

EaPConnect Cybersecurity Workshop 2022

GÉANT Security Roadmap

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Who Am I?



Alf Moens, infected with collaboration virus

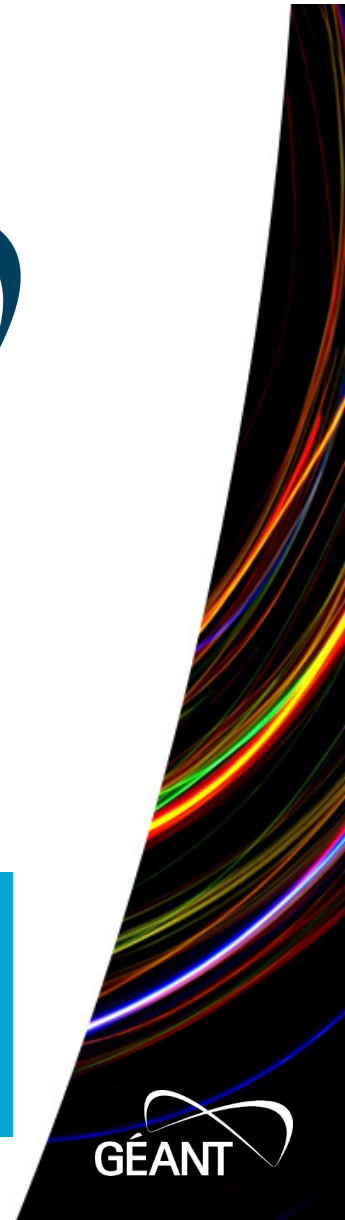


Cybersecurity lead

Workpackage lead WP8 (GN4-3 & GN5-1)



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2021-2026 GÉANT Association Strategy

The GÉANT Association is the collaboration of European National Research and Education Networks (NRENs).

Together, we deliver an information ecosystem of infrastructures and services to advance research, education, and innovation on a global scale.

Vision

To collaborate to deliver the infrastructures and services that enable the R&E community to excel.



Mission

To empower R&E with an open, innovative, and trusted information ecosystem.



Ambition

To address and anticipate the needs of the R&E community by offering sustainable, open, innovative and trusted infrastructures and services.

To be a trusted and preferred-choice partner to the benefit of the European R&E community.

To collaborate and share knowledge to enable NRENs to improve their performance, both individually and collectively.



The GÉANT Association is driven by Eight Strategic Goals

Network

We are the trusted partner for pan-European and global advanced R&E networking.



Security

We provide a safe and secure information ecosystem for researchers, educators, and students.



Innovation

We continually evolve key infrastructures, innovate, and develop new services in order to fulfil the needs of the R&E community in a sustainable way.



Community

We are acknowledged worldwide as a leader for developing and supporting R&E networking communities, and global REN development.



European Union

We are seen by the EU as an indispensable partner for their vision.



Stakeholders

We forge relationships with other e-infrastructure providers, research infrastructures (RIs), and other stakeholders, to benefit the R&E community.



Governance

We have a governance structure that is agile and benefits from the diversity of our membership.



Funding

We will ensure financial sustainability to benefit our members.



GÉANT Thematic Roadmaps 2021 - 2026

Above the Net

Security

**Network and network
services**

Trust & Identity



Preparations for Security Roadmap

- Discussions in SIG-ISM and Security Day
- Discussions with Taskleaders WP8
- Security Insights Market research
 - Jisc, MARnet, IUCC, GARR, CARnet, RENATER, HEAnet, EEnet, RESTENA, URAN, RedIRIS and BELnet
- Interviews with experts
 - DEIC, Jisc, Internet2, DFN, Canary, SURF
- GA Security Spotlight
- GÉANT Compendium
- Insights from webinars, conferences, whitepapers



