



## Maintaining a sustainable Future for IT in Higher Education

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Poster Session

### Activating Community Collaboration at Funet

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#### **Abstract:**

This talk is about work done at Funet as part of the GÉANT3 task "Campus Best Practices". The objective of the task is to address key challenges for European campus networks, organise working groups and provide a set of best-practice documents (BPDs) in different technical areas for the community. Funet is the Finnish research and education network which is maintained and developed by CSC - IT Center for Science Ltd.

Funet has established two working groups to offer a platform for campus personnel on which to discuss, collaborate, and agree on best practices. The MobileFunet working group concentrates on wireless systems and mobility while the AccessFunet working group deals with wired campus networking, in particular light paths, LAN infrastructure and IPv6, and network monitoring.

There is a formal process to develop BPDs starting from an author or a team writing a first draft of the document. After that the working group iterates on this document until consensus is reached. The draft will then be on review at the national level within the Funet community before it eventually is approved as a national BPD. Approved national documents are translated and made available on TERENA website.

BPDs include recommendations and detailed information about technical solutions. Some recommendations may only be relevant on the national level, but most of the content is more generally useful.

In this talk we will present how the working groups were established, the working methods, and solutions agreed on. Main focus is on the AccessFunet working group.