INFN Cloud Dashboard Overview and Service Implementation Strategy

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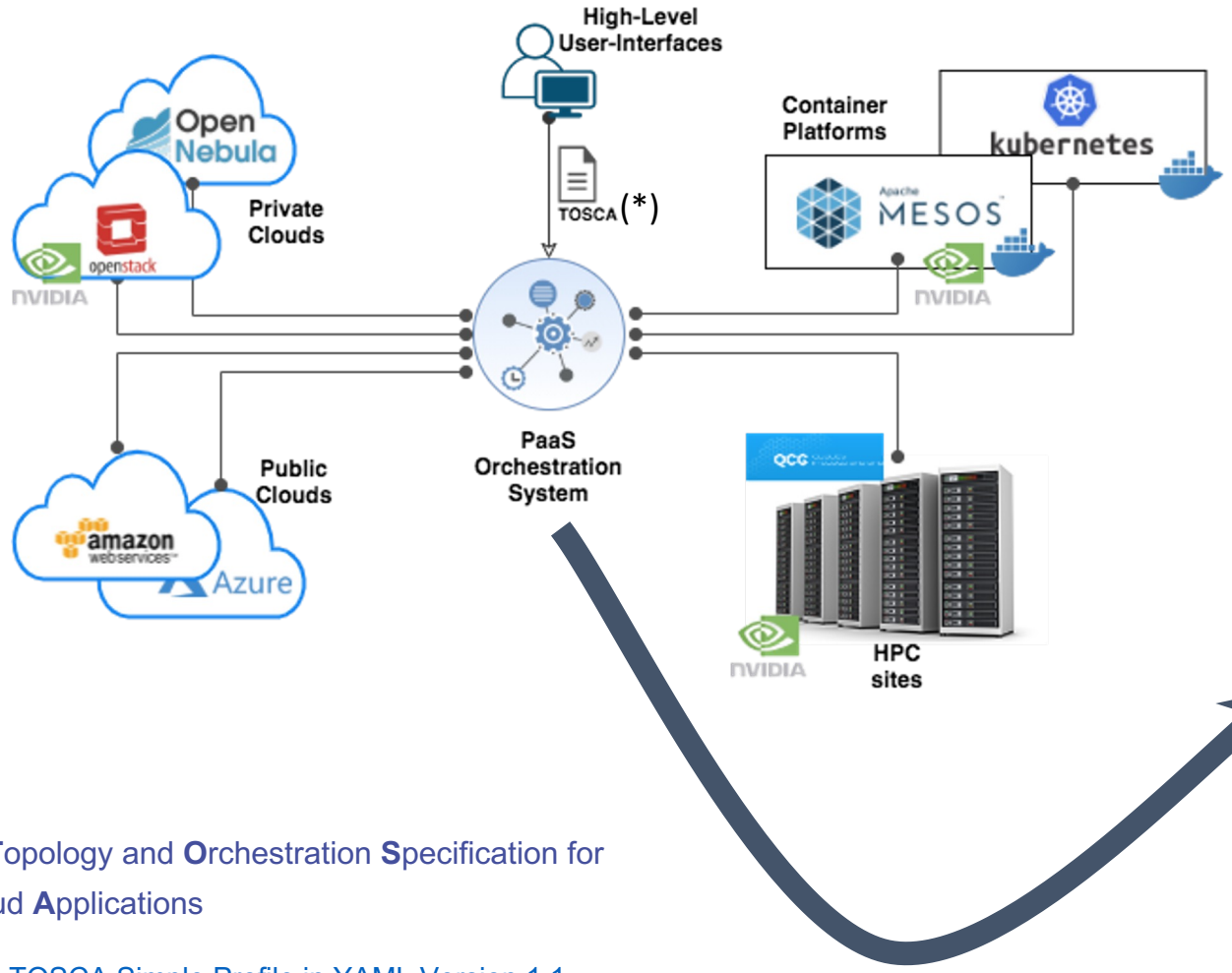
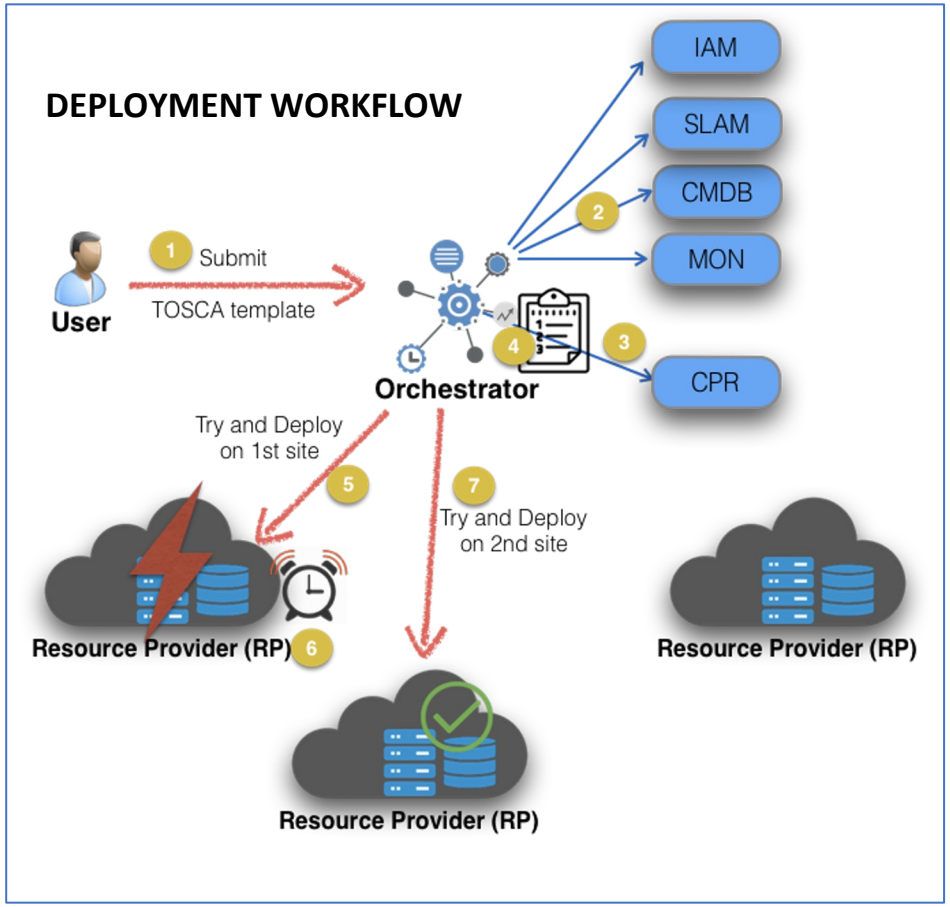
The INFN Cloud

- **INFN Cloud aims to offer a full set of high-level cloud services to INFN user communities**
  - the service catalogue is not static: new applications are included through a defined “on-boarding” process for new use-cases
- **Architecturally INFN Cloud is a federation of existing infrastructures**
  - the *INFN Cloud backbone*, consists of two tightly coupled federated sites: BARI and CNAF
  - a scalable set of satellite sites, geographically distributed across Italy, and loosely coupled.
- **Key enabling factors for the federation**
  - leverage the same authentication/authorization layer based on **INDIGO-IAM**
  - agree on a consistent set of policies and participation rules (user management, SLA, security, etc.)
  - transparent and dynamic orchestration of the resources across all the federated infrastructures through the **INDIGO PaaS Orchestrator**

PaaS Orchestration System (from 10Km)





(*) Topology and **O**rchestration **S**pecification for **C**loud **A**pplications

Ref: [TOSCA Simple Profile in YAML Version 1.1]

