

# VI-SEEM and MAGIC projects

Virtual Research Environment for value-added services  
in national and regional NRENs: case studies

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Vi-SEEM



Magic

- VRE for regional Interdisciplinary communities in Southeast Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean
- Start date 01/10/2015
- Duration 36 months
- Total funded effort, PMs: 715
- EC contribution 3.3ME
- MAGIC project details presented earlier

# Geographical and historical context

- VRE for regional Interdisciplinary communities in SEE and EM
- Merging of SEE and EM regions
- SEE: network SEEREN1-2, Grid SEE-GRID-1-2-SCI, HPC HP-SEE
- EM: HPC LinkSCEEM1-2



Participant no.	Participant organisation name	Part. short name	Country
1 (Coord)	GREEK RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY NETWORK S.A.	GRNET	Greece
2	THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE	Cyl	Cyprus
3	INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES – BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES	IICT-BAS	Bulgaria
4	INSTITUT ZA FIZIKU	IPB	Serbia
5	NEMZETI INFORMACIOS INFRASTRUKTURA FEJLESZTESI IRODA	NIIF	Hungary
6	UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST DIN TIMISOARA	UVT	Romania
7	UNIVERSITETI POLITEKNIK I TIRANES	UPT	Albania
8	UNIVERZITET U BANJOJ LUCI	UNI BL	Bosnia and Herzegovina
9	SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY OF SKOPJE	UKIM	FYR of Macedonia
10	JAVNA USTANOVA UNIVERZITET CRNE GORE PODGORICA	UOM	Montenegro
11	RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL NETWORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOLDOVA	RENAM	Moldova
12	INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATICS AND AUTOMATION PROBLEMS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA	IIAP-NAS-RA	Armenia
13	GEORGIAN RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL NETWORKING ASSOCIATION	GRENA	Georgia
14	BIBLIOTHECA ALEXANDRINA	BA	Egypt
15	INTER UNIVERSITY COMPUTATION CENTER	IUCC	Israel
16	SYNCHROTRON-LIGHT FOR EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE AND APPLICATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST	SESAME	Jordan

