EGI Catch All CA Update

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Brief history...

- May 2004: Start of the SEE-GRID project.
- July 2004: SEE-GRID CA was created
 - "provide catch all PKI services to the wider region of South Eastern Europe in order to facilitate the needs of distributed computing"
 - "pave the way for the countries in the region to establish their own national Public Key Infrastructure and guide them through the IGTF accreditation process"



The accreditation...

- September 2004: Accreditation at the 2nd EUGridPMA meeting in Brussels.
- September 2004: Established initial network of Registration Authorities.
 - RAs in Greece, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, F.Y.R.O.M., Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, Turkey



Networking Research and Education Timeline & Milestones

2004 - 2006	Operating CA, RA Network, Training, Dissemination
Nov 2006	Hungary and Turkey set up their National CA
Mar 2007	Bulgaria sets up its own National CA
Aug 2007	Croatia and Serbia set up their own National CA; established RA in Montenegro
Jan 2008	Romania sets up its own National CA
Mar 2008	F.Y.R.O.M. sets up its own National CA
Sept 2008	Montenegro sets up is own National CA; established RA in Georgia
Jun 2009	Moldova sets up is own National CA
Dec 2009	Established RA in Azerbaijan



Interving Research and Education Timeline & Milestones

May 2010	Provide Catch All CA Services for EGI
Oct 2010	Established RA in Senegal
Dec 2010	Established RA at SixSq in Switzerland
Sept 2013	Established RAs in South Africa and Nigeria
Nov 2014	Rollout of new CA certificate
Jan 2014	Established RA in Tanzania
May 2015	Established RA at University of Bern in Switzerland
Nov 2015	Established RA at Terradue Srl in Italy

