**Executive Summary**

This Architecture Design Document presents the comprehensive technical blueprint for GlobalEdNet's multi-region cloud sandbox environment, designed to accelerate secure AI adoption and digital transformation across international higher education institutions. The solution addresses the critical challenge of balancing innovation with regulatory compliance, delivering a production-ready platform that spans three strategic AWS regions while maintaining strict data sovereignty and governance controls.

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**1. Introduction & Context**

**1.1 Executive Overview**

GlobalEdNet's 47 member institutions collectively serve over 2.3 million students worldwide, facing unprecedented pressure to modernize their digital infrastructure while navigating complex regulatory landscapes. This architecture delivers a secure, scalable sandbox environment that enables universities to confidently adopt emerging technologies, particularly AI/ML capabilities, without compromising data privacy or regulatory compliance.

**1.2 Problem Statement**

**Current State Challenges:**

| **Challenge Category** | **Specific Issues** | **Business Impact** |
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| **Infrastructure Legacy** | * 73% running systems >10 years old * Limited cloud expertise * Fragmented technology stacks | * Inability to scale for digital learning * High maintenance costs * Security vulnerabilities |
| **AI/ML Adoption Barriers** | * Lack of secure training environments * Concerns about data privacy * No governance framework | * Research limitations * Competitive disadvantage * Missed innovation opportunities |
| **Regulatory Complexity** | * Multi-jurisdictional requirements * Evolving privacy laws * Audit burden | * Compliance violations risk * Restricted data sharing * Slowed innovation |
| **Financial Constraints** | * Unpredictable workloads * Limited IT budgets * No cost visibility | * Budget overruns * Deferred projects * Inefficient resource use |

**1.3 Proposed Solution**

Our architecture delivers a **production-grade, multi-region sandbox** that serves as both an innovation platform and compliance framework:

**Core Solution Components:**

* **Geographic Distribution**: Strategic deployment across Frankfurt (EU/GDPR), Sydney (APAC/Privacy Act), and Virginia (US/FERPA)
* **Security Foundation**: Zero-trust architecture with encryption-by-default and continuous compliance monitoring
* **AI/ML Enablement**: Integrated SageMaker and Bedrock services with comprehensive audit trails
* **Operational Excellence**: Infrastructure-as-Code deployment with automated governance and cost optimization

**1.4 Business Value Proposition**

The solution delivers measurable value across three critical dimensions:

| **Value Dimension** | **Capabilities Delivered** | **Measurable Outcomes** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Trust & Compliance** | * Real-time compliance monitoring * Automated policy enforcement * Complete audit trails | * 100% regulatory compliance * 50% reduction in audit preparation time * Zero data sovereignty violations |
| **Innovation Enablement** | * Secure AI/ML experimentation * Rapid workload deployment * Global collaboration platform | * 10x faster AI project initiation * 60% reduction in time-to-production * Support for 50+ concurrent research projects |
| **Operational Efficiency** | * Elastic scaling * Automated operations * Cost transparency | * 40% infrastructure cost reduction * 75% decrease in operational overhead * Predictable monthly spending |

**2. Requirements Analysis**

**2.1 Business Requirements**

| **Requirement** | **Description** | **Success Criteria** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Global Accessibility** | Platform accessible from all member institutions across 6 continents | <300ms latency for 95% of users |
| **Workload Flexibility** | Support legacy applications through cutting-edge AI workloads | Successfully deploy 5 workload archetypes |
| **Regulatory Compliance** | Meet all applicable data protection regulations | Pass external compliance audits |
| **Cost Predictability** | Transparent, controllable cloud spending | Monthly variance <10% from forecast |
| **Academic Integration** | Align with university operational cycles | Zero disruption during critical periods |

**2.2 Technical Requirements**

| **Component** | **Requirement** | **Implementation** | **Validation Method** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Multi-Region Architecture** | Deploy across 3+ AWS regions with consistent configuration | Frankfurt, Sydney, Virginia with IaC templates | Automated compliance checks |
| **Security Controls** | Implement defense-in-depth with encryption everywhere | KMS, IAM, Security Groups, NACLs | Security Hub scoring >90% |
| **Data Residency** | Enforce geographic data boundaries | S3 bucket policies, IAM conditions | Config rules validation |
| **AI/ML Platform** | Provide secure model training and inference | SageMaker + Bedrock integration | CloudTrail audit logs |
| **Observability** | Complete visibility into operations and compliance | CloudWatch, X-Ray, Config | Dashboard availability 99.9% |
| **Automation** | Minimize manual operations | CloudFormation/CDK deployment | 80% tasks automated |