# Grid infrastructures



# HPC infrastructures

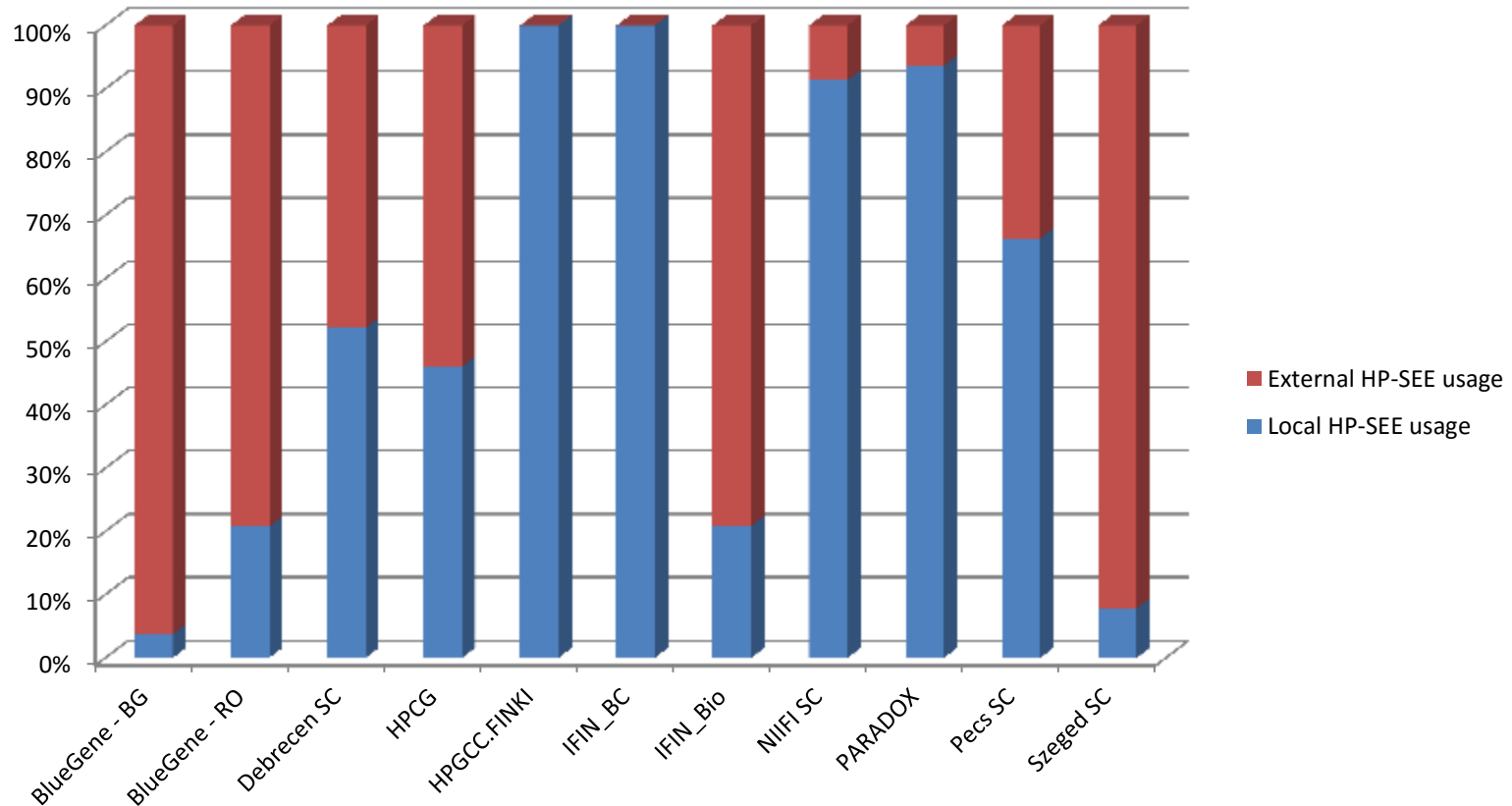


- ❑ 3 top 500 supercomputers (Greece, Bulgaria, Hungary)
- ❑ Heterogeneous infrastructure - 3 Blue Gene/P SCs, several HPC clusters with advanced interconnects. Advantage to users
- ❑ Substantial number of libraries, toolkits and application software deployed, tested and optimised



