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# **EU4Digital – EaPConnect: bringing together computer and human networks**

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eapconnect.eu



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| <b>Budget:</b>                     | <b>Budget</b><br>1st Phase – €13M<br>2nd Phase - €10.5M<br>(95% EU funding from DG NEAR)  |
| <b>Duration:</b>                   | 60 months (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase)<br>1st phase: July 2015 until February 2021<br>2nd phase: started in July 2020 for 5 years  |
| <b>Website:</b>                    | <a href="https://eapconnect.eu/">https://eapconnect.eu/</a>   |
| <b>Coordinating Partner:</b>       | GÉANT   |
| <b>Beneficiaries:</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AzScienceNet (Azerbaijan)</li> <li>And another 4 EaP NRENs</li> </ul>  |
| <b>European Associate Partners</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CyNet; GARR; GRNET; DFN, PSNC</li> </ul>   |

Connect

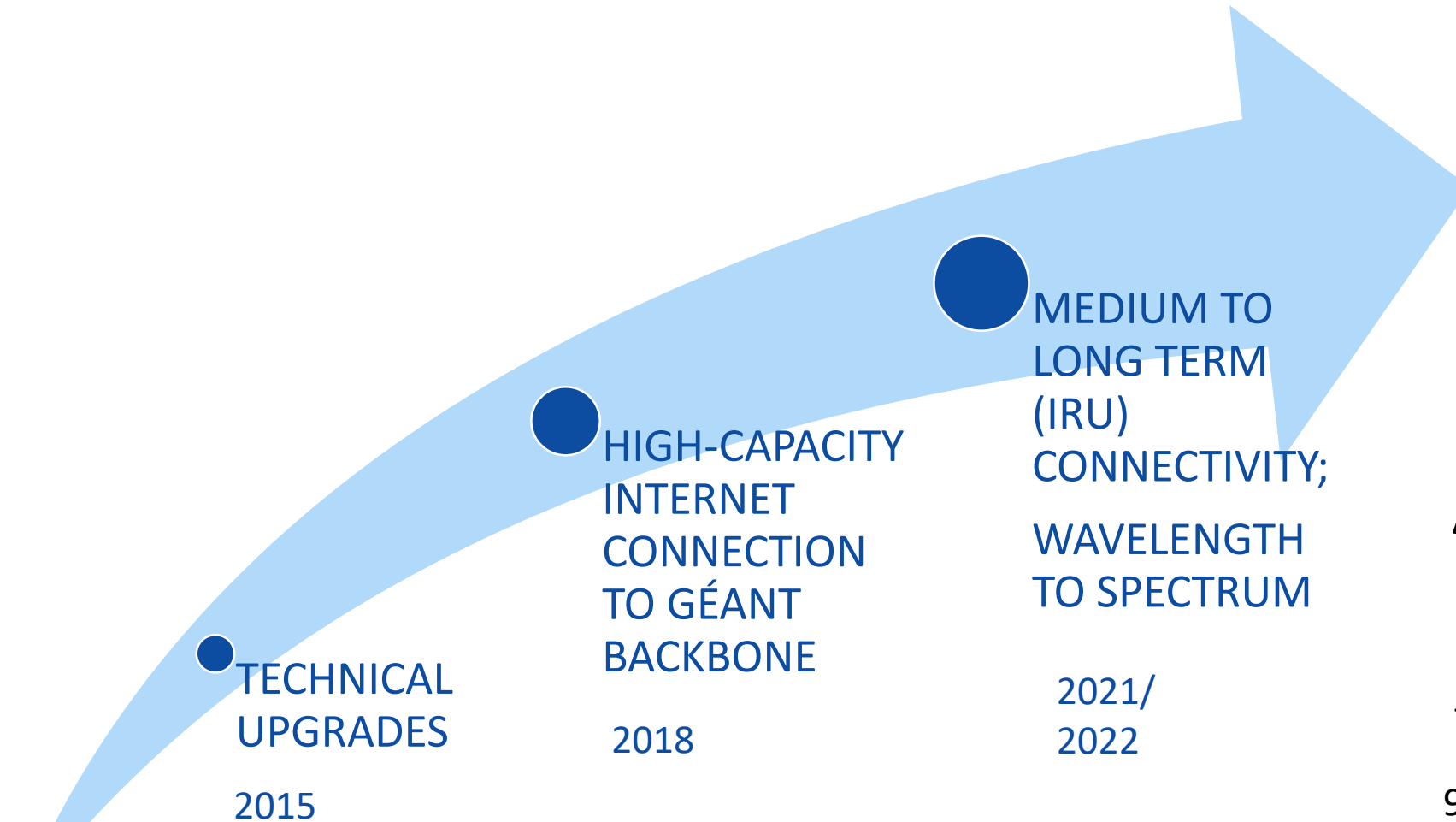
Integrate

Strengthen

Extend network infrastructure (digital highways) to scale-up scientific exchange across borders

Strengthen EaP NRENs’ position in the national R&E ecosystems

Increase the use of services implemented under EaPConnect and offer new services to enhance international cooperation in Research and Education.



- 5 countries connected
- 10 x greater capacity
- 700 000 users
- 300 institutions

## AzScienceNet

Data traffic increased 6 times over 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project and further doubled in 2020 to 2022

90% of market share of R&E institutions  
40% of the market share of Higher Education

