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SEEREN2 Successfully Brings Leading-edge Technologies to Research & Education Communities and all Scientific Sectors

The SEEREN2 project (South East European Research & Education Network 2), the 34-months project that created the next generation of the Southeast European segment of GÉANT2, successfully reached its end in August 2008. Leading-edge technologies and services are now available to the entire Research and Education communities and all scientific sectors of the region.

SEEREN2 built on the success of its predecessor SEEREN project, which expanded the European research and education network in Southeast Europe with the provision of GÉANT connectivity to non-GÉANT countries. Thanks to SEEREN2, three beneficiary countries have reached a mature state and they will join the GÉANT3 initiative.

Furthermore, the regional infrastructure has rapidly developed, facilitating a plethora of networking services to universities, research institutes and in some cases hospitals and schools, in South East Europe:

- A cross-border dark fibre link has been established and connects the National Research & Education Networks (NRENs) of Serbia and Hungary. The connection has significantly helped the National Research & Education Networks of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro, by allowing to share with the Serbian NREN both exit links, through Greece and Hungary.
- Bosnia-Herzegovina has gained high-speed access to the pan-European R&E network GEANT, with the establishment of a cross-border link between Doboj and the SEEREN2 backbone network.



SEEREN2 has directly supported international collaboration and has enabled the SEE region to participate in advanced communication technologies by providing the foundation upon which eInfrastructures can be deployed.

The project was coordinated by GRNET and the project consortium consisted of partners from Albania (ASA/INIMA), Bosnia-Herzegovina (BIHARNET), Bulgaria (BREN), FYR of Macedonia (UKIM/MARNET), Hungary (NIIF/HUNGARNET), Montenegro (UoM/MREN), Romania (RoEduNet), Serbia (UoB/AMRES), as well as the European organizations DANTE and TERENA. Additionally, five universities participated in the project as third-parties to the consortium partners from Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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