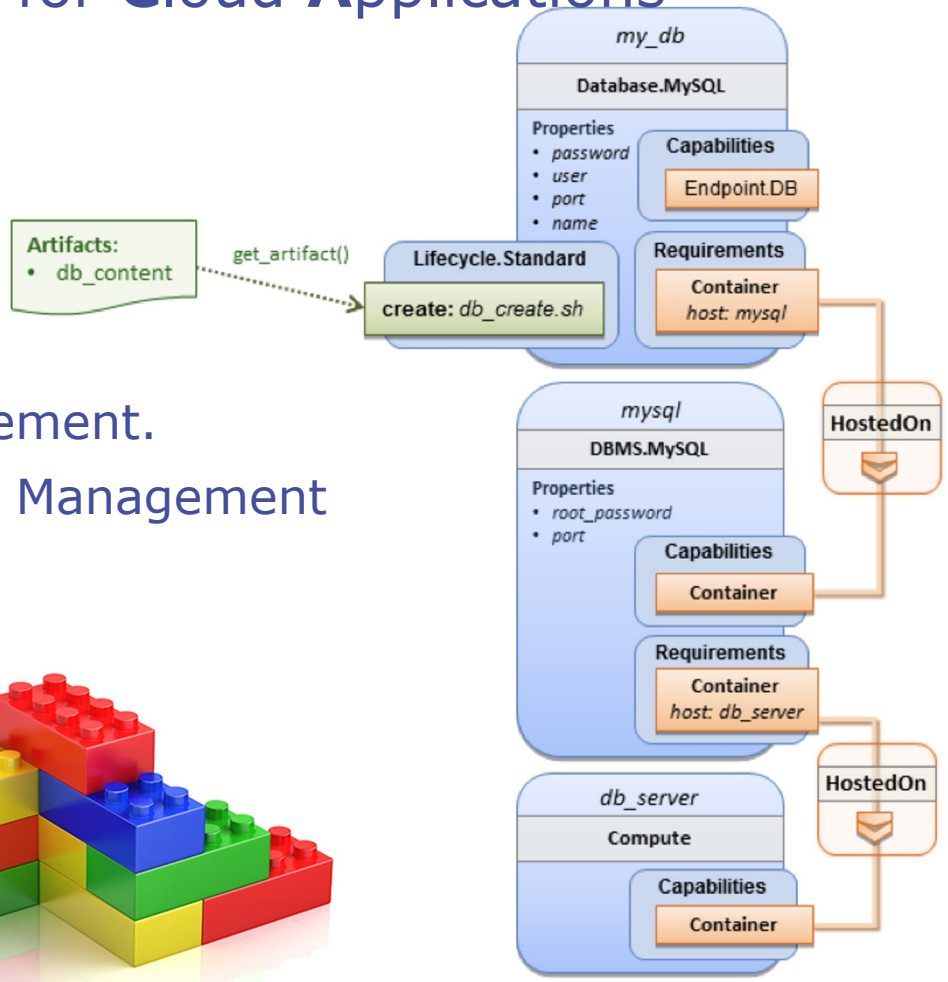
The INFN Cloud services

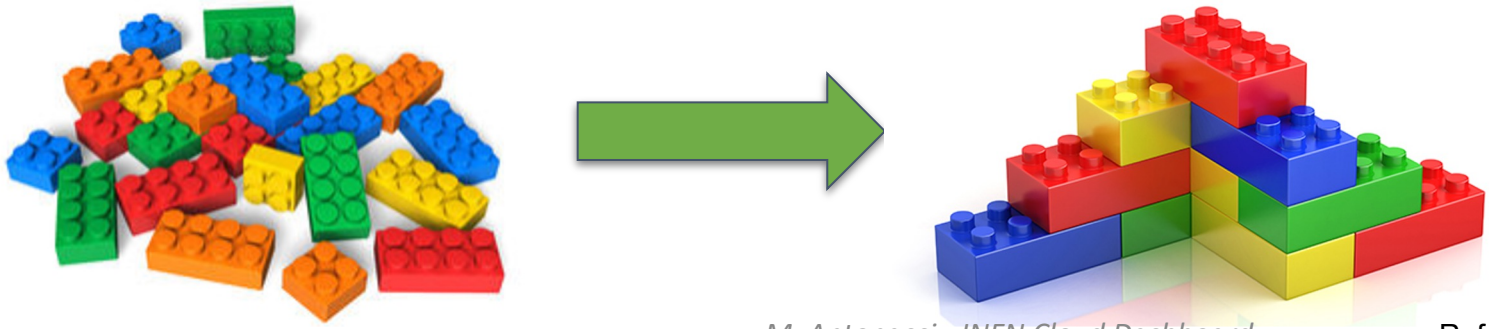
- The INFN Cloud services are based on **modular components and span the IaaS, PaaS and SaaS models** for both computing and data.
- All services are described by **TOSCA templates** (which can refer internally to other components such as Ansible playbooks, HELM charts, etc.).
- The services can be **deployed** via the INFN Cloud Dashboard or via a command line interface:
  - **Automatically** by the INFN Cloud Orchestrator on one of the federated Cloud infrastructures, depending on resource availability and policies.
  - **Manually** by a user on a specific federated Cloud infrastructure.

TOSCA

Topology and **O**rchestration **S**pecification for **C**loud **A**pplications

- Goals:
  - Automated Application Deployment and Management.
  - Portability of Application Descriptions and Their Management
  - Interoperability and Reusability of Components





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Template example

```
tosca_definitions_version: tosca_simple_yaml_1_0_0

description: Template for deploying a single server with predefined properties.

topology_template:
  inputs:
    cpus:
      type: integer
      description: Number of CPUs for the server.
      constraints:
        - valid_values: [ 1, 2, 4, 8 ]

  node_templates:
    my_server:
      type: tosca.nodes.Compute
      capabilities:
        # Host container properties
        host:
          properties:
            # Compute properties
            num_cpus: { get_input: cpus }
            mem_size: 4 MB
            disk_size: 10 GB

  outputs:
    server_ip:
      description: The private IP address of the provisioned server.
      value: { get_attribute: [ my_server, private_address ] }
```

```
tosca_definitions_version: tosca_simple_yaml_1_0_0
description: Template for deploying a single server with MySQL software on top.

topology_template:
  inputs:
    # omitted here for brevity

  node_templates:
    mysql:
      type: tosca.nodes.DBMS.MySQL
      properties:
        root_password: { get_input: my_mysql_rootpw }
        port: { get_input: my_mysql_port }
      requirements:
        - host: db_server

    db_server:
      type: tosca.nodes.Compute
      capabilities:
        # omitted here for brevity
```

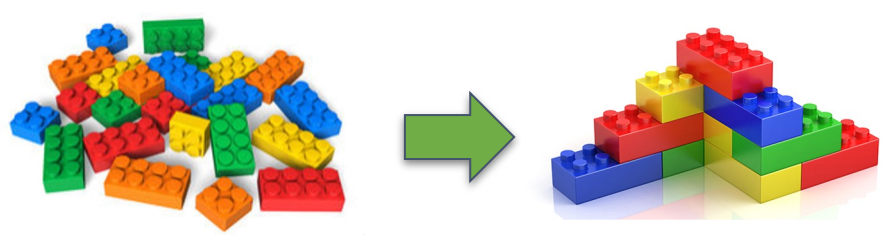
The service catalogue

The catalogue is a graphical representation of the TOSCA templates repository that we have been developing extending the INDIGO-DC custom types

- Each card in the catalogue is associated to one or more templates
- We are following a **lego-like** approach, building on top of reusable components and exploiting the TOSCA service composition pattern

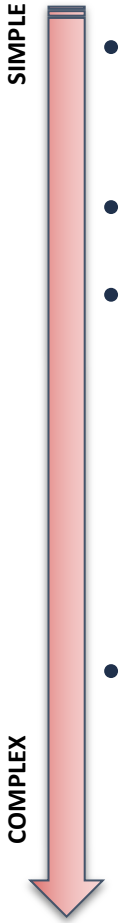
Main objectives:

#1 - build added value services on top of IaaS and PaaS infrastructures
#2 - lower the entry barrier for non-skilled scientists



Which services are available?