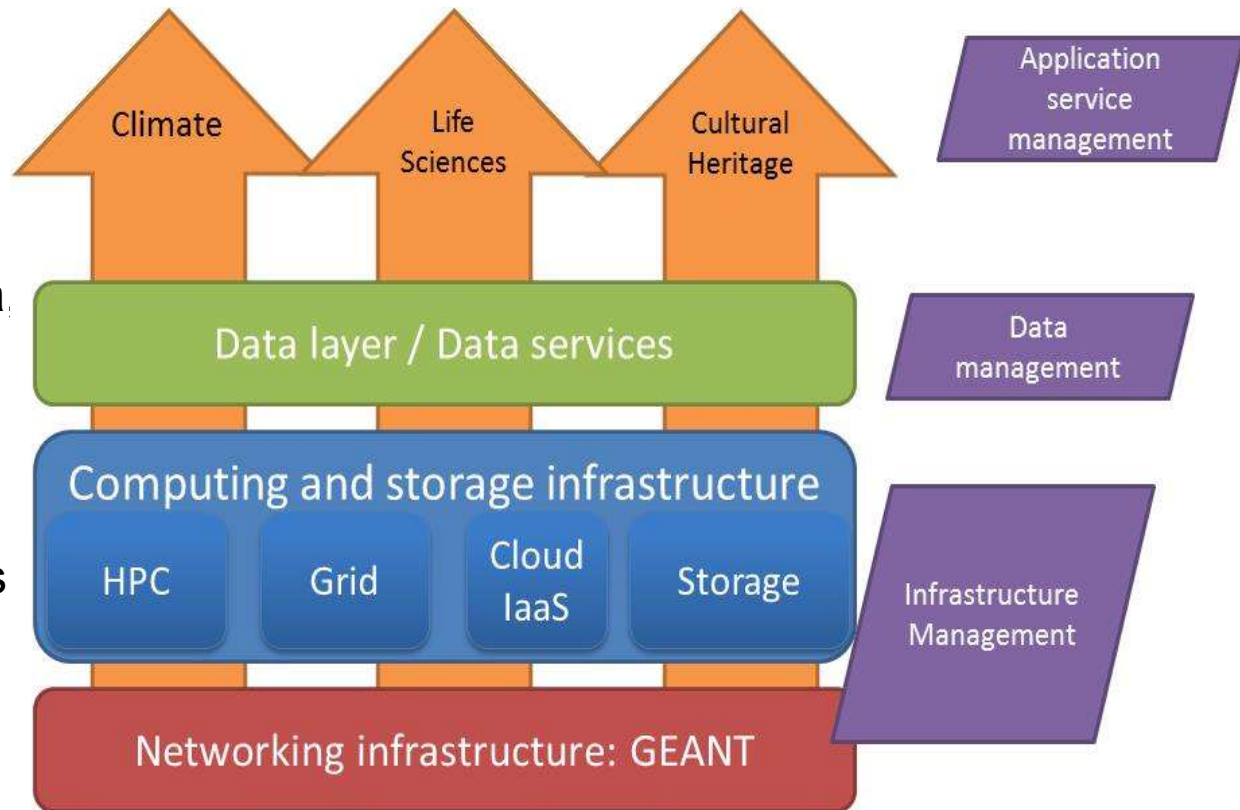
# HPC: Trans-national usage and sharing

## Local vs. External HP-SEE usage

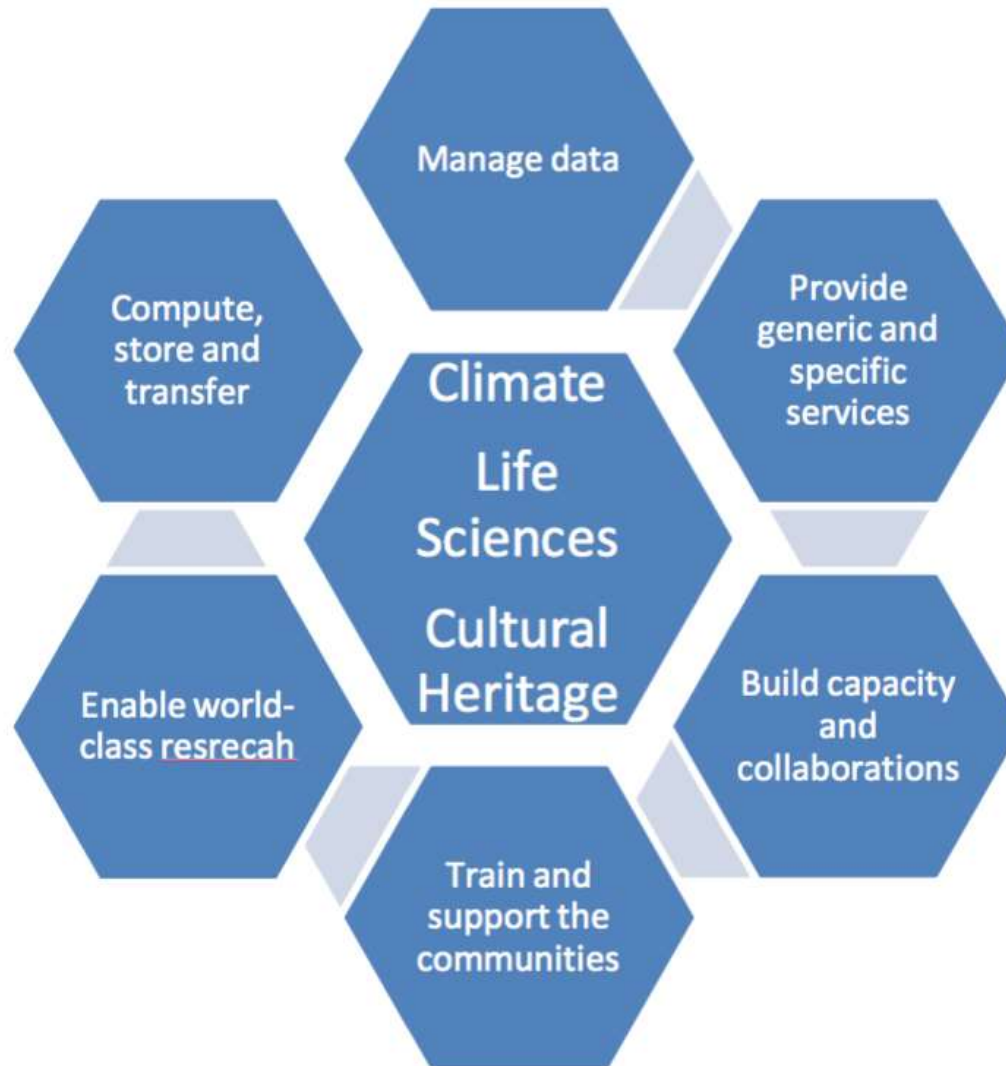


# Technology context

- Overall objective: Provide user-friendly integrated e-Infrastructure platform for Scientific Communities in Climatology, Life Sciences, and Cultural Heritage for the SEEM region; by linking compute, data and visualization resources, as well as services, software and tools.
- Diverse computing technologies
- Advent of big data
- Service orientation
- Transversal services: AAI, service catalogues, common data and computing services in some cases