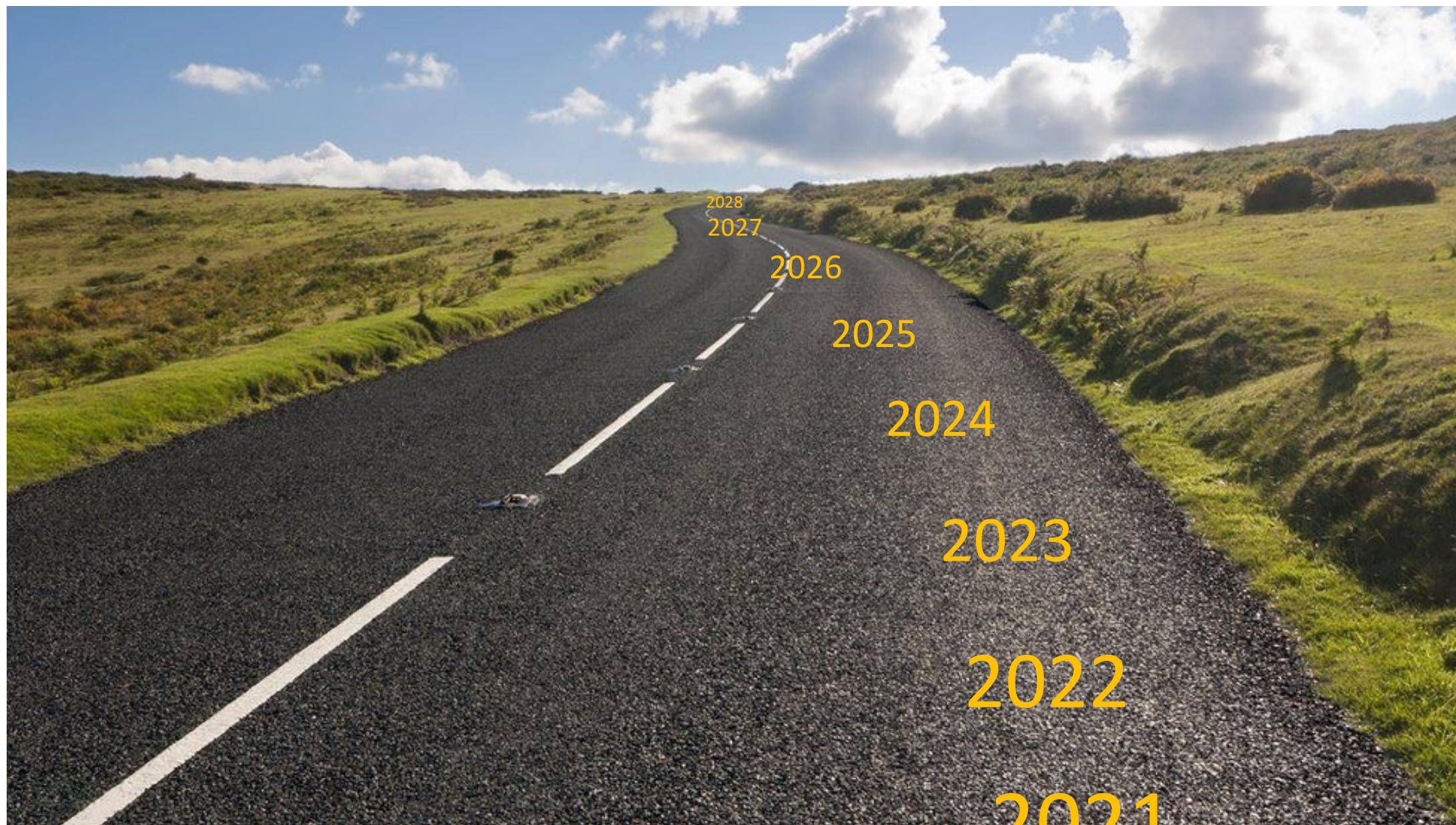
GÉANT Security Strategy – Main Objective

The main objective of the GÉANT Security Roadmap is to continue the support of NRENs and GÉANT to provide for a safe and secure infrastructure and services for Research and Education on national, European and global level, reducing the likelihood of major disruptions to services or loss of data.

This will primarily be done by joint operation, development and sharing of products and services, active knowledge sharing, training and participation, in close collaboration with the staff of the NRENs, either in project style activities or in Task Forces and Special Interest Groups.

Major challenge: skill shortage

Identify and broker existing tools, encourage distributed services





Standards and
Best Practices

Security
Operations
Support

Services
and
Tools

Incident Response and
Crisis Management

Development of
human capital,
training and Awareness

Securing
High Speed Networks

2023

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Standards and Best Practices

- Security baseline
- Benchmarking and Compliance auditing
- Peer review: both technical and organisational
- Security dashboards: both technical and organisational
- Best Practices: collect, review, develop and share
 - MFA, BCM, Cryptography, security management, Incident response

Purpose

- Prepare for new legislative requirements (NIS-2, CES)
- Assist NRENs in improving security (and privacy) control
- Stimulate the use of international standards to reduce complexity and strengthen position and visibility
- Support R&E with adequate best practices in close cooperation with SIG-ISM, WISE, EOSC-future etc.

Security Operations Support

- Intelligence sharing and threat analysis
- DDOS protection
- eduVPN
- Vulnerability management services
- Cryptographic services: Certificates and document signing
- Community support

Purpose

Deliver dedicated and focused security services and support security operations centers (SOC), negotiate the use and re-use of security services. This subject area covers the operational side of security. Operational services that are needed to keep networks safe such DDOS detection, vulnerability scanning and certificate services.

