

# COM-REN

## Compendium of Research & Education Networks

### Abstract:

The project promotes a better, more detailed understanding of national research and educational networks in all of Europe and the Mediterranean region, by producing and disseminating two issues of a Compendium report and one focus study on a particular aspect of NREN work or on policy development regarding NRENs. The project also provides relevant benchmarking information.

### Objectives:

Objective is to provide inputs to the development of policies by the EC, but also to national governments and funding bodies and the national research and education networks (NRENs).

### Concrete objectives:

- Promoting a better, more detailed understanding of NRENs in Europe and the Mediterranean region, by producing and disseminating two issues of the TERENA Compendium and one focus study on a particular aspect of NREN work.
- Providing information relevant for benchmark indicators.

### Technical Approach:

Questionnaires are sent to NRENs in which they are asked to provide information about a number of areas, including basic and organisational information, information on staffing and finance, user base, capacity, traffic, plans, services and research interests.

### Innovation:

The information that is gathered in the Compendium has never been available before.

### Results:

Two issues of the Compendium were produced. Detailed country information is available from the website, <http://www.terena.nl/compendium>.

Contribution to Standards:

Compendium data were used in the final eEurope Benchmarking Report, COM(2002) 62 final of February 2002

### Success stories:

Many NRENs, Commission officials and policy makers are finding the Compendium an extremely useful instrument for comparing research networking in different countries and for finding out about new ideas and approaches.

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