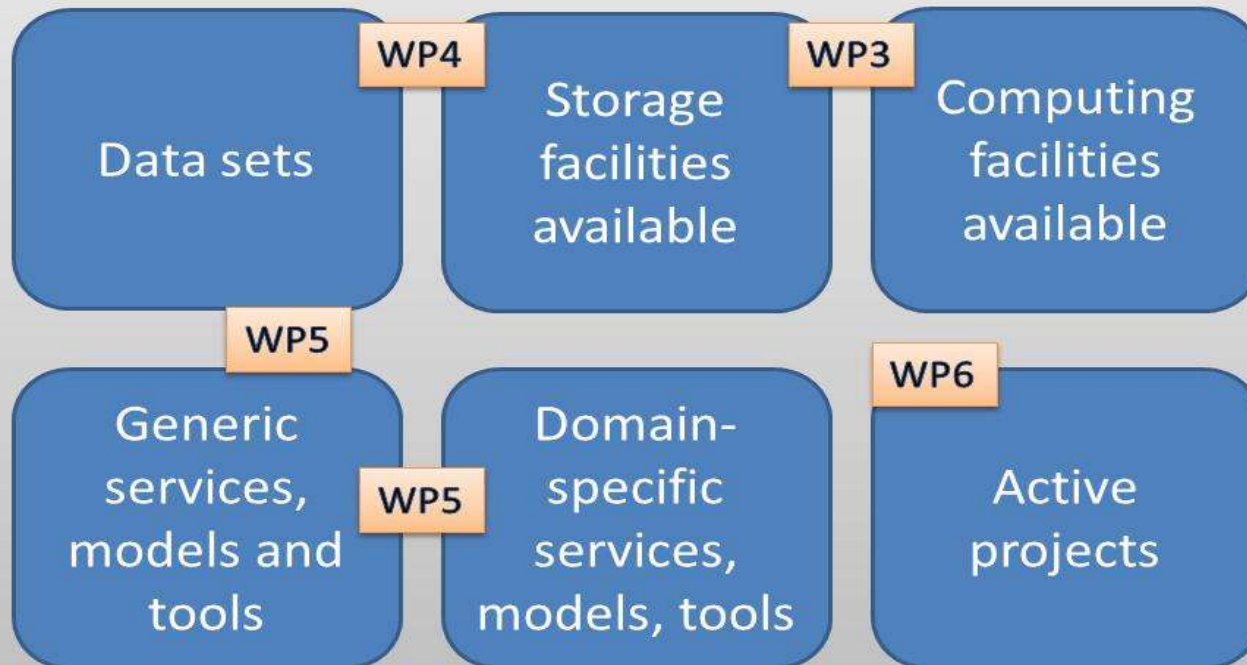


# Detail objectives



# User-centric approach

## Virtual Research Environment: Users' viewpoint



# Key Performance Indicators



- e-Infrastructure: 21500 CPU cores, 325000 GP-GPU cores and 18500 Intel Xeon Phi cores of HPC, 2900 grid cores, 10500 cloud VM cores, 11 PBytes of storage (of which dedicated 5-15% , 10-15%, 5% and 10% respectively)
- > 10 specific services, 30 data sets and 25 codes
- 39 applications, 45 research teams taking part. 100 publications, 50 presentations
- 17 dissemination events, 12 training events

# Types of applications

Climate	Life Sciences	Cultural Heritage
Regional Climate Modelling	Modeling and Molecular Dynamics (MD) study of important drug targets	Digital Libraries
Global Climate Modelling	Computer-aided drug design	Interactive Visualization Tools
Weather Forecasting	Analysis of Next Generation DNA sequencing data and RNA profiling data	Semantic Referencing
Air Pollution/Quality	Data mining to identify prevalent diseases/mutations in the SEEM region	Image Classification
Model Development	Image processing for biological applications	Modelling of Built Environments and Advanced Representation Techniques
Visualization, Datasets, etc.	Computational simulation of DNA and RNA	Scientific simulation of materiality and systems' properties
Other	Synchrotron data analysis	Geo-referencing Tools
	Other	Bioarchaeology

# VI-SEEM Data sets: climate



## Simulation and observation data; global and local sets

Source	Description	URL
Earth System Grid Federation	Data portal for downloading CORDEX and other data (i.e. CMIP5)	<a href="http://pcmdi9.llnl.gov/esgf-web-fe/">http://pcmdi9.llnl.gov/esgf-web-fe/</a>
Climatic Research Unit (CRU)	gridded observations of surface meteorological data and climatic indices	<a href="http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/data">http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/data</a>
E-OBS	gridded observations of surface meteorological parameters for Europe	<a href="http://eca.knmi.nl/download/ensembles/download.php">http://eca.knmi.nl/download/ensembles/download.php</a>
ECA&D	meteorological station observations for Europe and part of MENA	<a href="http://eca.knmi.nl/dailydata/index.php">http://eca.knmi.nl/dailydata/index.php</a>
APHRODITE	Gridded precipitation data for Asia and Middle East	<a href="http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/precip/index.html">http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/precip/index.html</a>
Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC)	Gridded global precipitation observations	<a href="ftp://ftp-anon.dwd.de/pub/data/gpcc/html/gpcc_normals_download.html">ftp://ftp-anon.dwd.de/pub/data/gpcc/html/gpcc_normals_download.html</a>
European Centre of Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Data Portal (ECMWF)	Mainly for downloading reanalysis products such as the ERA-Interim	<a href="http://apps.ecmwf.int/datasets/">http://apps.ecmwf.int/datasets/</a>
AERONET	federation of ground-based remote sensing aerosol networks	<a href="http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov">http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov</a>
MODIS	MODIS (or Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) is a key instrument aboard the Terra (EOS AM) and Aqua (EOS PM) satellites	<a href="http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov">http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov</a>
ISA-MEIDA	collection and archiving of Israeli Earth Science data sets	<a href="http://nasa.proj.ac.il/">http://nasa.proj.ac.il/</a>
TOMS aerosol index	index that detects the presence of uv-absorbing aerosols such as dust and soot	<a href="http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/data-holdings/PIP/aerosol_index.shtml">http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/data-holdings/PIP/aerosol_index.shtml</a>