Services and Tools

Purpose

- the (continuing) development of security tools and services. That are needed for supporting NRENs and their users

- Support the development of open source tooling such as eduVPN
- Cryptographic services: automation, ACME, TCS service suite
- Pilots and POCs with sensor networks
- Tooling for supporting security operations
 - Security intelligence: drivers, plugins etc.
 - DDOS detection and mitigation, Firewall on Demand



Purpose

We will need to be prepared for incidents and crisis, no matter how much we try to prevent them. This activity is aimed at improving the capabilities for incident response and crisis management teams.

Incident Response and Crisis Management

- Raising capabilities of NREN CSIRT/CERT teams
- Investigate a cost effective way to fund tooling and development. Promote the trusted introducer programme
- Perform crisis management exercises to spread awareness and for self-evaluation of maturity
- Develop and maintain best practices for crisis management and assist NRENs in implementing
- Develop a supportive capability with specialised skills to assist and support NRENs during a major incident or crisis
- Investigate the use of red-teaming and simulation games.

- Support training at both introductory and advanced levels suitable for a wide range of audiences
- Identify suitable training opportunities for security awareness, basic training, specialised training and related educational development needs for NREN staff and security teams, some will be “make”, others will be “buy”.
- Survey the training requirements of security teams and identify gaps/areas of improvement, develop trainings for or buy them
- Organise a annual security awareness cybersecurity month
- Investigate for a mentor/mentee programs to help develop and retain members of the local security teams. Support training-on-the-job and mutual traineeships or exchanges.
- Develop and maintain training material matched to the needs of the NREN security community.

Development of
human capital,
training and Awareness

Purpose

Training, awareness raising and exchange of expertise are amongst the key tools we can use to secure a security workforce for now and the near future.

Training and awareness are an essential part in the prevention of incidents.

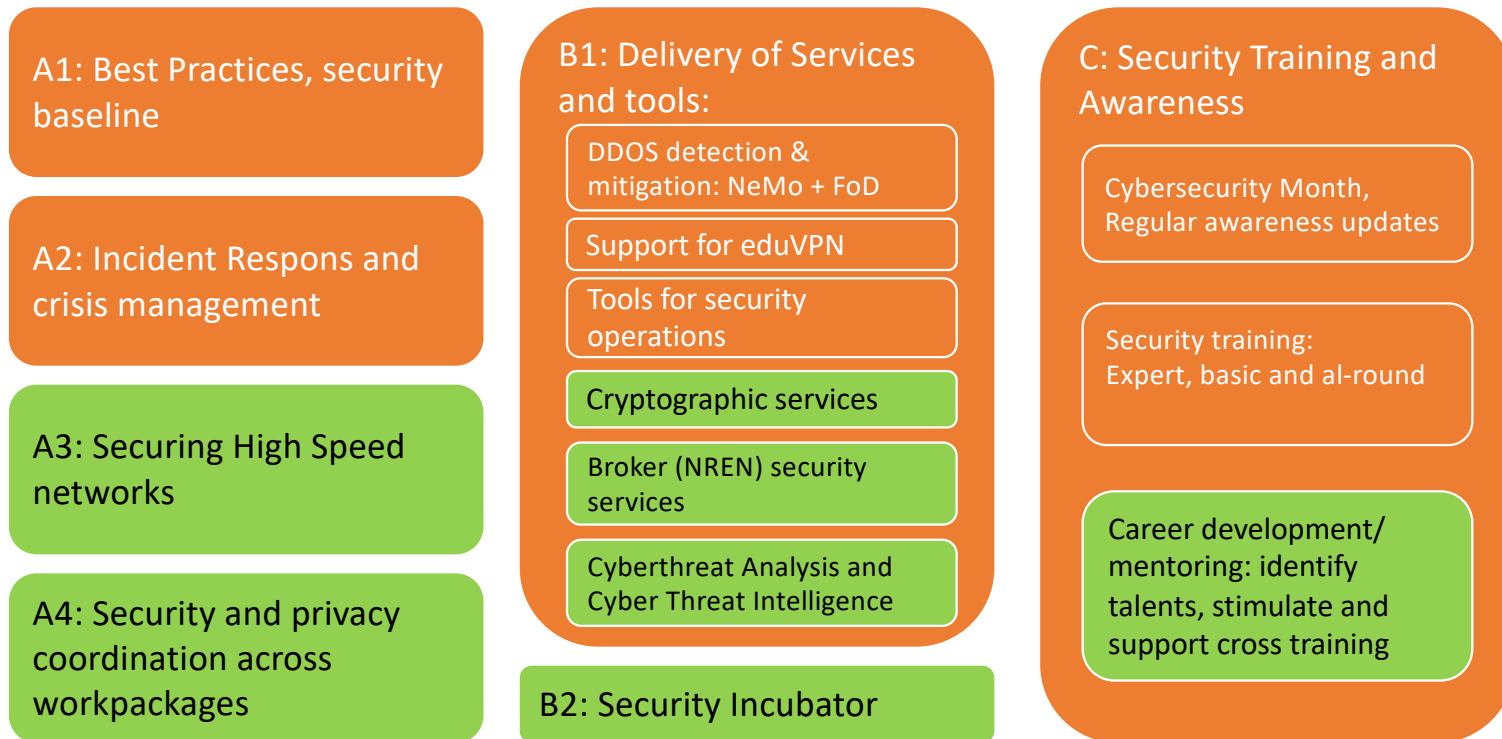
- Analyse the needs for specialized tooling based on threats and risks
- Develop and maintain best practices for securing high speed networks
- Develop or acquire and optimize tooling for securing high speed networks