General purpose services:



- Virtual Machine with or without external block storage, eventually equipped with docker engine and docker-compose, on top of which dockerized services can be automatically started;
- data analytics and visualization environments based on Elasticsearch and Kibana;
- file sync & share solution based on OwnCloud/NextCloud with 1) replicated backend storage on the S3-compliant Object Storage provided by the INFN Cloud infrastructure; 2) automatic configuration for enabling INDIGO IAM OpenID Connect authentication; 3) pre-installed and configured backup cron jobs for safely storing configuration and data on the Object Storage for future restore in case of disaster; 4) integrated application and backup monitoring based on Nagios.
- web-based multi-user interactive development environment for notebooks, code and data built on JupyterLab and enhanced with 1) persistent storage areas for storing results and notebooks for future re-use; 2) a monitoring system based on Prometheus and Grafana for collecting relevant metrics;

Which services are available? (2)

K8s-based services:

- HTCondor on-demand clusters
- Spark clusters, integrated with Jupyter

Experiment-specific services:

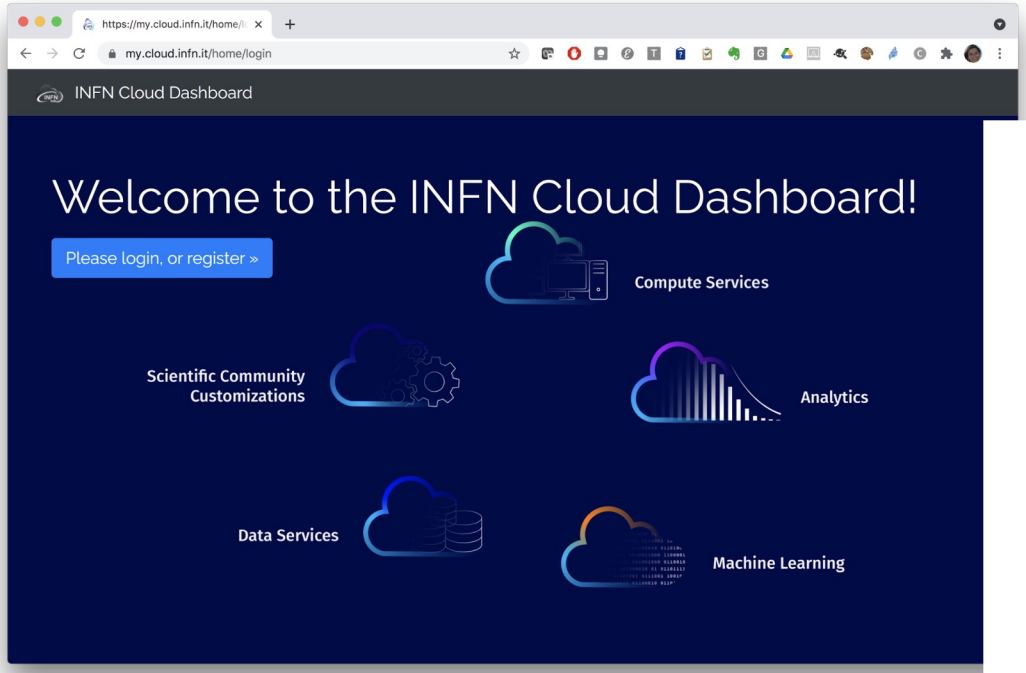
- CYGNO experiment, studying Dark Matter and Neutrinos
- AI INFN, a INFN-funded project aiming at lowering the potential barriers for accessing specialized hardware for the exploitation of Machine Learning techniques.

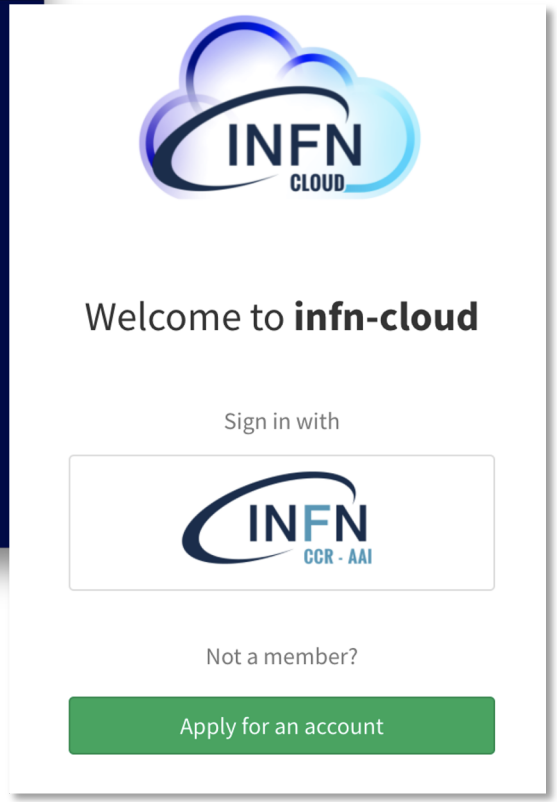
The service catalogue can be easily extended with the simple addition/customization of TOSCA templates.

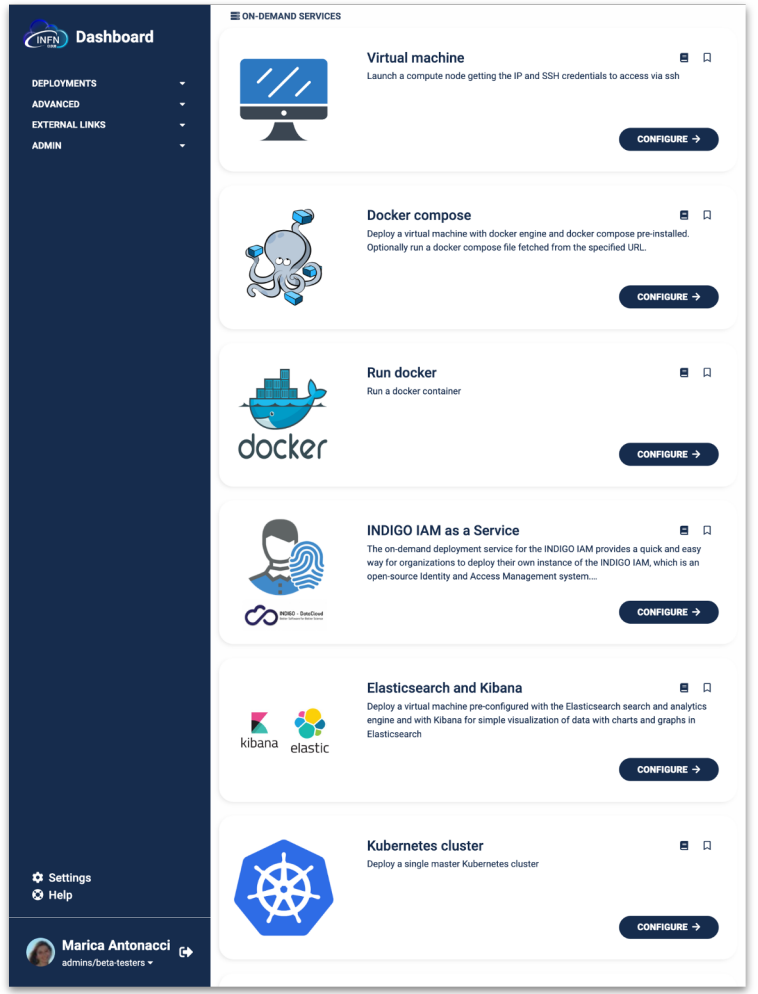
The INFN Cloud Dashboard

https://my.cloud.infn.it

INDIGO IAM manages the authentication/authorization through the whole stack (from PaaS to Iaas)







Users are organized in different IAM **groups**.

Each group can access a specific set of services from the dashboard (personalized view) and is mapped onto a dedicated tenant on the federated clouds.