Source	Description
TAU, Israel	Meteorological and hydrological data for Israel, environmental data, such as PM10 and PM2.5 measurements in various locations in Israel
METEO-RO, Romania	a gridded dataset from observations consisting of 9 essential climate variables with daily values (1961-2013) on a spatial resolution of 10 km for the Romanian territory (ROCADA)
IEG, Moldova	data recorded by meteorological stations and posts of the State Hydro-meteorological Service
NIGGG, Bulgaria	NCEP Global Analysis Data with 1° resolution, available since 2000 TNO high resolution emission inventory for Europe Data of the pollution levels, measured by the Bulgarian National Network for Air Quality Control, available since 2000
IGEW, Albania	data collected from the Hydrological, Meteorological and Seismological networks (such as water flow, temperature, humidity, precipitation etc., and a range of seismic data)

# VI-SEEM Data sets: Life Sciences



- Simulation and observation data; global and local sets

Country	Available data	Access Policy (Private, Regional, Public)
Greece	Virtual screening results	Data that is published is public and can be shared
Serbia	SNP database of variations in genes involved in Cystic Fibrosis, Thrombosis, Alpha-1-Antitripsine deficiency, Colorectal cancer, Thyroid cancer, Lung cancer, Endometrium. The database contains data on Serbian population.	Data that is published is public and can be shared
Moldova	Investigation Analytics, Research Results, Pathologies case studies	Investigation Analytics and Research Results are shared information. Pathologies case studies (no personal patient info) – available for research community by creating agreement with institution.