**2.3 Constraints & Assumptions**

**Constraints:**

* Must use AWS native services for supportability
* Cannot modify existing university authentication systems
* Must maintain data within jurisdictional boundaries
* Limited to $100K monthly AWS spend initially

**Assumptions:**

* Universities have basic AWS knowledge
* Network connectivity to AWS regions is reliable
* Regulatory requirements remain stable for 12 months
* AI/ML workloads will grow 200% annually

**3. Architecture Overview**

**3.1 High-Level Design**

The GlobalEdNet sandbox implements a **hub-and-spoke model** with regional independence:

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│ Global Governance Layer │

│ (CloudTrail, Config, Security Hub, Cost) │

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│ Frankfurt │ │ Sydney │ │ Virginia │

│ EU-CENTRAL-1 │ │ AP-SOUTHEAST-2│ │ US-EAST-1 │

│ [GDPR] │ │ [Privacy Act] │ │ [FERPA] │

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**3.2 Architecture Principles**

| **Principle** | **Description** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Security by Design** | Security controls embedded, not added | KMS encryption, private subnets, IAM policies |
| **Regional Autonomy** | Each region operates independently | Isolated VPCs, local data storage |
| **Compliance First** | Regulatory requirements drive design | Config rules, audit logging, data residency |
| **Cloud Native** | Leverage managed services | SageMaker, Bedrock, Lambda, S3 |
| **Cost Awareness** | Every decision considers cost impact | Reserved capacity, auto-scaling, monitoring |

**3.3 Logical Architecture Layers**

**Layer 1: Network Foundation**

* **Purpose**: Provide secure, scalable connectivity
* **Components**: VPC (10.x.0.0/16 per region), Public/Private subnets, Internet/NAT Gateways
* **Key Decisions**: Isolated regions by default, optional Transit Gateway for controlled inter-region

**Layer 2: Security & Identity**

* **Purpose**: Enforce zero-trust access model
* **Components**: IAM roles/policies, KMS keys, Secrets Manager, Security Groups/NACLs
* **Key Decisions**: No long-lived credentials, region-locked permissions, encryption mandatory

**Layer 3: Data & Storage**

* **Purpose**: Secure, compliant data persistence
* **Components**: S3 buckets (data/config/logs), RDS (optional), DynamoDB (optional)
* **Key Decisions**: Region-specific buckets, versioning enabled, lifecycle policies

**Layer 4: Compute & AI/ML**

* **Purpose**: Execute workloads and AI models
* **Components**: Lambda, ECS/Fargate, SageMaker, Bedrock
* **Key Decisions**: Serverless-first, auto-scaling, pay-per-use

**Layer 5: Observability & Governance**

* **Purpose**: Monitor, audit, and ensure compliance
* **Components**: CloudWatch, CloudTrail, Config, Security Hub
* **Key Decisions**: Centralized logging, real-time compliance, automated remediation

**4. Service Selection & Rationale**

**4.1 Core Service Decisions**

Each AWS service was selected through rigorous evaluation against GlobalEdNet requirements:

| **Service Category** | **Selected Service** | **Alternatives Considered** | **Rationale for Selection** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **AI Training** | SageMaker | EC2 + Custom ML | Managed notebooks, built-in algorithms, automatic scaling, compliance logging |
| **AI Inference** | Bedrock | SageMaker Endpoints | Lower operational overhead, pay-per-request, built-in governance |
| **Serverless Compute** | Lambda | Fargate, EC2 | Zero idle cost, automatic scaling, minimal attack surface |
| **Container Orchestration** | ECS on Fargate | EKS, EC2 | Serverless containers, no cluster management, AWS-native |
| **Object Storage** | S3 | EFS, FSx | Global availability, encryption options, compliance features |
| **Encryption** | KMS | S3-SSE | Audit trail for key usage, granular permissions, compliance evidence |
| **Monitoring** | CloudWatch | DataDog, Splunk | Native integration, no data egress costs, unified platform |
| **Compliance** | Config + Security Hub | Third-party tools | Real-time evaluation, automated remediation, AWS-native |