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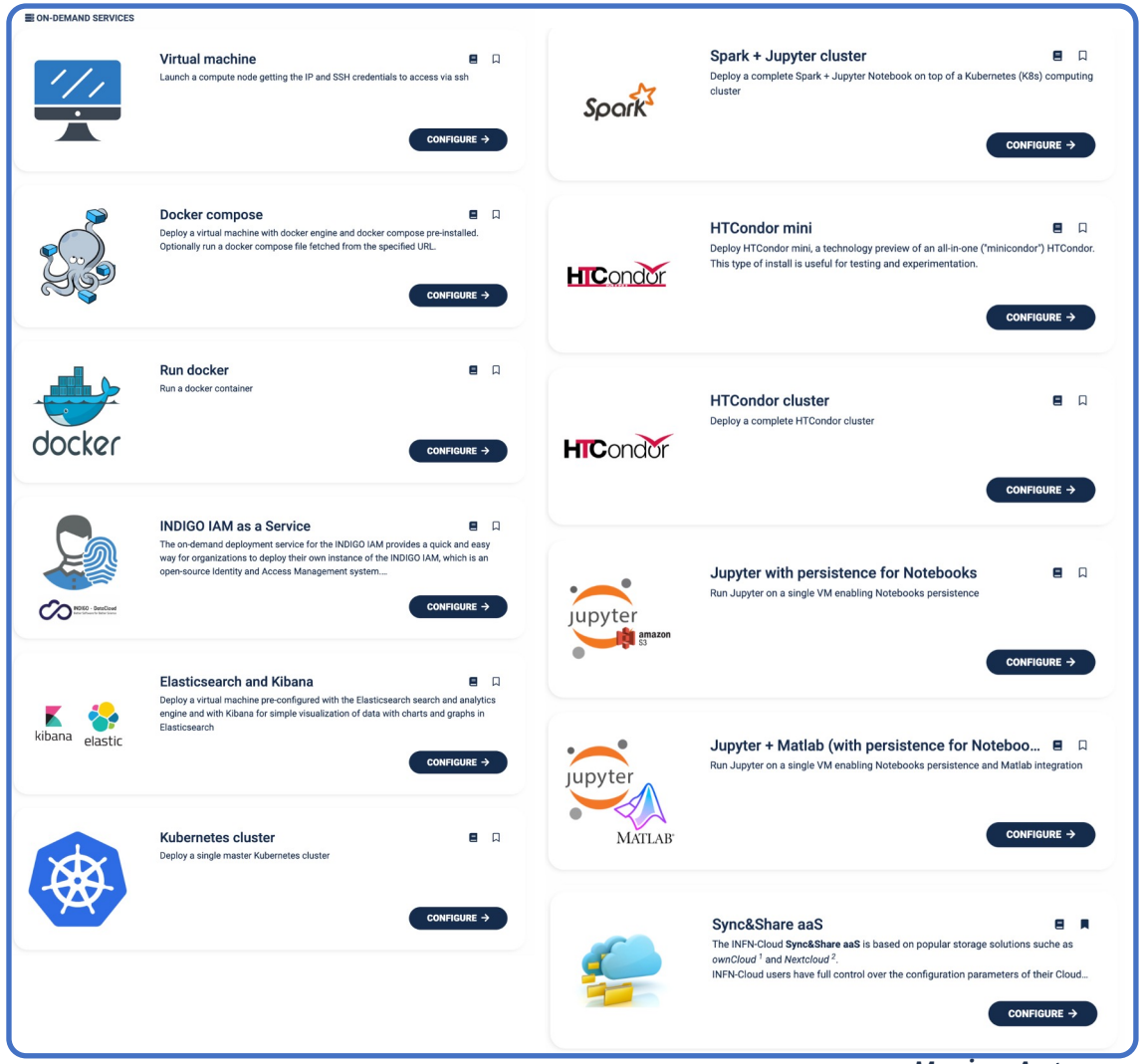
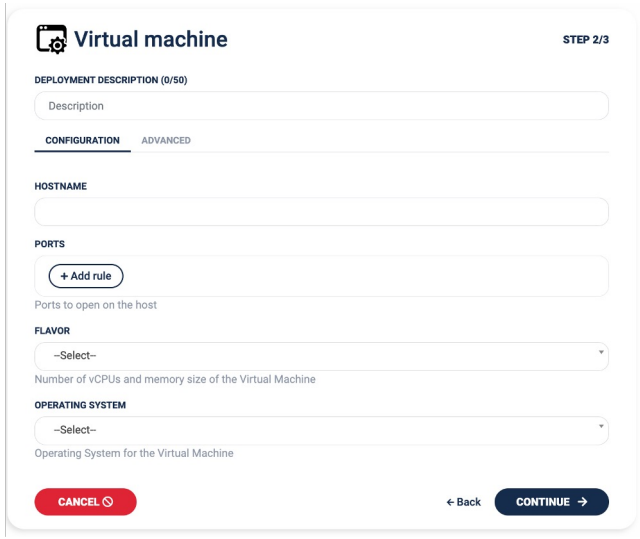
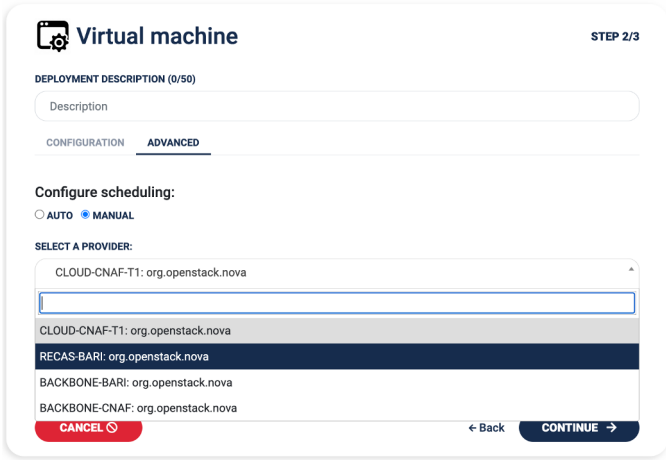
The INFN Cloud Dashboard



The services are **easily customizable** and configurable directly by users



Transparent, multi-site **federation or site selection** made manually by the user



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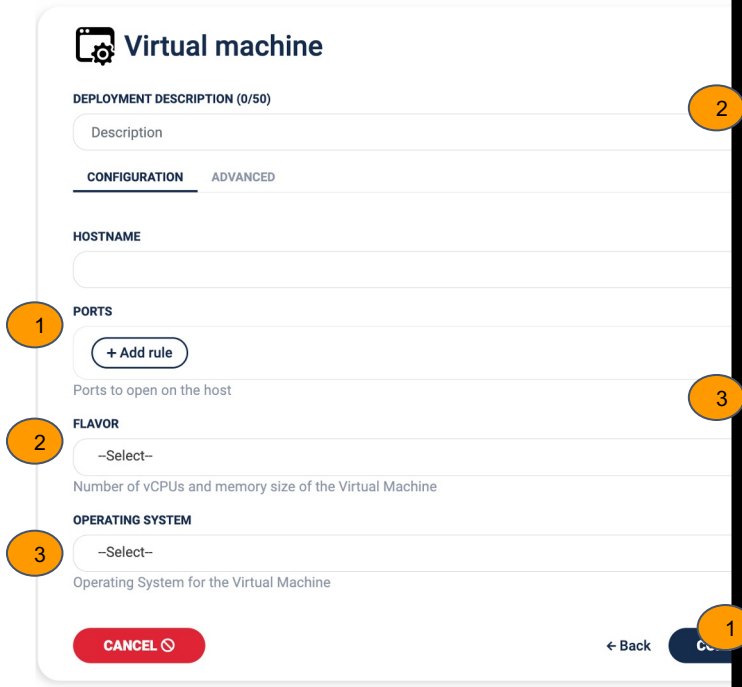
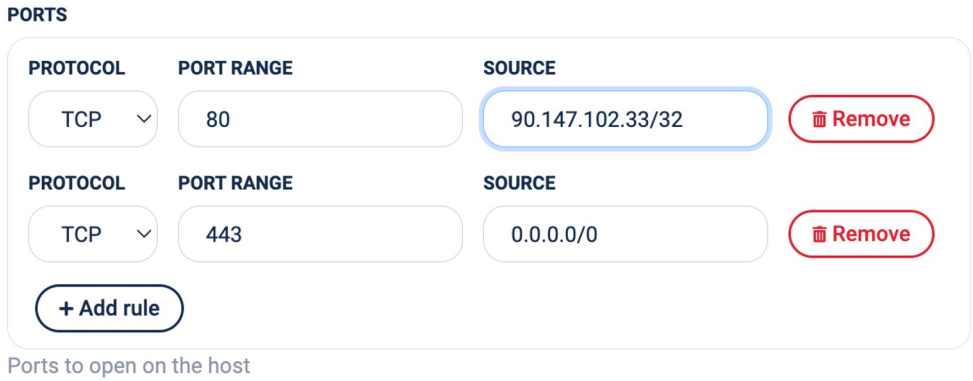
Service request customization




```yaml
topology_template:

  inputs:

    num_cpus:
      type: integer
      description: Number of virtual cpus for the VM
      required: true

    mem_size:
      type: scalar-unit.size
      description: Amount of memory for the VM
      required: true

    os_distribution:
      type: string
      required: true
      description: Operating System distro
      constraints:
        - valid_values: [ "ubuntu", "centos" ]

    os_version:
      type: version
      required: true
      description: Operating System distribution version
      constraints:
        - valid_values: [ 16.04, 18.04, 7 ]

    service_ports:
      type: map
      required: false
      constraints:
        - min_length: 0
      entry_schema:
        type: tosca.datatypes.network.PortSpec
      description: Ports to open on the host
```

