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The Vietsch Foundation

NREN Community Collaboration

John Dyer, The Vietsch Foundation

Brighton, Community Hub

Wednesday 11 June 2025



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Karel Vietsch

- Karel, Secretary General of TERENA 1996 – 2014
- Highly active in research and education networking
- Vietsch Foundation established in February 2014.



Board of Trustees

MISSION Advancing R&D of Internet technology for Research & Higher Education

- ACTIVITIES**
1. Seed Funding for Innovative Internet projects /studies
 2. Annual Award of the Vietsch Foundation Medal of Honour
 3. Supporting URAN through Community Donations

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The Vietsch Foundation Medal of Honour 2014 - 2024

Claudio Allocchio
John Boland
Andrew Cormack
Licia Florio
Christian Grimm
Jan Gruntorád
Laurel L. Haak



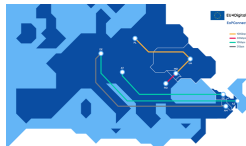
Roland Hedberg
Bartłomiej Idzikowski
Erik Kikkenborg
Natalia Manola
Ingrid Melve
Arjan Xhelaj

2025 Medal

Community Support for URAN



NRENS



EaPConnect



Coordination by Irina Matthews - Project Manger (EaPConnect)

- Community Fund Raising
- GÉANT Community technical support with expertise sharing
- Supporting URAN community institutions with expertise & laptops



Supporting URAN

SOLIDARITY with URAN and UKRAINE

€240,000 donated to date **THANK YOU** 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

VITAL to maintain URAN operational capabilities

Please consider making budget allocations for future donations

Technical support and expertise sharing to URAN



Vietsch Foundation Project Programme

Complementary to GÉANT Innovation Programme

Open all year – no submission deadlines

Prompt evaluation

The Vietsch Foundation has funded:

22 Projects with grants valued over **€530,000** + co-funding

<https://www.vietsch-foundation.org/projects/>



Summary of Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Individuals & Organisations
- Innovation that enhances the use of Internet for our community
- Pilot projects, studies that improves effective use of the Internet
- Other topics of Interest to the Vietsch Foundation

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Summary of Evaluation Criteria

- Excellence and Relevance
- Structure and Management of the Project
- Clear, well-defined Milestones and Deliverables
- Availability of co-funding
- Impact – Potential Benefits for Scientific Research & HE
- We try to give a decision within 2 months (or sooner)

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Submissions



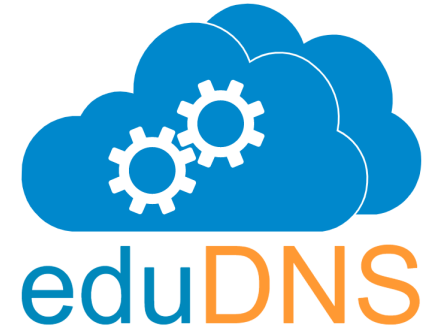
Proposals should be submitted via
email to:
`trustees@vietsch-foundation.org`



The Board's decision is final,
and no discussions will be
entertained regarding the
outcomes

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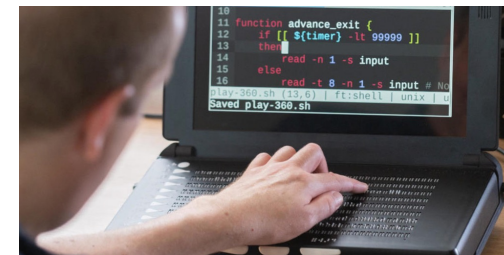
- Universal, vendor-independent Dynamic DNS support
- Simplifies deployment of Cloud Infrastructures
- Partners
 - Institute of Informatics, Slovak Academy of Sciences
 - Instituto de Física de Cantabria



Canute Tactile Commons



- Tactile interface for public APIs for Blind Developers & Researchers
- Electromechanical displays & embossed to paper
- Inclusion of Blind Developers and Academics



- Bristol Braille Technology (Community Interest Company)

Ideas?

Discussion Time

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