



2nd workshop: connecting Schools to NRENs

Report from the discussion in the
technical group

Successes and Problems

- Successes
 - Many NRENs already supporting schools
 - Many NRENs with well advanced projects
 - Own fibre network as an important facility

- Problems we have to deal with
 - Scalability, Security, Safety
 - Availability of technology/connectivity means
 - Do we know what schools need? How to gain that knowledge?
 - Bottom up?
 - Awareness raising
 - What is available, how to use that?
 - Need for a register of available services
 - How to get to the teachers (directly, through ministries)
 - We have to identify people at the ministries (movers, shakers, ...)
 - How to reach organisations responsible for educating teachers
 - Standardisation needed!
 - Collaboration service, ...
 - But also gateways to proprietary solutions

Areas of Collaboration

- We have to collaborate, so the schools can collaborate
 - Sharing of information among NRENs, exchange of tools, etc
 - Repository open to TERENA members only
 - Targeted Workshops as a good vehicle
 - Content hosting and access (AAA); content quality
 - Voice and video
 - Europe-wide policy development (standards)
 - Dissemination of best practices among schools
 - Register of resources/services/tools/expertise/documentation/training
 - TERENA/European School Net?
 - Piloting national collaboration services first, then international
 - Access to national heritage (museums, ...) about my country