The configuration form allows the user to specify requirements for the deployment in a straightforward way

- checking the mandatory fields
- hiding the complexity of TOSCA
  - related fields are collapsed into a single input (e.g. num_cpu & mem_size into flavor)
  - complex TOSCA types are managed with dedicated Javascript functions (e.g. the ports specification)



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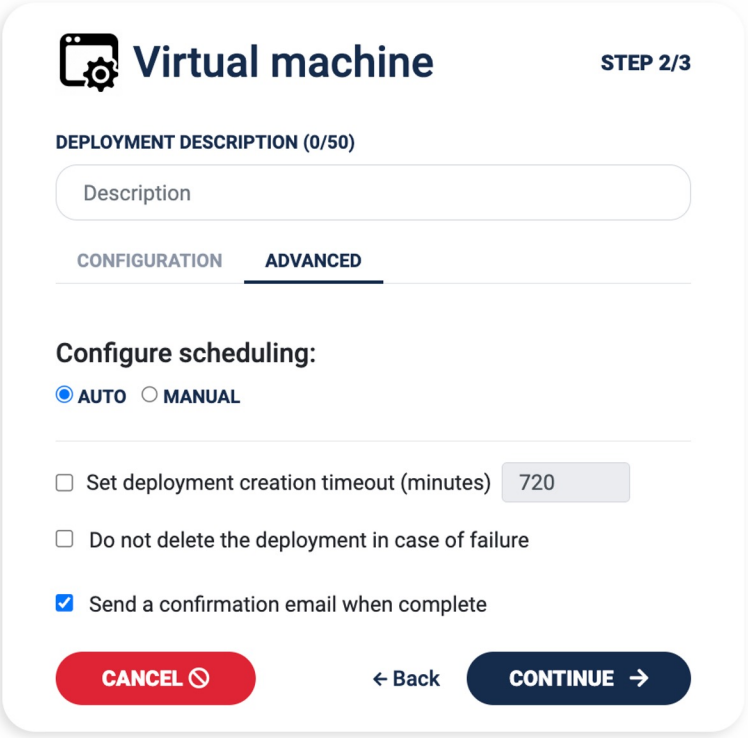
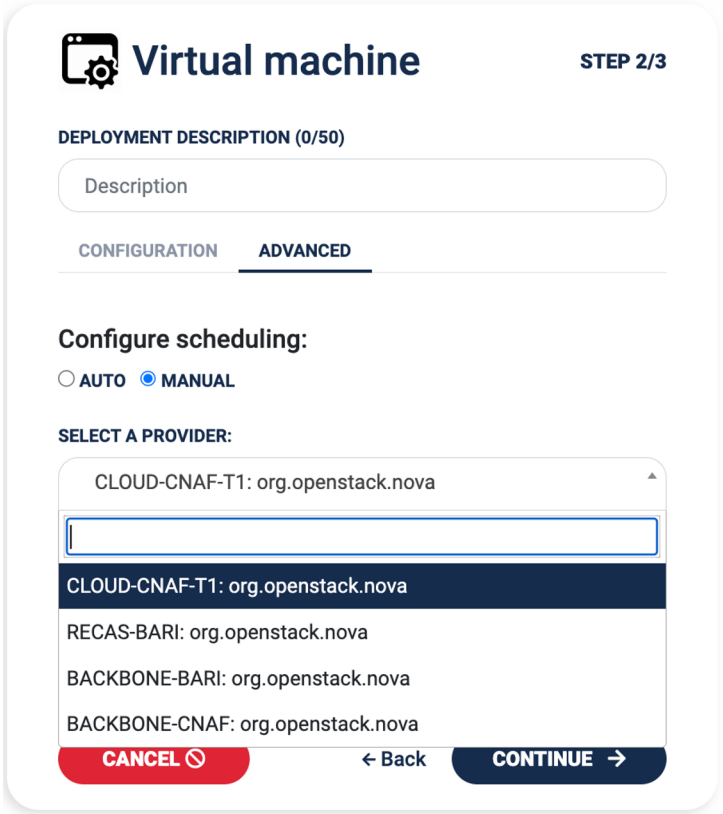
Advanced configurations





The dashboard allows also to bypass the automatic scheduling implemented by the Orchestrator: the user can choose a specific provider to send his/her deployment request to.

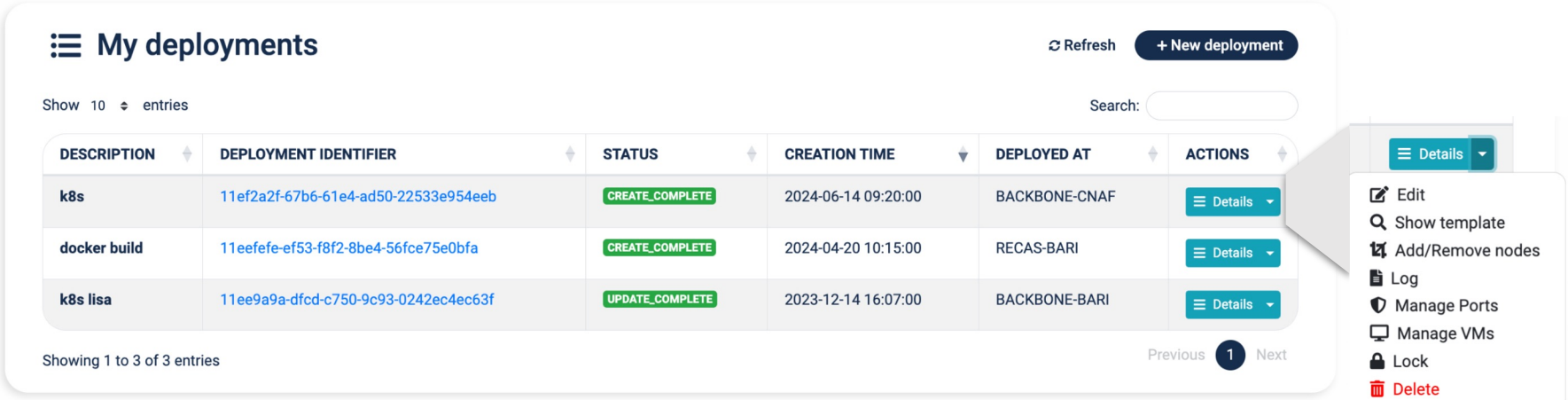
Under the hood:

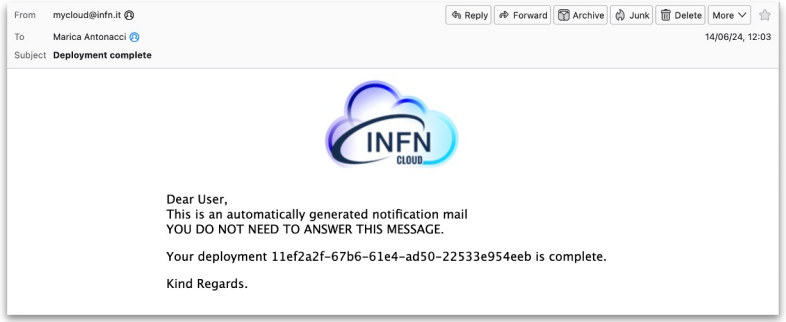
the drop-down menu is automatically created by the Dashboard interacting the SLA Manager Service to get the list of providers for the user;