Purpose

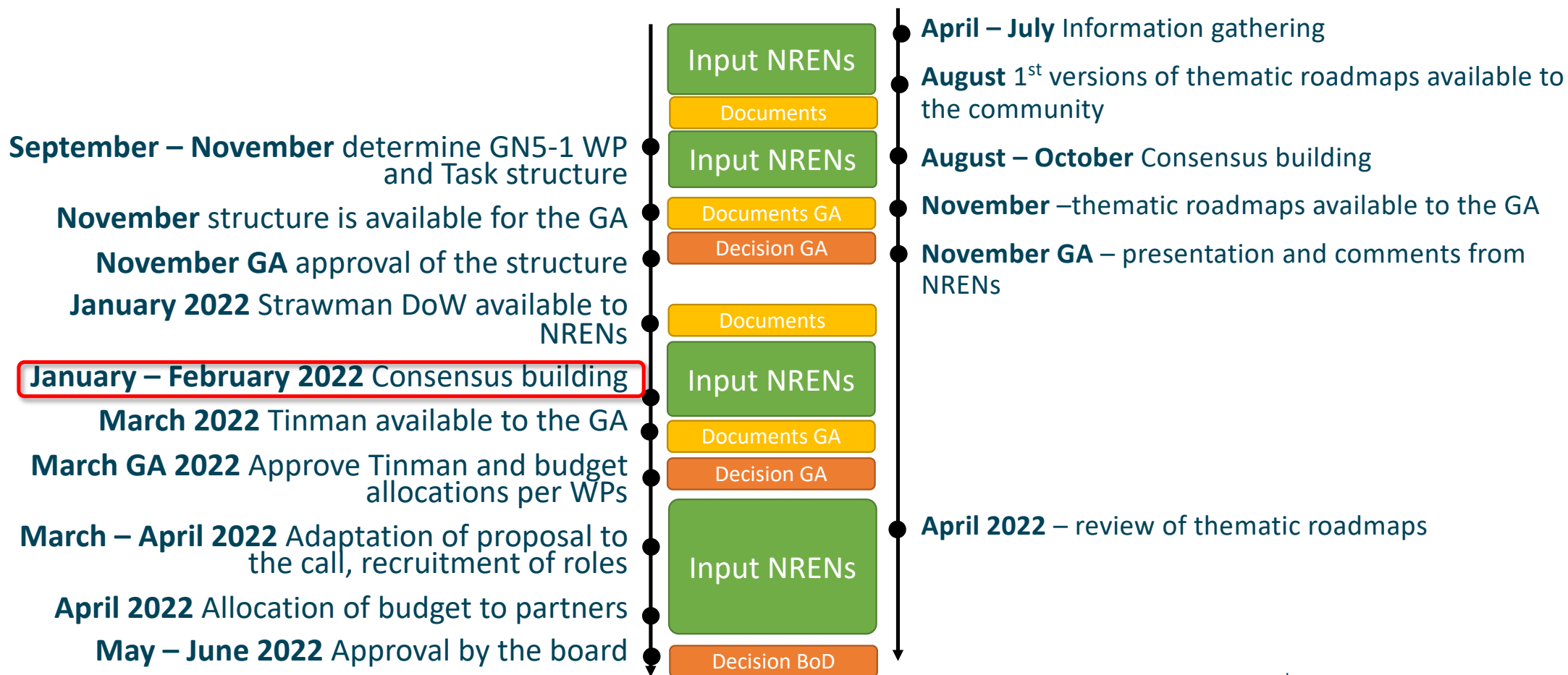
High speed networks require high speed security. Some of the existing security tools are independent of transmission speed, but some other faces of high speed networking may require specific protection specially suited for high speed, high volume networks.

