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Federation Policy Issues

SWITCHaai

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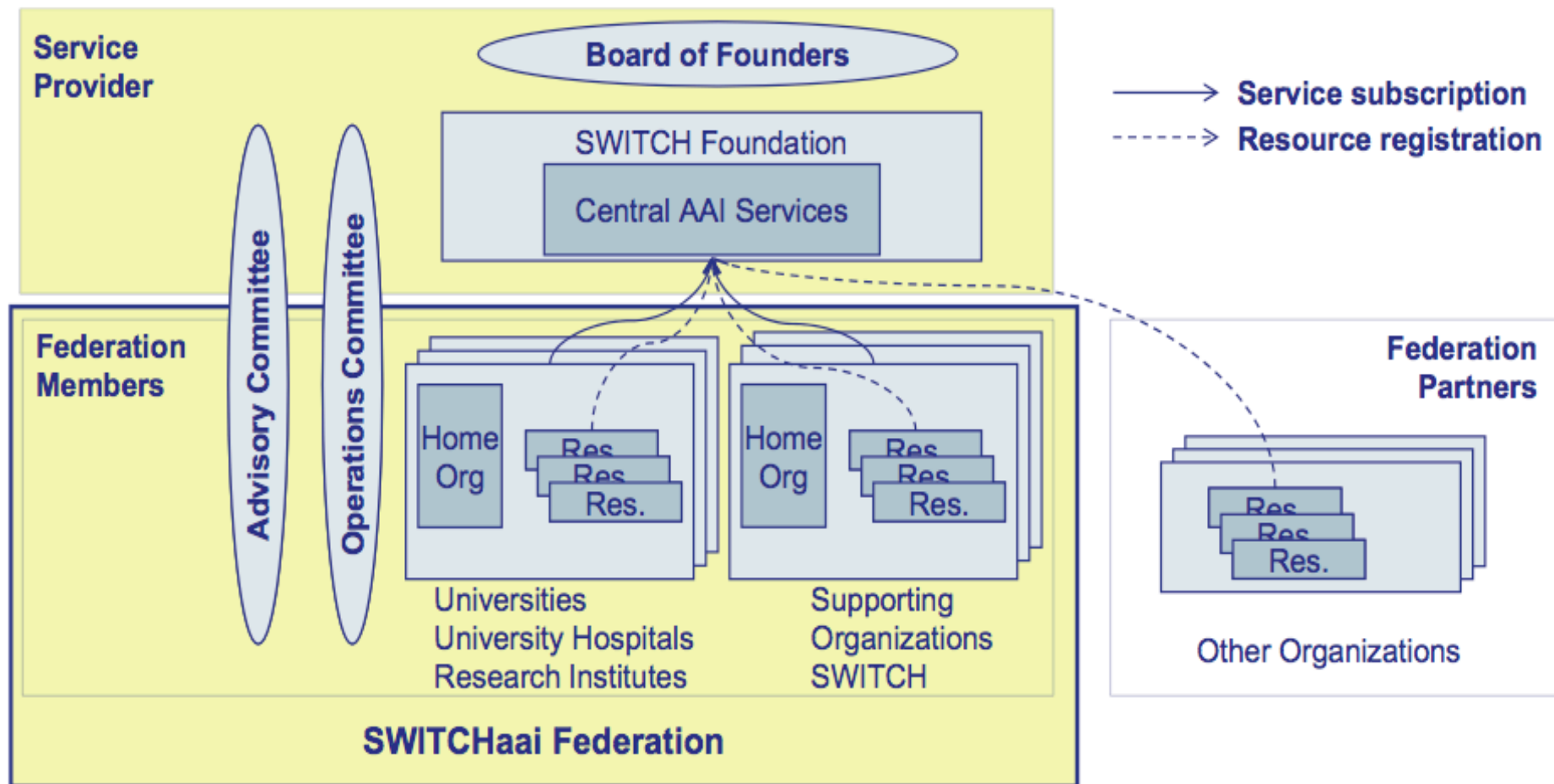
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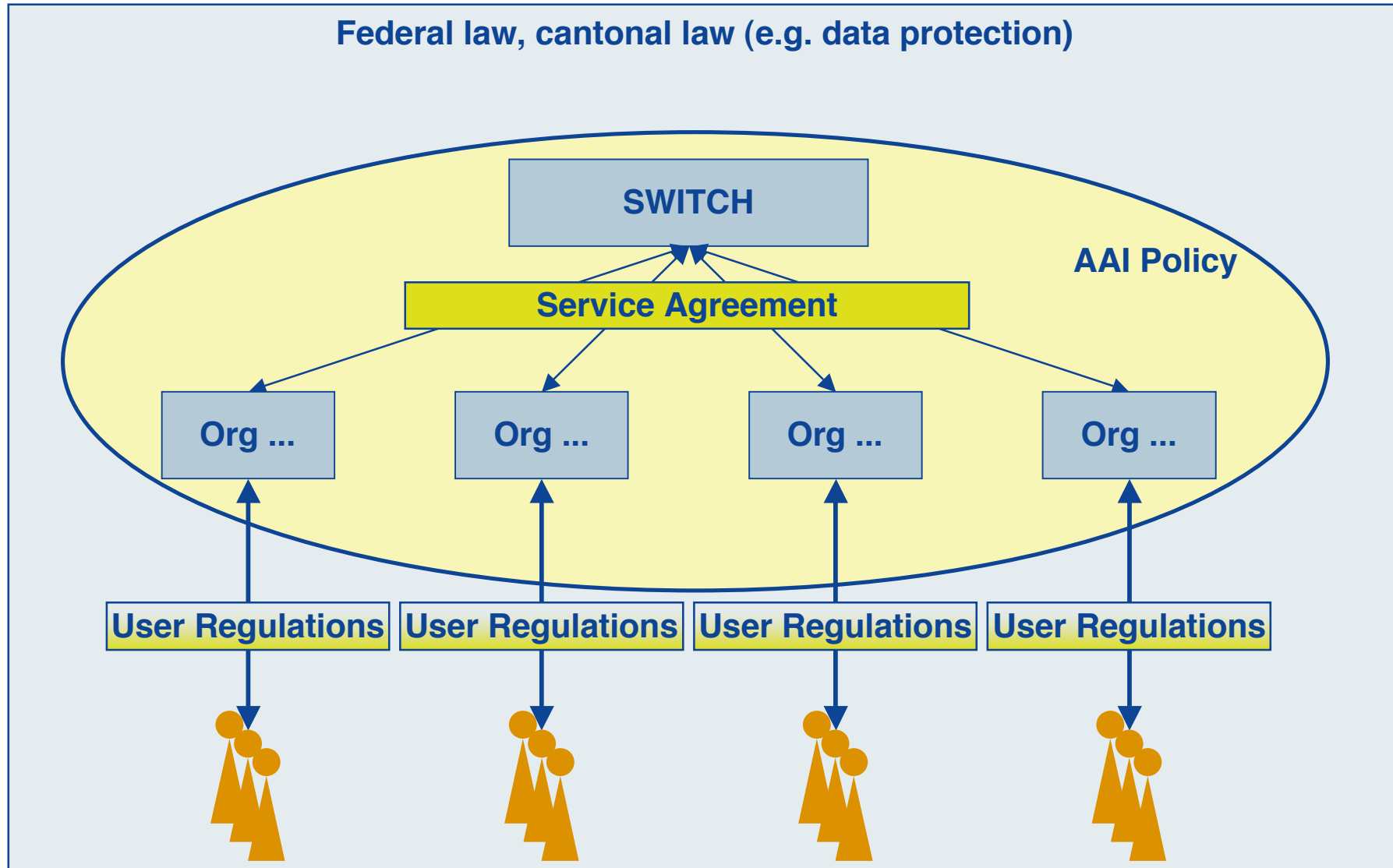
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- **The legal framework**
- **The policies**