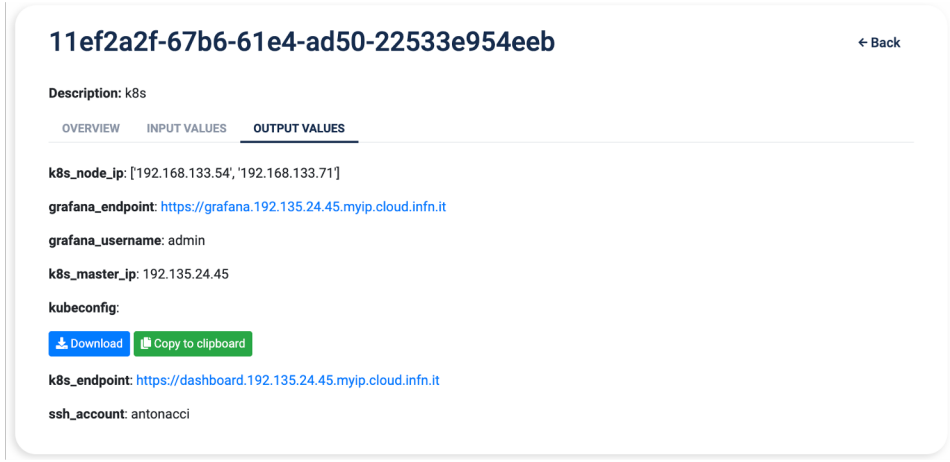
before submitting the request to the Orchestrator, the Dashboard completes the TOSCA template including the proper SLA placement policy:

```
policies:
  - deploy_on_specific_site:
      type: tosca.policies.indigo.SlaPlacement
      properties:
        sla_id: 5e1daa90d000a819fe11ca56
```

Deployment outputs and notifications







A notification system is implemented in the Dashboard: the user receives an automatic email as soon as the deployment is ready.

Then, the details about the deployed service can be accessed through the Dashboard.

Deployment details

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Description: k8s

OVERVIEW | INPUT VALUES | OUTPUT VALUES

k8s_node_ip: ['192.168.133.54', '192.168.133.71']

grafana_endpoint: https://grafana.192.135.24.45.myip.cloud.infn.it

grafana_username: admin

k8s_master_ip: 192.135.24.45

kubeconfig:

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k8s_endpoint: https://dashboard.192.135.24.45.myip.cloud.infn.it

ssh_account: antonacci

number_of_masters: 1

number_of_nodes: 2

ports: {'http': {'protocol': 'tcp', 'source': 80}, 'https': {'protocol': 'tcp', 'source': 443}, 's

users: [{'os_user_add_to_sudoers': True, 'os_user_name': 'antonacci', 'os_user_ssh
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1sS/QuOvPVMUNr1dSOkmAR5EwfHcXpY9RL marica@MacBook-Air-di-marica.lo

```yaml
outputs:
  k8s_endpoint:
    value: { concat: [ 'https://dashboard.', get_attribute: [ k8s_master_server, public_address, 0 ], '.myip.cloud.infn.it' ] }
  grafana_endpoint:
    value: { concat: [ 'https://grafana.', get_attribute: [ k8s_master_server, public_address, 0 ], '.myip.cloud.infn.it' ] }
  grafana_username:
    value: admin
  k8s_master_ip:
    value: { get_attribute: [ k8s_master_server, public_address, 0 ] }
  k8s_node_ip:
    value: { get_attribute: [ k8s_node_server, private_address ] }
  k8s_node_with_gpu_ip:
    value: { get_attribute: [ k8s_node_server_with_gpu, private_address ] }
  os_users:
    value: { get_property: [ k8s_master_server, os_users, 0 ] }
  kubeconfig:
    value: { get_attribute: [ k8s_master_server, ansible_output, k8s_master_k8s_master_server_conf_k8s_master_server, tasks, kube_config, output ] }
```

The outputs are defined in the tosca template of the service and are valuated at runtime

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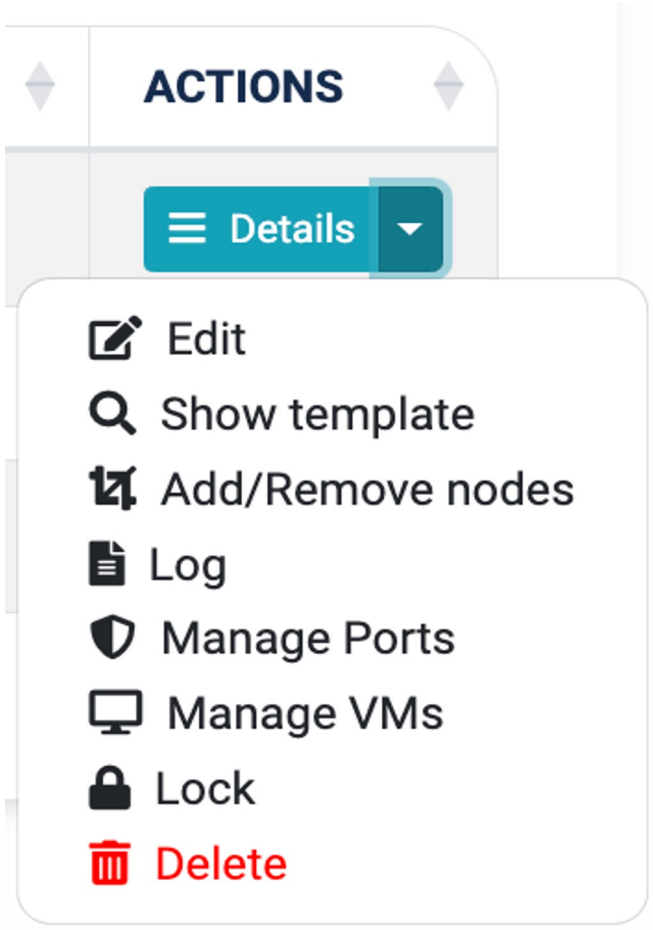
Menu “Actions”

