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OCRE framework expands Google Cloud access globally

Open Clouds for Research Environment (OCRE) now offers Google Cloud access through regional suppliers Computas, Revolgy, Sparkle, and Telefonica

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Cloud computing offers compelling advantages to researchers—from accelerating the speed of processing massive datasets to improving collaboration through shared tools and data storage. But it also presents some administrative hurdles in a complex legal and regulatory environment. The OCRE framework aims to encourage adoption of cloud services and ease the transition to the cloud with benefits like:

- Streamlined procurement process with ready-made agreements that can be tailored to each institution's needs.
- Up-to-date compliance requirements and built-in data protections.
- Special discount pricing and funding opportunities.

As part of our commitment to supporting pioneering research globally, Google Cloud is proud to announce that its services are now available to participants in the OCRE (Open Clouds for Research Environment) framework. Four EU resellers - Computas, Revolgy, Telefonica, and Sparkle, a division of Telecom Italia - have been chosen as partners to distribute Google Cloud solutions to GÉANT's members in their move to the cloud. Sparkle, for example, offers procurement consulting, technical support, and training to regional customers in 27 EU countries.

"Sparkle collaborates with GÉANT since 2016 to offer the best cloud solutions to the research and education community and reduce the costs and complexity of the transition to the cloud," says Paola Crobu, Product Manager Multicloud solutions. "With a multicloud offering, a global fiber backbone, local consultancy services and expert customer support, Sparkle is the ideal partner for R&E institutions looking for reliable and secure cloud solutions."

Getting started with OCRE and Google Cloud

OCRE's Cloud Catalogue lists all the compliant digital services providers for every participating EU nation, as well as contacts at local National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) to fast-track cloud adoption.

To join the OCRE community and take advantage of special cloud access, discount pricing, and funding opportunities it offers, visit the Computas, Revolgy, Telefonica, and Sparkle websites depending on your country. To find out more about Google Cloud programs and initiatives for Higher Education and Research, including our Cloud Research Credits program, click [here](#).

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