The SWITCHaai Federation

- SWITCH is the service provider for the SWITCHaai federation
- Federation membership by signing the service agreements





- **Defines the players and their roles**
- **Details and refers to**
 - **data protection and privacy, including a end-user sample clause**
 - **policy**
 - **quality of service**
 - **rights and obligations of members and SWITCH**
 - **services and dependencies description**
 - **liability**
 - **software licenses**
 - **amendment & termination**

<http://switch.ch/aai/agreement/member.html>

Goals to achieve

- **Only ask for signatures once!**
- **Build on existing trust between federation members**
- **Involve the members on the technical as well as the advisory level**
- **Have amendment processes defined**
- **Be as flexible as possible**
- **Do not require a new legal entity**

- **The AAI Policy defines in more detail**
 - **Membership**
but refers itself to a webpage with the
«Membership Requirements»
- **... and the obligations for**
 - **Advisory Committee**
 - **Operational Committee**
 - **Federation Partners**
 - **Home Organizations**
 - **Resource Owners**

- **Quality of IdM not explicitly covered in policy**
- **But there is this clause**
 - **«Home Organizations have the obligation to disclose their registration and authentication process on request of an AAI Participant.»**

- **The CA Acceptance Policy defines**
 - **Which CAs to accept for server certificates**

- **VHO Policy defines**
 - **Service**
 - **Obligations of**
 - **SWITCH**
 - **End User Administrator**
 - **Terms of use for the VHO users**

VHO = Virtual Home Organization

- **AAI Attribute Specification**
 - **Focus on attribute transmission, not storage**

- **Plans to add...**
 - **Minimum requirements on Identity Management**
 - **«Best Practice» documents**

- **It was worth spending more time than planned on the service agreement...**
- **...but it is still complex**
- **A rewrite from scratch should result in a shorter document**