

# PROACT

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## Proact qualifies as a provider of IT infrastructure services for European research and education community

Proact has signed a four-year framework agreement with GEANT, the pan-European network that coordinates Europe's national research and education networking organisations (NRENs), to be able to supply IT infrastructure services to its members in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

GEANT is coordinating OCRE, the Open Clouds for Research Environments project that aims to accelerate cloud adoption in the European research community, by bringing together cloud providers, Earth Observation (EO) organisations and the research and education community, through ready-to-use service agreements.

The OCRE framework agreement allows over 1,600 research and education organisations in Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom to purchase Proact's local hybrid cloud platform PHC (Proact Hybrid Cloud) and related services, to accelerate their cloud adoption.

In becoming a qualified provider, Proact was assessed and selected due to their experience and expertise in helping organisations to accelerate cloud adoption as part of a multicloud environment, including on-premises infrastructure, hosted cloud services, private cloud services and public cloud services. Within the agreement, both existing and non-existing Proact customers may make use of Proact's infrastructure services and related professional services, such as consultancy, implementation and optimisation.

"We are, of course, delighted to be selected as a potential cloud partner for the NREN members as we can provide an IaaS platform which is a great alternative to the hyperscaler options, especially in times when research and education sectors are looking to accelerate cloud adoption, but still need to adhere to local regulations relating to data location and data sovereignty, says Danny Duggal, Vice President, Commercial and Communications at Proact IT Group AB.

Read more on Proact's website [www.proact.eu/OCRE](http://www.proact.eu/OCRE)

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### About Proact

Proact is Europe's leading specialist in data and information management with focus on cloud services and data centre solutions. We help our customers to store, connect, protect, secure and drive value through their data whilst increasing agility, productivity and efficiency. We've completed thousands of successful projects around the world, have more than 4,000 customers and currently manage hundreds of petabytes of information in the cloud. We employ over 1,000 people in 15 countries across Europe and North America. Founded in 1994, our parent company, Proact IT Group AB (publ), was listed on Nasdaq Stockholm in 1999 (under the symbol PACT). For further information about Proact's activities please visit us at [www.proact.eu](http://www.proact.eu)

### About GEANT

GEANT is the pan-European data network for the research and education community. It interconnects national research and education networks (NRENs) across Europe, enabling collaboration on projects ranging from biological science, to earth observation, to arts and culture. The GEANT project combines a high-bandwidth, high-capacity 50,000 km network with a growing range of services. These allow researchers to collaborate, working together wherever they are located. Services include identity and trust, multi-domain monitoring perfSONAR MDM, dynamic circuits and roaming via the eduroam service.

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All the qualified suppliers can be seen on the OCRE website at [www.ocre-project.eu/services/cloud-suppliers](http://www.ocre-project.eu/services/cloud-suppliers).