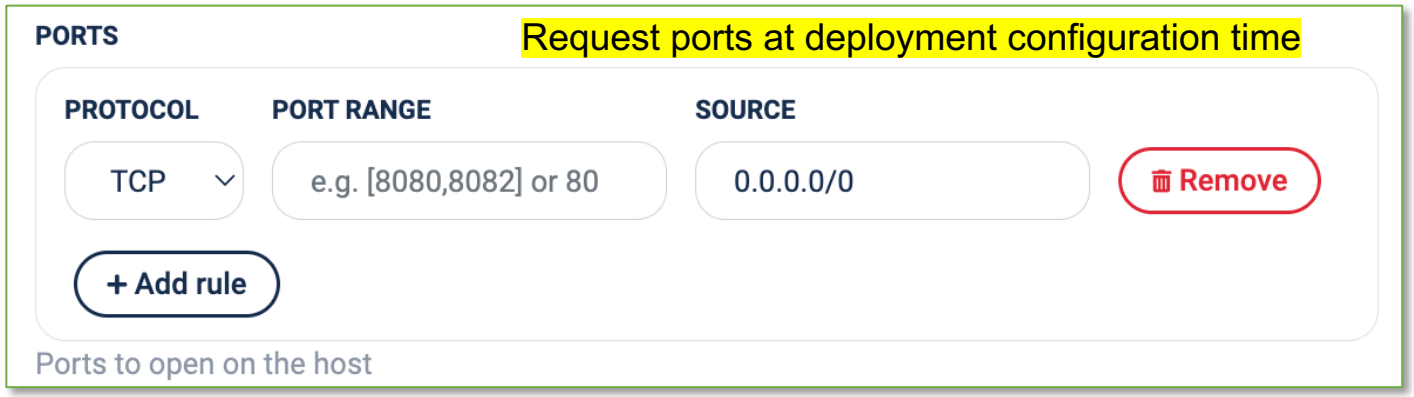


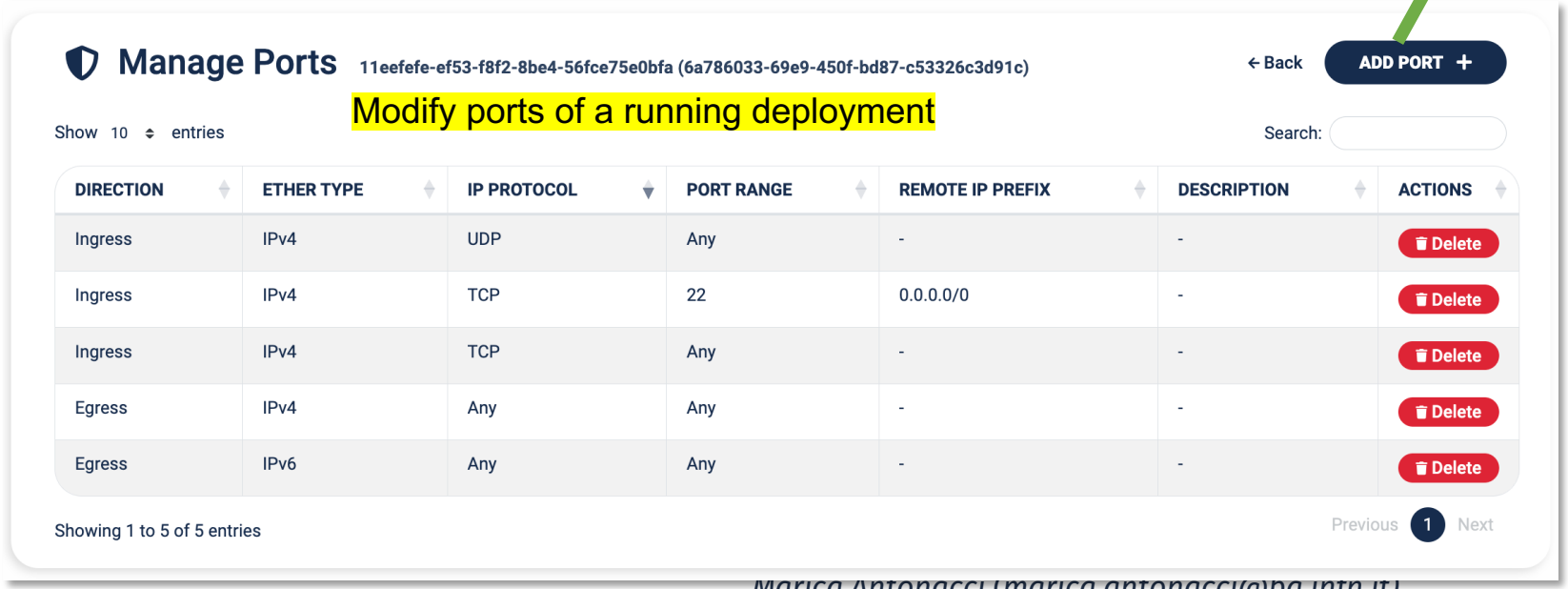
- **Edit**: modify the deployment description
- **Show template**: view the TOSCA template used to make the deployment
- **Add/Remove nodes**: add or remove nodes in a deployment (available only for clusters)
- **Log**: view the contextualization log (generated by the Infrastructure Manager)
- **Manage VMs**: get detailed information about the VMs of the deployment and start/stop them
- **Manage Ports**: modify the security group rules of the “main” machine
- **Lock**: protect deployment against delete operations
- **Delete**: remove the whole deployment

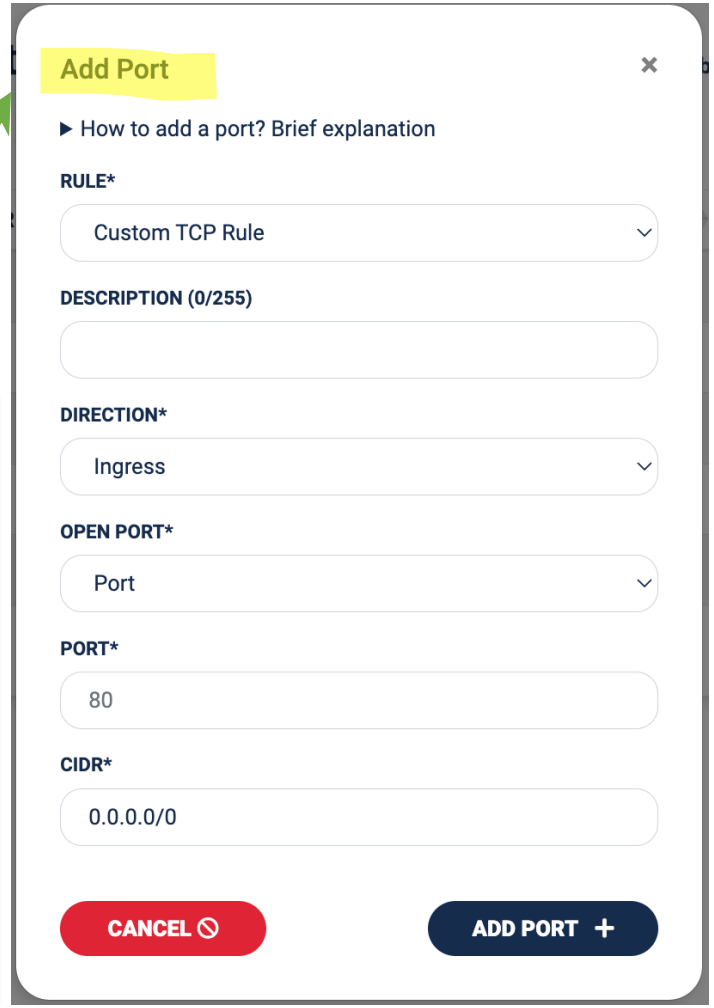
Ports management

- In both public and private network deployments, the main machine serves a dual purpose:
  - Provides SSH access, with port 22 open.
  - Exposes any deployed services, with open ports varying based on the services instantiated.
- In some cases, **the user can specify additional ports to be opened** through the service configuration form (e.g., for deploying a single virtual machine or a Kubernetes cluster) **when requesting the service deployment**.
- In all cases, **after the deployment is completed**, the user can modify the firewall rules of the main machine to restrict or permit traffic on specific ports and to/from specific IP ranges.

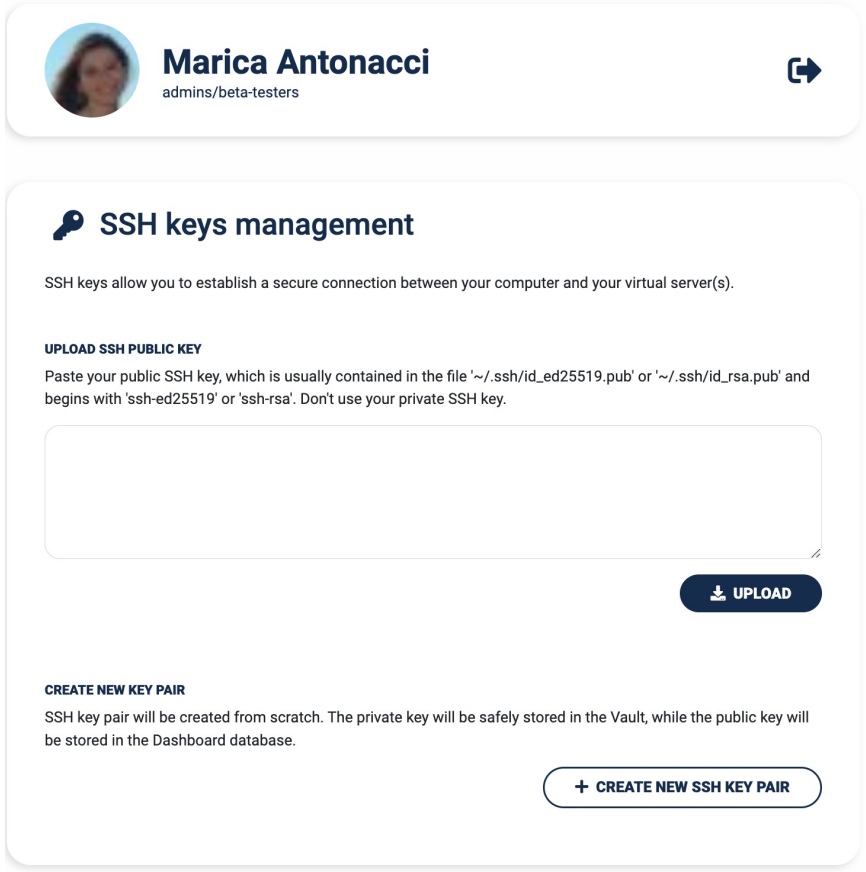
Ports management (2)

