

# Background Information

This part of our documentation contains information that will help you get started with SURFconext and get more details about working with SURFconext, both formally as well as technically. It is meant for both maintainers of **identity providers** as well as **service providers**. Some highlights in this section are listed below. Use the navigation to the right to navigate through the articles. Note that some articles are in Dutch, some in English.

## Attributes

A good way to start is getting to know [attributes](#). These will facilitate you in making your service work and get the proper user information from identity providers.

## Security

To keep your users and the federation safe, we have [guidelines to follow](#). They are generally an easy set of rules to implement to make the configuration of your service or identity provider safe and future proof. The Security Incident Response Trust Framework for Federated Identity (Sirtfi) and the TLS configuration are depicted.

## SURFconext-specific

This section will give you very specific but [essential information](#) to keep your connection with SURFconext running. Ranging from implementing a single and multi-tenant service as well as security issues can be found here.

## Connected Identity Providers

A complete and up-to-date list of IdP's that are connected to SURFconext [can be found here](#). This list will also show you if IdP's are also listed in the eduGAIN federation and there is a short list of IdP's that are not 'full' members of the federation.

## Related Articles

The pages listed here give you detailed information about certain aspects of SURFconet. If you landed here by mistake and simply want to get going with SURFconext and worry about these details later, have a look at our [support pages for Identity Providers and Service Providers](#). There you will get to know more about signing the required contracts to working with our dashboards to maintain your service or your identity provider on SURFconext.

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