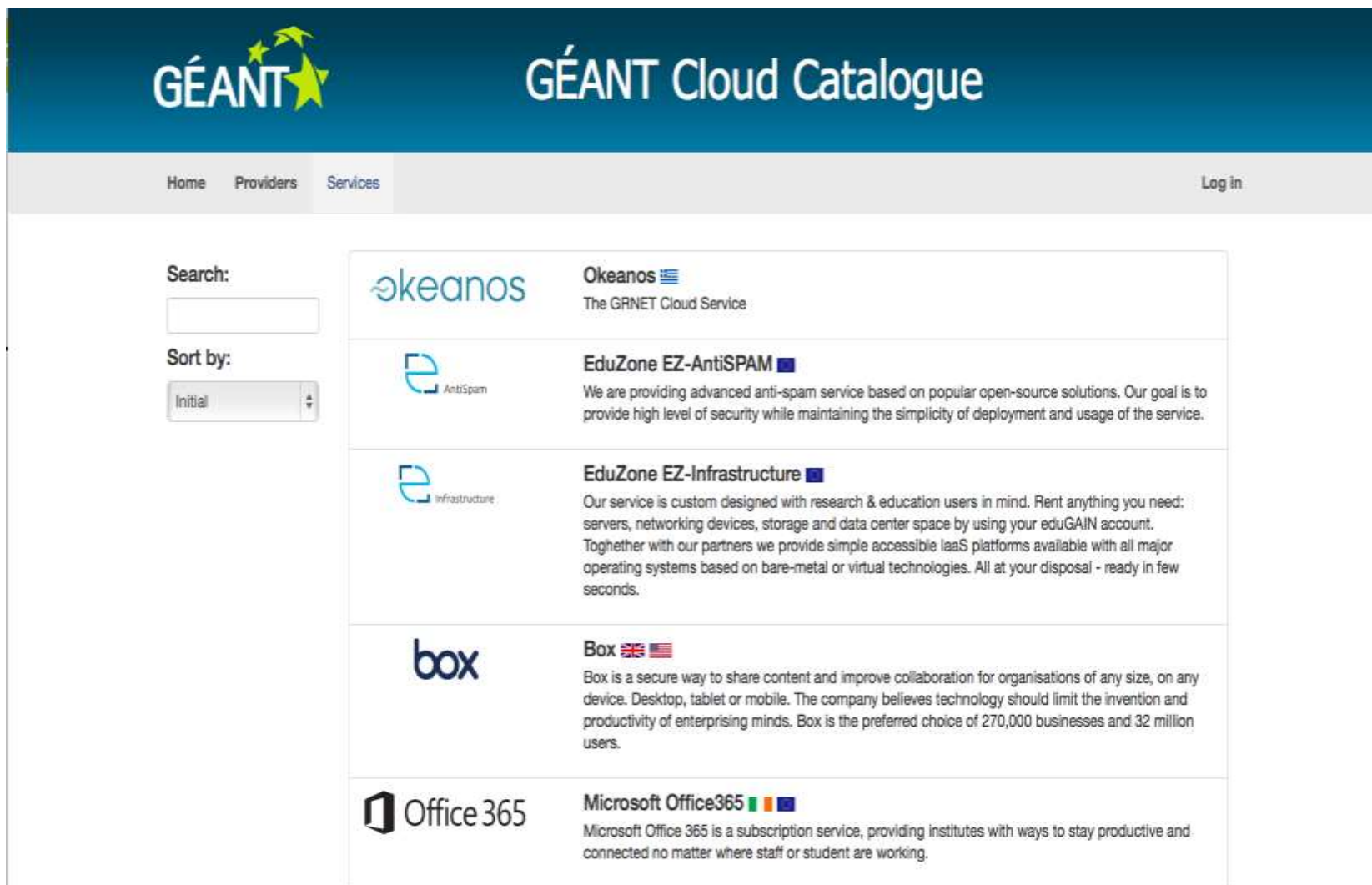
# VI-SEEM Data sets: CH

Source	Description	URL
<b>Ancient Cypriot Literature Digital Corpus (AKGDC)</b>	Searchable digital library of Ancient Cypriot Literature. Covers the ancient Cypriot literary production from 7th century BC to 5th-6th century AD and examines it through its wide range of literary genres.	Not public yet.
<b>STARC repository</b>	Repository for digital CH objects created over the last 5 years at Cyl. Including novel interactive methods for accessing and exploring information.	<a href="http://public.cyi.ac.cy/starcRepo/">http://public.cyi.ac.cy/starcRepo/</a>
<b>Electronic Corpus of Karamanlidika</b>	Digitalization and transcription into Latin characters of a corpus of Karamanlidika printed material from different periods and genres with access to graphic, phonetic and morphemic varieties search.	Not public yet
<b>The digital collection of Bibliotheca Alexandrina</b>	As a library of the 21 st Century, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA), along with its affiliated academic and cultural centres, is committed to digitization as a means of preserving, managing, and disseminating information and knowledge. The BA sets out to share them with a worldwide audience via the internet, thus promoting greater understanding and tolerance between cultures. To achieve this goal, the BA has formed partnerships with various cultural, academic, governmental, and corporate organizations for the creation of many significant and compelling digital projects. These projects cover a wide array of cultural and educational themes.	<a href="http://www.bibalex.org/Libraries/Presentation/Static/12600.aspx?d=0">http://www.bibalex.org/Libraries/Presentation/Static/12600.aspx?d=0</a>

# Data-related activities

- ❑ Functions allowing for data management for selected Scientific Communities, engage the full data management lifecycle
- ❑ Select and integrate data management services tailored to the project's Scientific Communities
- ❑ Deploy and operate data management services that address the full data lifecycle
- ❑ Collect the actual VRE-specific data sets and make them available via common interfaces and services
- ❑ Data storage (live, dropbox-like), data archiving, data manipulation, collaborative access, domain specific interfaces to storage, data annotation and citation, metadata, PIDs, etc.