Gurrent RA Network & Status

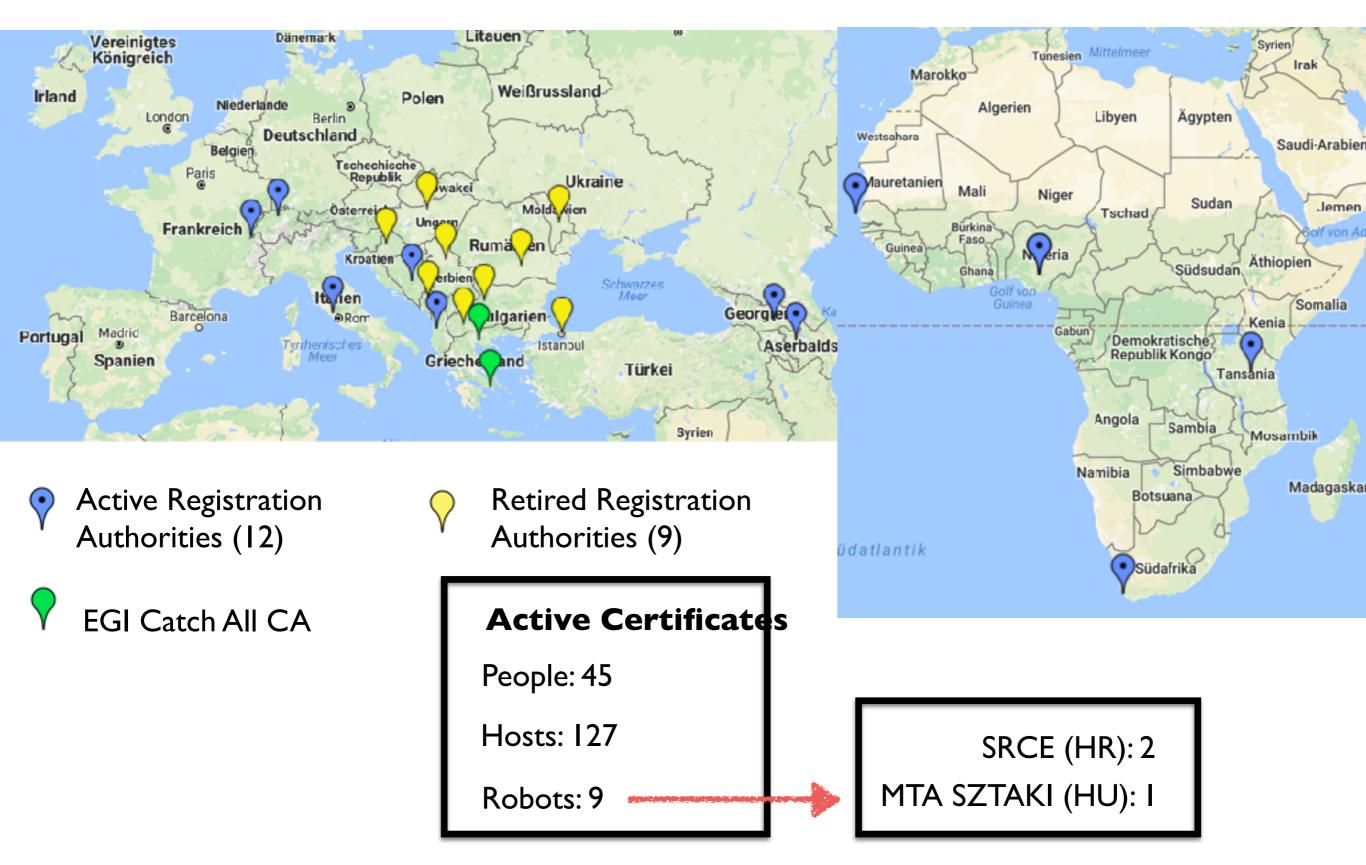


Networking Research and Education Current RA Network & Status



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Current Processes

User Certificates

- User generates a new certificate request
- User sends the CSR to the RA
- The RA performs the identity vetting process
- The RA sends a signed e-mail with the CSR to the CA
- The CA issues the certificate and sends it to the User and the RA



Current Processes

Host/Robot Certificates

- User generates a new certificate request
- User sends the CSR to the RA
- The RA approves the certificate request
- The RA sends a signed e-mail with the CSR to the CA
- The CA issues the certificate and sends it to the User and the RA



Experiences

- Requests for expanding certificate coverage can consume a lot of time
- Time for setting up a new RAs ranges from a few weeks to ~ I year
- The manual process for certificate requests is error prone and time consuming
- Certificate and CRL issuing requires manual intervention by the CA operators and is time consuming



In the meantime...

- Hellenic Academic and Research Institutions Certification Authority (HARICA)
- 2 ROOT CAs, 27 Intermediate CAs
- Certifications: ETSITS 101 456, ETSITS 102 042, CA/ B Forum BR
- Pre-installed in browsers and OS (Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Windows, Apple (iOS, OSX), Linux/ Android.
- Qualified certificates for Greek public services
- Compatibility with eIDAS
- 3 Data Centers with DR capabilities
- HSM (FIPS 140-2 Level 3 certified)



In the meantime...

- eduGAIN is actively working on the expansion of the academic federations across the globe
- New policy/operational framework increase the trustworthiness of the Identity Federations/IdPs
 - Code of Conduct
 - Research & Scholarship Entity Category
 - SIRTFY
- EGI is actively enabling federated access to services (very soon they will join eduGAIN)
 - Still certificates are needed for various workflows



Next steps...

- Migration of the EGI Catch All CA from offline to an online configuration
- Initial set up using Safenet 5110 eToken (FIPS 140-2 level 3 certified)
- Online CA machine located in the main DC
 - Physical access to the DC only by authorised personnel using access cards
 - Physical access to the online CA service only the CA operators
 - Network access to the online CA only from the RA portal









Next steps...

- Transition from the e-mail based process to a web based certificate request process
 - Initial phase re-use the existing web portal (HARICA)
 - adaptation to the requirements/workflows of the EGI Catch All CA
- Support for authentication to Federated Identity Management Systems (FIMS) (in parallel to the existing RA network)
 - Support for IdPs that support SIRTFY and R&S or equivalent (e.g. EGI AAI)



Next steps...

- Hardware infrastructure already in place
- CP/CPS update Oct 2016
- RA portal ready by Nov 2016



Thank you for your attention! Questions?