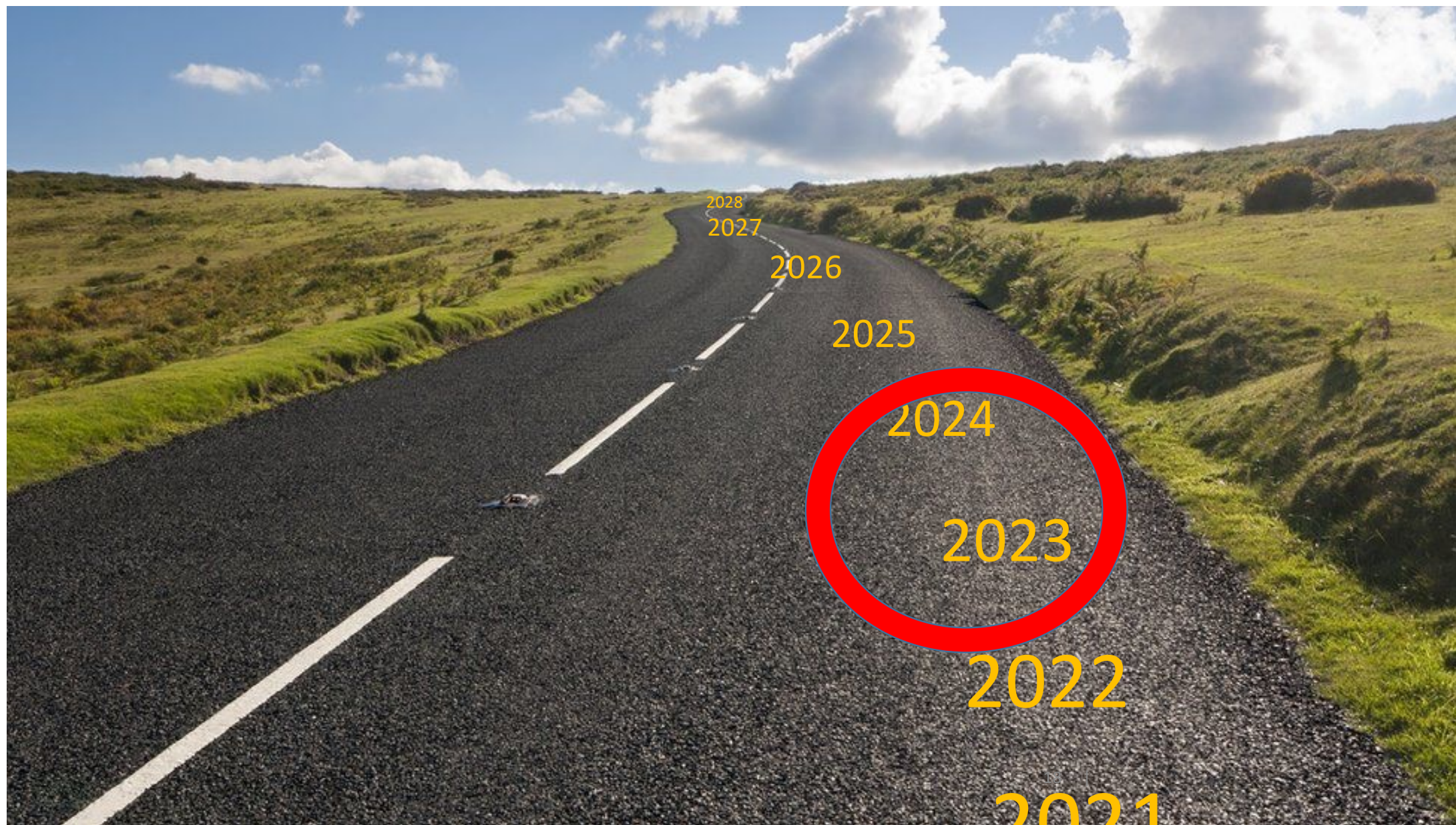
Securing
High Speed Networks

GN5-1 WP8: Security (proposed): Overview of activity – ongoing and new



GN5-1 TIMELINE





2028

2027

2026

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Increased role for
communities and
focusgroups

Actionable Security
intelligence

Security trainings

Cybersecurity Month
&
CLAW

Joined Security
Operations

Distributed DDOS
detection and mitigation

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