

## 1.2 Legal Form of NRENs

Legal systems are different from country to country. The following table lists whether or not NRENs are a separate legal entity. The country entries on the Compendium website give the name of the parent organisations for the NRENs that are not separate legal entities. The table below also gives information on how NRENs see their relationship with their government.

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Country	Acronym	Separate Legal Entity	Relation with Government	Remarks/Information about the Governing Structure of the NREN
Austria	ACOnet	no	indirect	
Belgium	BELNET	yes	direct	<a href="http://www.belnet.be/about/question_fr.htm">http://www.belnet.be/about/question_fr.htm</a> (in French)
Denmark	UNI•C	no	indirect	<a href="http://www.forskningsnettet.dk/org">http://www.forskningsnettet.dk/org</a>
Finland	FUNET	no	direct	<a href="http://www.csc.fi/esitykset/index.html.en">http://www.csc.fi/esitykset/index.html.en</a>
France	RENATER	yes	both	Among funding members (representing the Administration Board), the French Ministry in charge of Universities has the majority of votes. The other members are also public entities.
Germany	DFN	yes	indirect	
Greece	GRNET	yes	other	GRNET S.A. was founded by Presidential Decree 29/1988 and is owned by the Ministry of Development, under the supervision of the General Secretariat of Research and Technology. The Ministry of Development appoints the Members of the Board of Directors. The Greek government provides funding for the operation of GRNET. ( <a href="http://www.grnet.gr/">http://www.grnet.gr/</a> )
Iceland	RHnet	yes	indirect	
Ireland	HEAnet	yes	indirect	
Italy	GARR	yes	indirect	It is under update from the old to the new structure..
Luxembourg	RESTENA	yes	both	<a href="http://www.restena.lu/restena/presentation/structurelegale.html">http://www.restena.lu/restena/presentation/structurelegale.html</a>
Netherlands	SURFnet	yes	indirect	<a href="http://www.surf.nl/en/oversurf/index.php">http://www.surf.nl/en/oversurf/index.php</a>
Norway	UNINETT	yes	indirect	
Portugal	FCCN	yes	indirect	
Spain	RedIRIS	no	indirect	
Sweden	SUNET	no	direct	
Switzerland	SWITCH	yes	indirect	
United Kingdom	UKERNA	yes	indirect	<a href="http://www.ukerna.ac.uk/company/membership.html">http://www.ukerna.ac.uk/company/membership.html</a>
Bulgaria	IST Foundation	yes	indirect	The Foundation is founded by distinguished academic and IT industry figures
Cyprus	CYNET	yes	both	Our funding mostly comes from the government. Members of the board-council are representatives of government agencies.
Czech Republic	CESNET	yes	indirect	<a href="http://www.ces.net/about">http://www.ces.net/about</a>

The question asked was: "How would you characterize the relationship between your organisation and your government?" Possible answers were: Direct: government agency or part of a ministry; Indirect: controlled by the research and education community which in itself is (largely) government-funded; Both, in some ways; Other.

In the latter two cases, NRENs were asked to give an explanation. The 5th column in the table gives

the explanations that NRENs provided and/or the description of the NREN's governing structure on its website.

Country	Acronym	Separate Legal Entity	Relations with Government	Remarks/Information about the Governing Structure of the NREN
Estonia	EENet	no	direct	
Hungary	HUNGARNET	yes	both	<a href="http://www.hungarnet.hu">http://www.hungarnet.hu</a> or <a href="http://www.niif.hu">http://www.niif.hu</a>
Latvia	LATNET	no	indirect	<a href="http://www.lanet.lv/about.html">http://www.lanet.lv/about.html</a>
Latvia	LANET	no	indirect	
Lithuania	LITNET	no	direct	
Poland	PSNC (POL34)	no	direct	
Romania	RNC	no	direct	
Slovakia	SANET	yes	indirect	
Slovenia	ARNES	yes	other	ARNES is a public non-profit institution. It is not a government agency.
Turkey	ULAKBIM	no	both	Parent organization, TUBITAK, is a semi-independent government agency managed by a self-elected manager
Albania	ANA	no		
Algeria	CERIST	no	indirect	
Armenia	ARENA	yes	indirect	
Azerbaijan	AzRENA	yes	indirect	
Azerbaijan	(AzNET)	no	other	NGO, no links with the government.
Belarus	(BASNET)	no	indirect	<a href="http://www.basnet.by/center.htm">http://www.basnet.by/center.htm</a>
Bosnia Herzegovina	BIHARNET	yes		
Croatia	CARNet	yes	direct	<a href="http://www.carnet.hr/organization">http://www.carnet.hr/organization</a>
Georgia	GRENA	yes	indirect	
Israel	IUCC	yes	indirect	
Jordan	NIC	no	indirect	
Kazakhstan	KazRENA	yes	other	KazRENA works closely with the Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan on a state programme, "Introduction of ITC technologies in education of Kazakhstan".
FYR of Macedonia	MARNet	no	indirect	
Moldova	RENAM	yes	indirect	<a href="http://www.renam.md/r_a_1.html">http://www.renam.md/r_a_1.html</a>
Morocco	MARWAN	no	direct	
Palestine	GCC	no	direct	
Russian Federation	FREEnet	yes	both	The Russian Academy of Sciences has the right to elect scientists for such positions as Academy President, Director of the Institute etc. <a href="http://www.free.net/FREENet/Intro.htm">http://www.free.net/FREENet/Intro.htm</a>
Russian Federation	RIPN	yes	both	We are controlled partly by the Government and partly by the research community.
Serbia & Montenegro	AMREJ	no	both	NREN is special project funded by Ministry for Science, Technology and Development.
Syrian Arab Republic	SHERN	no	direct	
Ukraine	UNREN	yes		
Ukraine	URAN	no	indirect	
Uzbekistan	UzSciNet	no	indirect	<a href="http://www.uzsci.net">http://www.uzsci.net</a>