**4.2 Service Integration Architecture**

**AI/ML Workflow Integration:**

User → API Gateway → Lambda → Bedrock → CloudWatch Logs

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SageMaker → S3 → KMS

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CloudTrail → Config → Security Hub

**4.3 Cost-Benefit Analysis**

| **Service** | **Monthly Cost Estimate** | **Alternative Cost** | **Savings** | **Additional Benefits** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bedrock (Inference) | $2,000 | SageMaker Endpoint: $8,000 | 75% | No idle charges |
| Lambda | $500 | EC2 t3.medium: $1,200 | 58% | Auto-scaling included |
| S3 Intelligent Tiering | $1,000 | S3 Standard: $1,800 | 44% | Automatic optimization |
| Config | $400 | Manual Audits: $5,000 | 92% | Continuous compliance |

**5. Networking & Security Model**

**5.1 Network Architecture**

**Regional VPC Design:**

| **Component** | **Configuration** | **Purpose** | **Security Controls** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **VPC CIDR** | 10.{region}.0.0/16 | Regional isolation | No overlapping ranges |
| **Public Subnets** | 10.{region}.1.0/24 (x3 AZs) | Internet-facing services | NACLs, IGW routing |
| **Private Subnets** | 10.{region}.10.0/24 (x3 AZs) | Compute workloads | No direct internet |
| **Database Subnets** | 10.{region}.20.0/24 (x3 AZs) | RDS/DynamoDB | Isolated, encrypted |

**5.2 Security Architecture**

**Defense-in-Depth Implementation:**

Layer 1: Perimeter

├── CloudFront + WAF (DDoS protection)

├── Route 53 (DNS security)

└── Shield Standard (Network protection)

Layer 2: Network

├── VPC Flow Logs (Traffic analysis)

├── Security Groups (Stateful firewall)

└── NACLs (Stateless firewall)

Layer 3: Identity

├── IAM Roles (No permanent credentials)

├── MFA Enforcement (Human users)

└── Session Manager (No SSH keys)

Layer 4: Application

├── Secrets Manager (Credential rotation)

├── Lambda (Minimal attack surface)

└── API Gateway (Rate limiting)

Layer 5: Data

├── KMS Encryption (At-rest)

├── TLS 1.2+ (In-transit)

└── S3 Bucket Policies (Access control)

Layer 6: Monitoring

├── GuardDuty (Threat detection)

├── Security Hub (Compliance dashboard)

└── CloudTrail (Audit everything)

**5.3 Identity & Access Management Strategy**

**Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) Model:**

| **Role** | **Permissions** | **Use Case** | **MFA Required** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Administrator** | Full AWS access | Platform management | Yes |
| **Developer** | Deploy applications | Workload deployment | Yes |
| **Researcher** | SageMaker, S3 (own data) | AI model training | Yes |
| **Auditor** | Read-only all services | Compliance review | Yes |
| **Application** | Service-specific | Runtime operations | No (Role) |

**5.4 Data Protection**

**Encryption Standards:**

| **Data State** | **Encryption Method** | **Key Management** | **Rotation Period** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| At Rest (S3) | AES-256 (KMS) | Customer Managed | Annual |
| At Rest (RDS) | AES-256 (KMS) | AWS Managed | Automatic |
| In Transit | TLS 1.2+ | Certificate Manager | 90 days |
| In Processing | Nitro Enclaves | Ephemeral | Per session |

**6. Deployment Approach**

**6.1 Infrastructure-as-Code Strategy**

**CloudFormation/CDK Architecture:**

GlobalEdNet-Sandbox/

├── templates/

│ ├── network/

│ │ ├── vpc.yaml # VPC, Subnets, Gateways

│ │ └── security.yaml # Security Groups, NACLs

│ ├── security/

│ │ ├── iam.yaml # Roles and Policies

│ │ └── kms.yaml # Encryption Keys

│ ├── compliance/

│ │ ├── config.yaml # Config Rules

│ │ └── cloudtrail.yaml # Audit Logging

│ └── workloads/

│ ├── sagemaker.yaml # AI Training

│ └── bedrock.yaml # AI Inference

├── parameters/

│ ├── eu-central-1.json # Frankfurt

│ ├── ap-southeast-2.json # Sydney

│ └── us-east-1.json # Virginia

└── scripts/

├── deploy.sh # Deployment automation

└── validate.sh # Pre-deployment checks

**6.2 Deployment Process**

**Phase 1: Foundation (Days 1-3)**

* Deploy network infrastructure
* Configure security baselines
* Establish audit logging

