

# Memorandum of Understanding

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**GRNET, INIMA, MARNET, RNC,  
RoEduNET, UNICOM-B**

*towards*

***“THE CREATION OF REGIONAL ACADEMIC  
& RESEARCH NETWORK SERVICE  
IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE”***

*October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000  
Thessalonica, Greece*

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- The Greek Research & Technology Network (**GRNET**) <http://www.grnet.gr>
- The Albanian Institute of Informatics and Applied Mathematics (**INIMA**)<sup>1</sup>:  
<http://www.inima.al/>
- The Academic and Research Network of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (**MARNET**): <http://www.marnet.mk/>
- Romanian National R&D Computer Network (**RNC**): <http://www.rnc.ro/>
- Romanian Educational Network, (**RoEduNET**): <http://www.roedu.net/>
- The Bulgarian Academic and Research Network (**UNICOM-B**):  
<http://www.acad.bg/>

Towards the creation of a,

*Regional Academic and Research Network Service in South Eastern Europe*

In order to attain this goal, the undersigned National Research & Education Networks (NRENs) GRNET, INIMA, MARNET, RNC, RoEduNET and UNICOM-B agree, inter alia, to adhere to the following principles:

1. to provide appropriate network interconnections and services in order to develop, implement, test and use advanced research and education applications;
2. to promote a co-operation for the deployment of the next-generation networking in the area of research and higher education;
3. to affirm a co-coordinated and effective presence of the undersigned NRENs to the Trans-European Research & Academic infrastructure (TEN-155 and its successor GEANT), having in mind common educational, scientific, cultural features, interests and strengths of the region;
4. to extend the aforementioned presence in other regions, such as the south-eastern Mediterranean region and the USA (particularly with respect to the Internet2 initiatives);

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<sup>1</sup> INIMA represents the Albanian Research and Educational Networking community and will be replaced by a formal NREN organisation, when such an entity will be established.

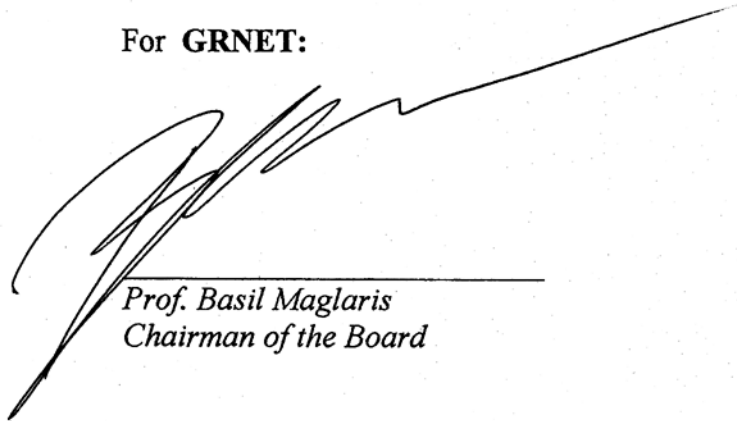
5. To foster community building among Albanian, FYROM, Bulgarian, Romanian and Greek academics & researchers, thus enabling proper conditions for a cross-country educational, scientific and cultural exchanges, activities and projects;
6. To collaborate with governmental organizations, agencies, and other relevant institutions in their respective countries, in order to encourage and build the interconnectivity necessary for the operation of a regional Academic and Research Network in South Eastern Europe, based on the proliferation of the most advanced networking technology and the associated services for the benefit of society in the South Eastern Europe, in general;
7. That, in furtherance of this goal the undersigned NRENs agree to monitor and employ the technology or other tools deemed necessary to ensure that the quality of the networking traffic between their respective institutions is neither degraded nor diminished as a result of congestion induced by a commodity-type traffic;
8. The undersigned NRENs may establish bilateral and multilateral consortia, fora and non-for profit entities,
9. The undersigned NRENs agree that the Regional Academic & Research Network Service in Southeastern Europe will not be used to carry purely commercial traffic;
10. Unless and until the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing, each party will be responsible for its own costs, fees and expenses (which also covers the representation), incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated under this MoU, including but not limited to the negotiation and execution of the definitive documents.

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**Agreed to By:**

Dated at Thessalonica, this First day of October, 2000.

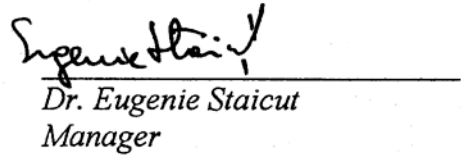
**For GRNET:**



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*Prof. Basil Maglaris*  
*Chairman of the Board*

**For RNC:**



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*Dr. Eugenie Staicut*  
*Manager*

**For INIMA:**



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*Dr. Neki Frasheri*  
*Vice-Director*

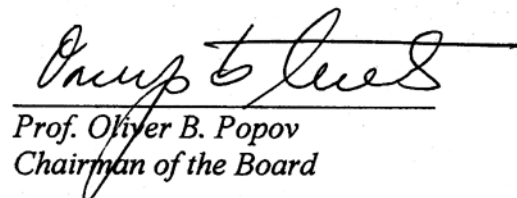
**For RoEduNet:**



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*Eduard Andrei*  
*General Manager*

**For MARNET:**



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*Prof. Olyer B. Popov*  
*Chairman of the Board*

**For UNICOM-B:**



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*Orlin Kouzov*  
*CEO*