Focus
TF-Media was established under the auspices of the TERENA Technical Programme to collect ideas, knowledge and experiences about the technical, administrative and legal aspects of federated multimedia production, management and distribution services on a pan-European scale. The task force will explore the architectures, workflow processes and functionalities of different media management and distribution systems and services, as well as the possibility of federating media repositories (i.e. federated access and content) at a European level.

Objectives
- to identify and promote the use of open standards, architectures, technology and procedures in the field of multimedia production, management and distribution that are relevant to the educational and research community.
- to foster the federation of national media content and metadata repositories at a pan-European level.
- to identify, coordinate and, where possible, collaborate on the national activities related to multimedia recording, management, streaming, as well as repository service development and deployment.
- to draft and promote guidelines or best practice documents containing information about existing standards, workflows, latest technology and service requirements, as well as to roll out programmes and potentially operate common services.
- to work together with related TERENA task forces such as TF-EMC2, TF-CPR and TF-MSP and to liaise with other communities such as the OpenCast Community, EUNIS, librarians as well as standardisation bodies.

The task force started its 2 year mandate on 01 January 2010, and will meet at four-monthly intervals. A progress report on the results of TF-Media will be available at the TERENA Networking Conference 2011.