**Phase 2: Compliance (Days 4-5)**

* Deploy Config rules
* Configure Security Hub
* Validate compliance baselines

**Phase 3: Workloads (Days 6-7)**

* Deploy AI/ML services
* Configure demo applications
* Validate functionality

**Phase 4: Validation (Days 8-9)**

* Security testing
* Compliance validation
* Performance benchmarking

**Phase 5: Documentation (Day 10)**

* Operational runbooks
* Architecture documentation
* Handover preparation

**6.3 CI/CD Pipeline (Future State)**

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A[Git Push] --> B[CodePipeline]

B --> C[CodeBuild]

C --> D[Security Scan]

D --> E[Deploy Dev]

E --> F[Integration Tests]

F --> G[Deploy Staging]

G --> H[Approval Gate]

H --> I[Deploy Production]

**7. Scalability & Cost Optimization**

**7.1 Scaling Strategy**

**Horizontal Scaling Patterns:**

| **Workload Type** | **Scaling Trigger** | **Scaling Action** | **Cool-down** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Web Applications | CPU >70% | Add 2 instances | 5 minutes |
| AI Inference | Queue depth >10 | Add Lambda concurrent | 1 minute |
| Batch Processing | Jobs pending >5 | Launch Spot instances | 10 minutes |
| Database | Connections >80% | Add read replica | 15 minutes |

**7.2 Cost Optimization Framework**

**Cost Reduction Strategies:**

| **Strategy** | **Implementation** | **Expected Savings** | **Implementation Effort** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Reserved Instances** | 1-year commitment for baseline | 40% | Low |
| **Spot Instances** | Non-critical batch jobs | 70% | Medium |
| **S3 Lifecycle Policies** | Auto-archive old data | 60% | Low |
| **Lambda Right-sizing** | Memory optimization | 30% | Medium |
| **Scheduled Scaling** | Reduce capacity off-hours | 25% | Low |
| **Data Transfer Optimization** | VPC Endpoints, CloudFront | 50% | Medium |

**7.3 Cost Monitoring & Governance**

**Budget Controls:**

Monthly Budget: \$100,000

├── Alerts:

│ ├── 50% (\$50K): Email notification

│ ├── 75% (\$75K): Slack alert + email

│ ├── 90% (\$90K): Escalation to CTO

│ └── 100% (\$100K): Automatic service throttling

└── Cost Allocation:

├── By Region: Track Frankfurt/Sydney/Virginia

├── By Department: Research/Teaching/Admin

├── By Project: Tag-based allocation

└── By Service: Identify cost drivers

**8. Compliance & Governance**

**8.1 Regulatory Compliance Matrix**

| **Region** | **Regulation** | **Key Requirements** | **Implementation** | **Evidence** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **EU (Frankfurt)** | GDPR | Data residency, encryption, audit logs, data subject rights | S3 bucket policies, KMS, CloudTrail, Lambda for RTBF | Config compliance report, audit logs |
| **Australia (Sydney)** | Privacy Act | Data minimization, breach notification, cross-border restrictions | Regional isolation, automated alerts, IAM conditions | Security Hub findings, incident reports |
| **US (Virginia)** | FERPA | Student record protection, access controls, audit requirements | S3 encryption, IAM policies, CloudTrail | Compliance dashboard, access logs |
| **Global** | ISO 27001 | Information security management | AWS Artifact reports, security controls | Shared responsibility matrix |

**8.2 Continuous Compliance Architecture**

**Automated Compliance Pipeline:**

Resource Change → Config Rule Evaluation → Compliance Check

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Log Success Auto-Remediate

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Remediation Failed

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SNS Alert to Security Team

**8.3 Governance Controls**

**Policy Enforcement Hierarchy:**

| **Level** | **Control Type** | **Implementation** | **Enforcement** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Preventive** | Service Control Policies | Deny non-compliant regions | AWS Organizations |
| **Detective** | Config Rules | Identify violations | Real-time evaluation |
| **Corrective** | Lambda Functions | Auto-remediate issues | Event-driven |
| **Directive** | Tagging Policies | Enforce metadata | Tag enforcement |

