



The EARNEST Foresight Study and schools sub-study

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The EARNEST Foresight Study
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What is the EARNEST Study?

- "Foresight" study looking at the future of research and education networking across Europe
- Commissioned by European Commission and co-ordinated by TERENA
- Runs from March 2006 to October 2007
- Successor to SERENATE report of 2002-2003
- Broken down into seven study areas



Study areas

- Researchers' needs
- Technical issues
- Economic issues
- Geographic issues – the Digital Divide
- Campus issues
- Other users – including schools – YOU!
- Organisational and governance issues



What are the goals of EARNEST?

- To provide policy inputs for new initiatives keeping Europe at the networking forefront
- To provide evidence of the impact on research in recent years
- To look at the possibility of new models for collaboration with industry
- To prepare the ground for further development after the completion of Géant2



Schools sub-study aims

- Establish how schools are connected – by NRENs directly; to schools networks; or through ISPs; some other way?
- To look at which services are offered to schools
- To establish the needs of schools – infrastructure, services and support
- To investigate the impact of network connectivity, and ICT, on schools – on teaching; on pupils' achievement



Schools sub-study aims cont.

- The main aim is to establish how network connectivity and services are actually used by teachers and learners
- Therefore, the study will be written from the point of view of schools



Sub-study Methodology

- Meetings with NRENs active in connecting schools – Portugal, Slovenia, Ireland
- Meeting with French Ministry of Education and UNI-C colleagues
- Review of existing literature
- Discussion via TERENA schoolnet mailing list – schoolnet@terena.org
- Today's workshop
- "Focus Group" – YOU!!
- NREN Questionnaire



Aims of the workshop

- Get the views of users – YOU!
- Share ideas and debate key issues
- Provide important input to the study
- Get your views on the possible development of networking for schools

- (and to try to initiate international collaboration)



Structure of the workshop

- Presentations – from teachers and others
- Discussion and debate
- Questions and answers
- Active participation – it is only as good as you make it!



More information

EARNEST

- <http://www.terena.org/activities/earnest/>

Schools sub-study

- <http://www.terena.org/activities/earnest/other.html>

TERENA Connecting schools initiative

- <http://www.terena.org/activities/schools/>

Key TERENA publications

- <http://www.terena.org/publications/>



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