

# ERAI 2016: Update

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## 1. Summary

The ERAI project now has 2 years to its name. When it comes to content and process the project is maturing however there is still a lot of work to be done. This presentation will describe previous and current work, results and analysis as well as challenges and call to action. Participate in this session and project to make this a valued component of the EUNIS offering.

## 2. ERAI

One of the challenges in the ever-faster changing world of technology is how to stay competitive. The need for continuous improvement and agility for higher education IT requires knowledge about in-sector and out-of-sector trends. While organizations like Gartner are excellent resources for pushing out our field of vision to garner knowledge about out-of-sector trends EUNIS started the EUNIS Research and Analysis Initiative (ERAI) to provide a platform for IT leaders to understand the uses and trends of IT for the European Higher Education system. The overall mission of EUNIS is “to help member institutions develop their IT landscape by sharing experiences and working together.”

## 3. Previous and current work

There are a number of previous as well as upcoming projects that will be described. Both from a process perspective but also when it comes to results.

- ERAI/Eunis and Eurocris collaboration - The state of CRIS in Europe
- Benchmarking - joining the different initiatives in Europe
- CIO - top ten
- CLOUD Computing

## 4. Journal

Last year ERAI published three issues predominantly focused on the congress. The goal of 6 publications were therefore not reached. However, ERAI has been able to grow some traction and this has given the journal a position in which we can provide the platform to our partners. Both GEANT and EuroCris have shown interest in using the Journal as a means to publish their congress' full papers.

In order to further make the work around the Journal more efficient we will set up a repository, hosted by EuroCris to store publications coming from ERAI/EJHEIT. This will move us closer to the goal of making the journal Open Access.

## 5. AUTHORS' BIOGRAPHIES



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