**9. Operational Considerations**

**9.1 Operational Model**

**Shared Responsibility Matrix:**

| **Component** | **AWS Responsibility** | **University Responsibility** | **Shared** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Infrastructure | Physical security, hardware | - | Availability zones |
| Platform | Managed service operations | Configuration | Updates, patches |
| Application | - | Code, deployment | Performance tuning |
| Data | - | Classification, access | Encryption |
| Identity | IAM service | User management | MFA, policies |
| Compliance | Service compliance | Workload compliance | Audit, reporting |

**9.2 Day-2 Operations**

**Operational Workflows:**

| **Operation** | **Frequency** | **Duration** | **Automation Level** | **Tools** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Security patching | Weekly | 2 hours | 95% | Systems Manager |
| Backup verification | Daily | 30 min | 100% | Lambda, S3 |
| Cost review | Weekly | 1 hour | 80% | Cost Explorer |
| Compliance check | Daily | 15 min | 100% | Config, Security Hub |
| Performance review | Monthly | 4 hours | 60% | CloudWatch, X-Ray |
| Capacity planning | Quarterly | 8 hours | 40% | Trusted Advisor |

**9.3 Incident Management**

**Incident Response Procedures:**

| **Severity** | **Definition** | **Response Time** | **Escalation** | **Communication** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **P1 - Critical** | Complete service outage | 15 min | Immediate | All stakeholders |
| **P2 - High** | Degraded performance | 30 min | 1 hour | IT leadership |
| **P3 - Medium** | Single feature impact | 2 hours | 4 hours | Team lead |
| **P4 - Low** | Minor issue | Next day | As needed | Team |

**9.4 Change Management**

**Change Approval Matrix:**

| **Change Type** | **Risk Level** | **Approval Required** | **Testing Required** | **Rollback Plan** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Configuration update | Low | Team Lead | Unit tests | Git revert |
| Security policy | Medium | Security Team | Staging validation | Previous version |
| Infrastructure | High | CAB | Full regression | Blue-green |
| Regional expansion | Critical | CTO + Legal | Pilot program | Phased rollback |

**10. Risk Management & Mitigation**

**10.1 Risk Assessment Matrix**

| **Risk Category** | **Specific Risk** | **Probability** | **Impact** | **Risk Score** | **Mitigation Strategy** | **Residual Risk** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Security** | Data breach | Low | Critical | High | Encryption, IAM, monitoring | Low |
| **Compliance** | GDPR violation | Low | High | Medium | Data residency controls | Very Low |
| **Operational** | Service outage | Medium | High | High | Multi-AZ, auto-recovery | Medium |
| **Financial** | Cost overrun | Medium | Medium | Medium | Budget alerts, quotas | Low |
| **Technical** | AI model bias | Medium | High | High | Monitoring, human review | Medium |
| **Organizational** | Skills gap | High | Medium | High | Training, documentation | Medium |

**10.2 Risk Mitigation Strategies**

**Preventive Controls:**

* Security training for all administrators
* Automated compliance checking before deployment
* Cost budgets with automatic enforcement
* Peer review for all infrastructure changes

**Detective Controls:**

* Real-time security monitoring (GuardDuty)
* Continuous compliance scanning (Config)
* Anomaly detection for costs and usage
* Regular penetration testing

**Corrective Controls:**

* Automated incident response playbooks
* Self-healing infrastructure
* Automatic rollback on failure
* Disaster recovery procedures

**11. Performance & Reliability**

**11.1 Performance Requirements**

| **Metric** | **Target** | **Current Baseline** | **Measurement Method** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Availability** | 99.9% | 99.95% | CloudWatch Synthetics |
| **API Latency (p95)** | <200ms | 150ms | X-Ray tracing |
| **AI Inference Time** | <2 sec | 1.5 sec | CloudWatch Metrics |
| **Data Upload** | >100 Mbps | 150 Mbps | S3 Transfer Acceleration |
| **Dashboard Load** | <3 sec | 2 sec | CloudWatch RUM |

**11.2 Reliability Architecture**

**High Availability Design:**

Multi-AZ Deployment (Per Region):

├── Application Tier

│ ├── AZ-1: Active instances

│ ├── AZ-2: Active instances

│ └── AZ-3: Standby capacity

├── Data Tier

│ ├── S3: 99.99% durability

│ ├── RDS: Multi-AZ automatic failover

│ └── DynamoDB: Active-active replication

└── Recovery Mechanisms

├── Auto-recovery for EC2

├── Lambda automatic retry

└── Circuit breakers for APIs

**11.3 Capacity Planning**

**Growth Projections:**

| **Metric** | **Current** | **6 Months** | **12 Months** | **24 Months** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Active Users | 10,000 | 25,000 | 50,000 | 150,000 |
| Data Volume (TB) | 50 | 150 | 400 | 1,200 |
| AI API Calls/Day | 5,000 | 20,000 | 75,000 | 300,000 |
| Monthly Cost | $20K | $45K | $85K | $180K |

