The South-Eastern European Research and Education Networking initiative (SEEREN IST-2001-38830) is expected to upgrade and integrate the Internet services and infrastructure of the National Research and Education Networks of SE Europe, in an attempt to ease the "digital divide" that still separates most of the SEE countries from the rest of the continent. However SEEREN will do more. SEEREN will provide support to the beneficiary NRENs to keep the connections sustainable.