The Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) is a diverse community of innovative science, data and information technology practitioners. As an organization, the ESIP Federation optimizes collaboration through in-person meetings and virtually through collaboration spaces on the Web to support community-defined topics in Earth science data stewardship, information technology and interoperability, education (both K-16 and professional development) and application areas like disaster response or agriculture and climate. These efforts catalyze connections across organizations, people, systems and data allowing participating organization to leverage the collective expertise and reduce risk by having broader input into the evolution of systems that support an organization’s mission or mandate.

Since its inception in 1998, the ESIP Federation has grown and attracted a diverse group of partners, now including more than 150 member organizations across sector, domain and data value chain. The ESIP Federation’s membership includes federal data centers, government research laboratories, research universities, education resource providers, technology developers, and various nonprofit and commercial enterprises. Beyond formal membership, ESIP is connected to other networked organizations such as the Research Data Alliance (RDA), USGCRP’s NCANet, the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), the Climate Literacy & Energy Awareness Network (CLEAN) and NSF’s EarthCube initiative through common members and shared activities.

Membership in the ESIP Federation is free and open to organizations that work with Earth science data and who wish to work across communities to expose, gather and enhance in-house capabilities in support of their organization’s own science data infrastructure. Further, by joining the ESIP Federation, organizations will leverage the investments being made by NASA and NOAA, the ESIP Federation’s principal sponsors.

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**Current Collaboration Areas**

Standing Committees
- Data Stewardship
- Education
- Information Technology and Interoperability
- Products and Services

Working Groups
- Climate Change Education
- Drupal
- Energy and Climate
- Visioneers (meeting planning)

Clusters
- Agriculture and Climate
- Cloud Computing
- Disaster Response
- Discovery
- Documentation
- Earth Science Data Analytics
- Information Quality
- Semantic Web
- Science Software

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