- ❑ VI-SEEM: full service-oriented approach
  - ❑ all services offered to be included in a service portfolio/catalogue
  - ❑ service portfolio management process as defined by FitSM [3]
  - ❑ s distinct tools service portfolio/catalogue management portal and the configuration/service/resource registry.
  - ❑ service registry will be based on the similar design such as the GN3+ Cloud Service Catalogue
- ❑ MAGIC:
  - ❑ advertise the NREN cloud services available in all world regions
  - ❑ will be based on the GN3+ Cloud Service Catalogue, which provides the Cloud Service Registration



The screenshot shows the GEANT Cloud Catalogue interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the GEANT logo on the left and the text 'GEANT Cloud Catalogue' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Providers', and 'Services', and a 'Log in' button on the far right. On the left side of the main content area, there is a search section with a 'Search:' label and an empty input field, and a 'Sort by:' section with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Initial'. The main content area displays a list of services in a grid format. Each service entry includes a logo, the service name, a small flag icon, and a brief description. The services listed are: Okeanos (The GRNET Cloud Service), EduZone EZ-AntiSPAM, EduZone EZ-Infrastructure, Box, and Microsoft Office365.

Service Name	Description
Okeanos	The GRNET Cloud Service
EduZone EZ-AntiSPAM	We are providing advanced anti-spam service based on popular open-source solutions. Our goal is to provide high level of security while maintaining the simplicity of deployment and usage of the service.
EduZone EZ-Infrastructure	Our service is custom designed with research & education users in mind. Rent anything you need: servers, networking devices, storage and data center space by using your eduGAIN account. Together with our partners we provide simple accessible IaaS platforms available with all major operating systems based on bare-metal or virtual technologies. All at your disposal - ready in few seconds.
Box	Box is a secure way to share content and improve collaboration for organisations of any size, on any device. Desktop, tablet or mobile. The company believes technology should limit the invention and productivity of enterprising minds. Box is the preferred choice of 270,000 businesses and 32 million users.
Microsoft Office365	Microsoft Office 365 is a subscription service, providing institutes with ways to stay productive and connected no matter where staff or student are working.



## GÉANT Cloud Catalogue

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Rating: ●

Processing Data   
Rating: ●

Ownership of Data   
Rating: ●

## 28 Ratings Criteria

1. AAI
2. Billing
3. Compatibility
4. Concordance with National Privacy Act(s)
5. Data Backup & Restore
6. Data Protection
7. Electronic Data Processing
8. External Security Audit Certificate
9. Governing Law
10. Information about the performance of the Service
11. IPR in respect of Customer Data
12. Liquidated Damage
13. Managing Security Incidents
14. Network Connectivity
15. Notification
16. Ownership of Data
17. Peering, Network Connectivity & Associated Costs
18. Portability
19. Processing Data
20. Protection of Minors as Users
21. Quality Review
22. Reporting / Metering / Sales Estimates
23. Requests for Data Access from 3rd Parties
24. Security of the Cloud Service
25. Service Level Agreement
26. Subcontractors
27. Supervision
28. User Provisioning

- ❑ The role of national and regional NRENs beyond connectivity, encompassing computing (grid, cloud and High-Performance computing) services and big data management services
- ❑ National level: NRENs also providing cloud Infrastructure-as-a-Service storage / Virtual Machines, Grid and High-Performance Computing value-added services
- ❑ Regional level: unified Virtual Research Environment to be provided to the scientific user communities in Climatology, Life Sciences, and Cultural Heritage
- ❑ Support in the full lifecycle of scientific research
- ❑ Services will be provided through a service catalogue
- ❑ MAGIC to advertise specifically the NREN cloud services, and this approach will be implemented through a compatible service catalogue, based on the GEANT cloud catalogue

- Thanks!

