

RiċerkaNet Acceptable Use Policy

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Definition

1. RiċerkaNet is a National Research and Educational Network (NREN) for the Maltese Islands administered by the Competent Authority (CA). The CA shall be any body or entity or a unit of any body or entity so designated by the Council of the University of Malta which is, at the present time, IT Services of the University of Malta.

Eligibility

2. In order for an organisation to be eligible to connect to RiċerkaNet it must be
 - (a) a non-commercial organisation;
 - (b) based in Malta;
 - (c) an organisation whose activities are one or more of the following:
 - (i) research and development (R&D),
 - (ii) academic,
 - (iii) scientific,
 - (iv) educational,
 - (v) cultural.
3. Organisations which are not eligible under article 1 above may, at the sole discretion of the CA, be allowed to connect to RiċerkaNet on a restricted basis. Such connection shall only be allowed in support of R&D or educational projects in collaboration with a non-commercial organisation or organisations, whether local or foreign. In this case, only data traffic directly related to these types of projects shall be allowed over RiċerkaNet.
4. Organisations specified in articles (2) and (3) may apply to connect to RiċerkaNet. Applications shall be submitted to the CA in such manner and must contain such information as may be prescribed by the CA from time to time
5. Subject to any operational or technical constraints, the CA will connect the organisation whose application has been approved to RiċerkaNet on the basis of an agreement between the CA and the said organisation. The CA's decision to approve or otherwise the connection to RiċerkaNet shall be final.
6. Organisations connected to RiċerkaNet shall pay subscription rates as may be prescribed by the CA. Such subscription rates shall remain valid for the whole duration of the contracted period.

Conditions of Use

7. Any Organisation connected to RiċerkaNet shall agree to and sign this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which shall bind the Organisation and its Users.
8. It is the responsibility of each Organisation connected to RiċerkaNet to ensure that its Users are aware of this AUP.
9. Organisations connected to RiċerkaNet may benefit from the connection of RiċerkaNet to other similar research and educational networks. However, the same restrictions shall apply to these extensions.
10. Any Organisation connected to RiċerkaNet shall ensure that
 - a. RiċerkaNet is only used for R&D, academic, scientific, educational, cultural and related work;
 - b. none of its users shall interfere with or jeopardise the integrity of RiċerkaNet;
 - c. any information which may become accessible through the use of RiċerkaNet and which is not obviously intended for unrestricted dissemination shall be expected to be treated as privileged; such information shall not be copied, modified, disseminated, or used, either in whole or in part, without the permission of the appropriate person or body;
 - d. RiċerkaNet is not used for unlawful activities. Unlawful activities include, but are not restricted to:
 - i. receiving or transmitting material which is in violation of Maltese Law;
 - ii. attempting to access or modify computer systems, programs or data to which the organisation and/or user has no authorisation;
 - iii. transmitting or otherwise making use of any electronic material (including viruses), which shall cause or is likely to cause damage to computer systems belonging to other users.
 - e. any reconfigurations or other abnormal events on its internal network and computer systems that may cause problems on RiċerkaNet shall be immediately reported to the CA;
 - f. no third-parties are allowed to access RiċerkaNet;
 - g. no transit traffic is allowed over RiċerkaNet;
 - h. adequate security measures are in place to ensure authorised and proper use of facilities connected to RiċerkaNet;
 - i. a person is designated who will be responsible of security measures related to RiċerkaNet activity.
11. The CA may disconnect an Organisation from RiċerkaNet if this AUP's terms and conditions are breached or in the case of an emergency.

12. The CA has the right to amend the Conditions of Use contained in this AUP at anytime as deemed necessary for the integrity and efficient operation of RiĉerkaNet. Organisations connected to RiĉerkaNet shall be notified of such amendments by e-mail.