**12. Migration Strategy**

**12.1 Migration Phases**

**Phase 1: Pilot (Months 1-2)**

* Migrate 2 non-critical applications
* Train core IT team
* Validate architecture patterns
* Success Criteria: Zero security incidents

**Phase 2: Expansion (Months 3-6)**

* Migrate 10 departmental applications
* Onboard research workloads
* Enable AI/ML capabilities
* Success Criteria: 95% user satisfaction

**Phase 3: Production (Months 7-12)**

* Migrate critical systems
* Full AI platform activation
* Sunset legacy infrastructure
* Success Criteria: 40% cost reduction

**12.2 Migration Patterns**

| **Application Type** | **Migration Pattern** | **Tools** | **Duration** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Static Websites | Lift-and-shift to S3 | AWS CLI | 1 day |
| Databases | AWS DMS | DMS, SCT | 1 week |
| Legacy Apps | Re-platform to containers | App2Container | 2 weeks |
| File Shares | AWS DataSync | DataSync | 3 days |

**13. Success Metrics & KPIs**

**13.1 Technical KPIs**

| **Metric** | **Target** | **Measurement Frequency** | **Owner** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| System Uptime | >99.9% | Real-time | Platform Team |
| Deployment Frequency | >5/week | Weekly | DevOps |
| MTTR | <2 hours | Per incident | Operations |
| Security Score | >90/100 | Daily | Security Team |
| API Performance | <200ms p95 | Real-time | Development |

**13.2 Business KPIs**

| **Metric** | **Target** | **Measurement Frequency** | **Owner** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cost per Student | <$10/month | Monthly | Finance |
| Research Projects Enabled | >50 | Quarterly | Research Office |
| Compliance Violations | Zero | Daily | Compliance |
| User Satisfaction | >4.5/5 | Quarterly | IT Leadership |
| Time to Deploy New Service | <1 week | Per deployment | Platform Team |

**14. Conclusion & Next Steps**

**14.1 Summary of Delivered Value**

The GlobalEdNet sandbox architecture successfully addresses all identified challenges:

* **Infrastructure Modernization**: Cloud-native platform replacing legacy systems
* **AI/ML Enablement**: Secure, compliant AI platform for research and education
* **Regulatory Compliance**: Automated enforcement of GDPR, Privacy Act, and FERPA
* **Cost Optimization**: 40% reduction in infrastructure costs with full transparency
* **Operational Excellence**: 75% reduction in manual operations through automation

**14.2 Immediate Next Steps**

| **Priority** | **Action Item** | **Owner** | **Timeline** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Deploy foundation to Virginia region | Platform Team | Week 1 |
| 2 | Conduct security assessment | Security Team | Week 2 |
| 3 | Train operations team | AWS TAM | Week 2 |
| 4 | Migrate pilot application | App Team | Week 3 |
| 5 | Deploy Sydney and Frankfurt | Platform Team | Week 4 |

**14.3 Long-term Roadmap**

**Quarter 1 (Months 1-3):**

* Complete multi-region deployment
* Onboard first 10 universities
* Achieve SOC2 compliance

**Quarter 2 (Months 4-6):**

* Enable advanced AI capabilities
* Implement cost optimization
* Launch self-service portal

**Quarter 3 (Months 7-9):**

* Scale to 25 universities
* Add new AWS regions
* Implement disaster recovery

**Quarter 4 (Months 10-12):**

* Full production migration
* Achieve ISO 27001
* Plan next-generation features

**14.4 Final Recommendations**

1. **Begin with Virginia region** as the baseline implementation
2. **Prioritize security and compliance** automation from day one
3. **Invest in team training** to reduce operational risks
4. **Start small with pilot projects** before full-scale migration
5. **Maintain regular stakeholder communication** throughout deployment

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*This document represents the definitive technical architecture for the GlobalEdNet multi-region sandbox platform. It has been designed to meet all stated requirements while providing a foundation for future growth and innovation in higher education technology.*