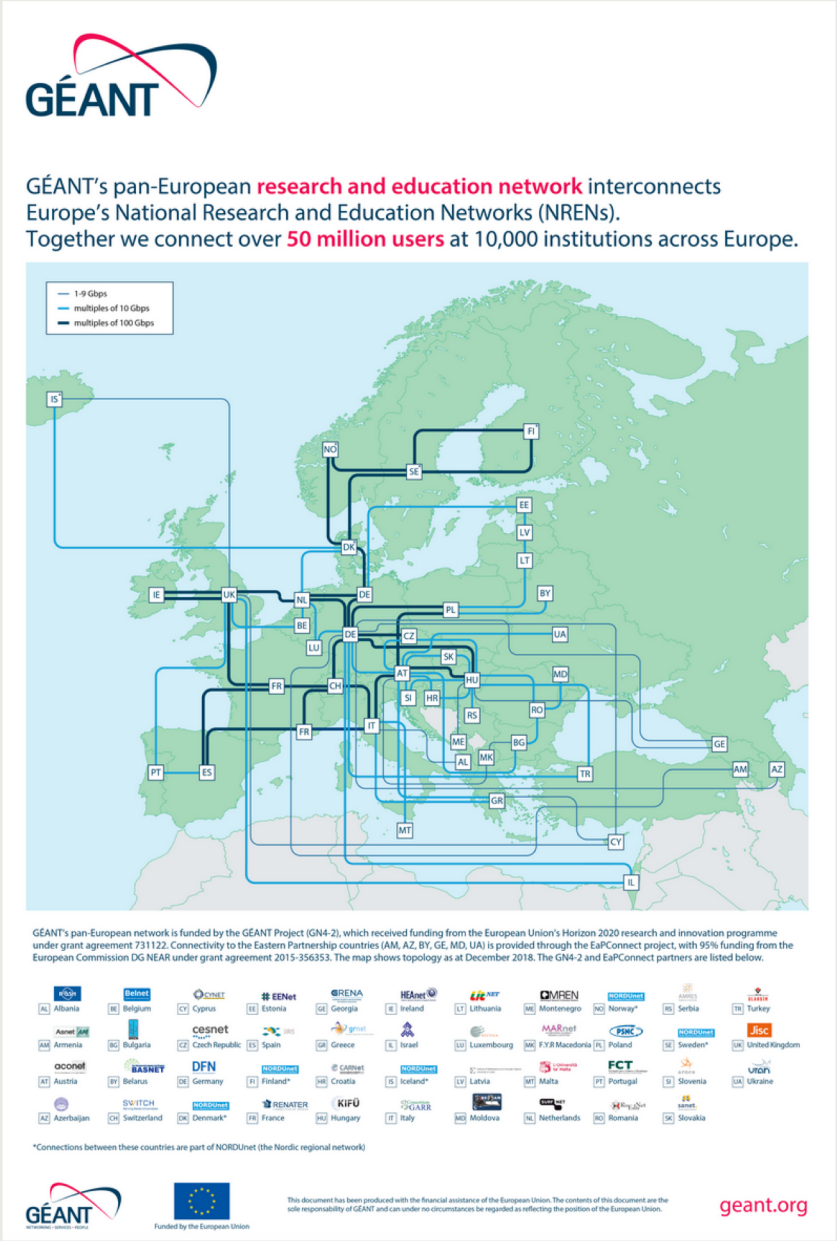
Pan-European Networks

Géant is a pan-European data network

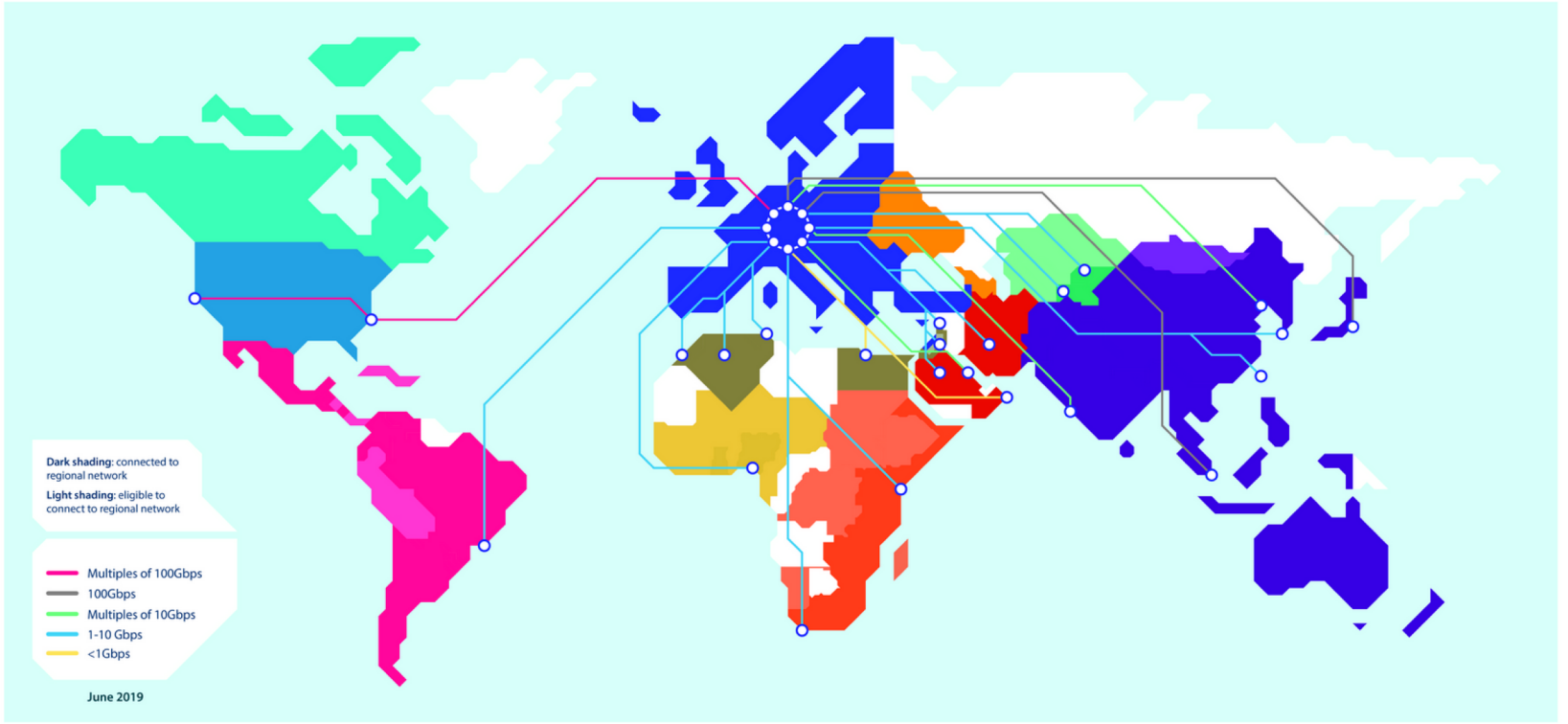
- Interconnects NREN inside Europe
- Interconnects Europe with a Global Research and Education network

For

- Connectivity
- Mobility
- Services authentication



AT THE HEART OF GLOBAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORKING



Canada & USA | Latin America | Europe | North Africa & Eastern Mediterranean | West & Central Africa | Eastern & Southern Africa | Central Asia | Asia-Pacific | Other R&E Networks

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GLOBAL R&E NETWORKS

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LOCKDOWN IN MARCH 2020

Lockdown – March 2020

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Sobonne University IT

- A never encountered experience
- Remote access has never experienced such an outstandingly high demand
- Generating user anxiety and IT staff discomfort

NREN support

- First and foremost, connectivity
- Then availability and capacity

⇥ NRENs have in real time increased peering and exchange points with public operators to enable remote work.

⇥ They gave us time to find and provide commercial or non-commercial solutions for our users

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CURRENT LOCKDOWN

Lockdown – March 2020

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We have learned from the previous one

- Don’t ask too much to your NRENs, their first job is network connectivity
- Your infrastructures are more powerful than you thought, but stay alert and provide better solutions
  - »A webinar cluster in the cloud (80 servers, 8000 BBB sessions) to enable distance learning
  - »A cluster in the cloud to increase “on demand” capabilities

Our users

- Confident and ask for improvement
- IT infrastructure is not the only point, staff and students - especially scholarship recipients - need laptops

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THANK YOU FOR YOU ATTENTION !

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