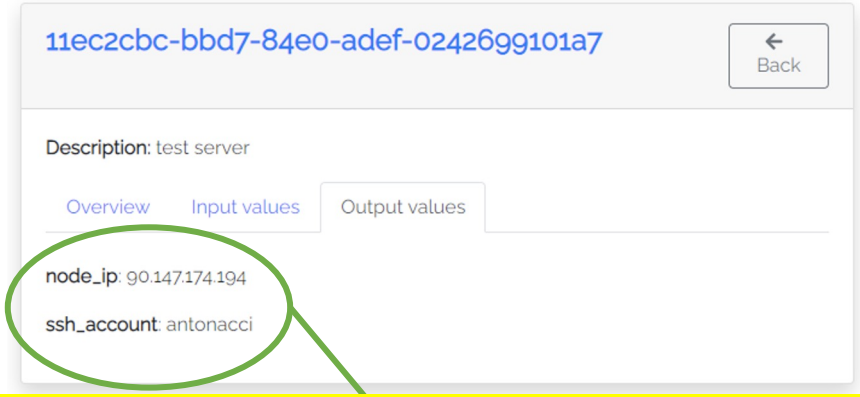




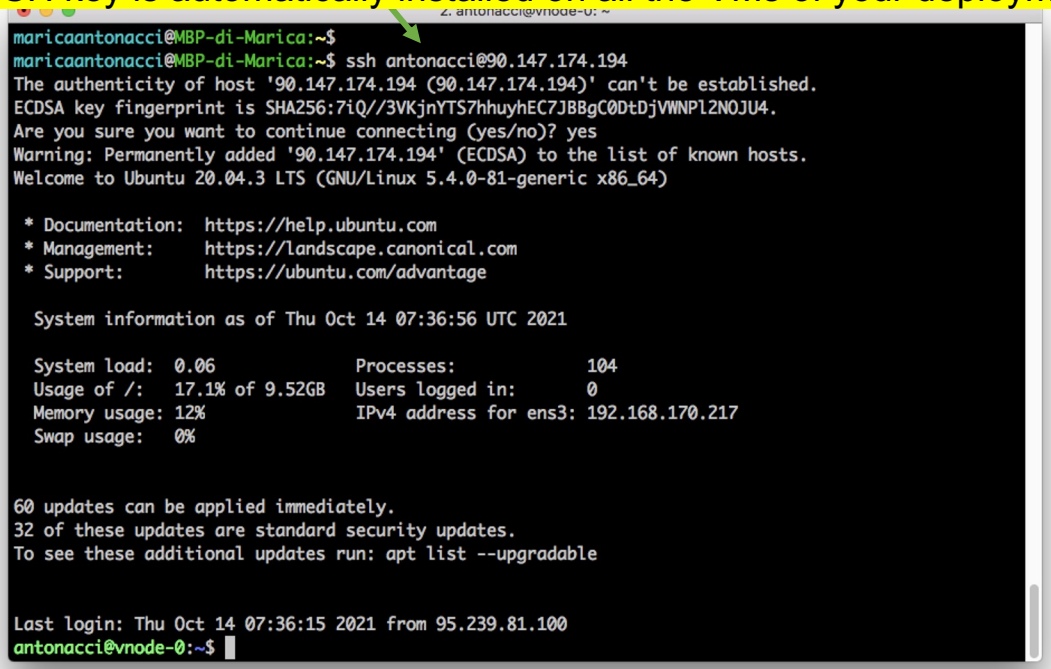


Access all your VMs with your username and ssh key





The SSH key is automatically installed on all the VMs of your deployments



The dashboard is integrated with an instance of Hashicorp Vault to store secrets, such as the private SSH key. This is particularly useful if the user chooses to create a key pair directly from the dashboard instead of uploading a pre-generated public key.

Service implementation strategy details

INFN Cloud services implementation strategy

The employed strategy is based on the **Infrastructure as Code paradigm**.

Users describe "**What**" is needed rather than "**How**" a specific service or functionality should be implemented.

The adopted technologies enable a Lego-like approach: services can be composed and modules reused to create the desired infrastructure.

TOSCA is used to model the topology of the whole application stack

Ansible is used to automate the configuration of the virtual environments

Docker is used to encapsulate the high-level application software and runtime

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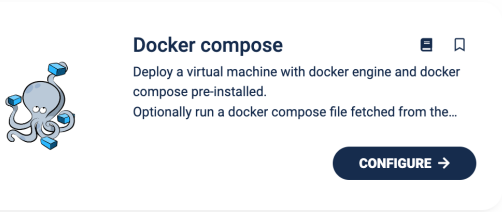
Docker compose base implementation



Let’s have a look at the TOSCA template

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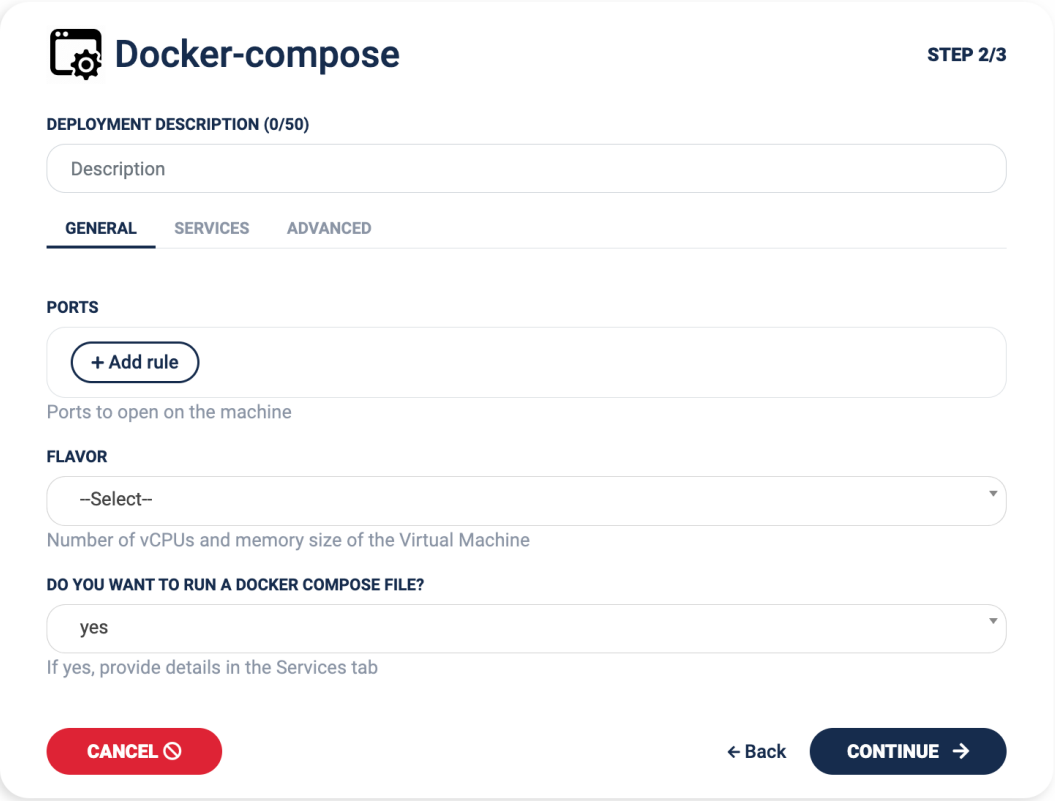
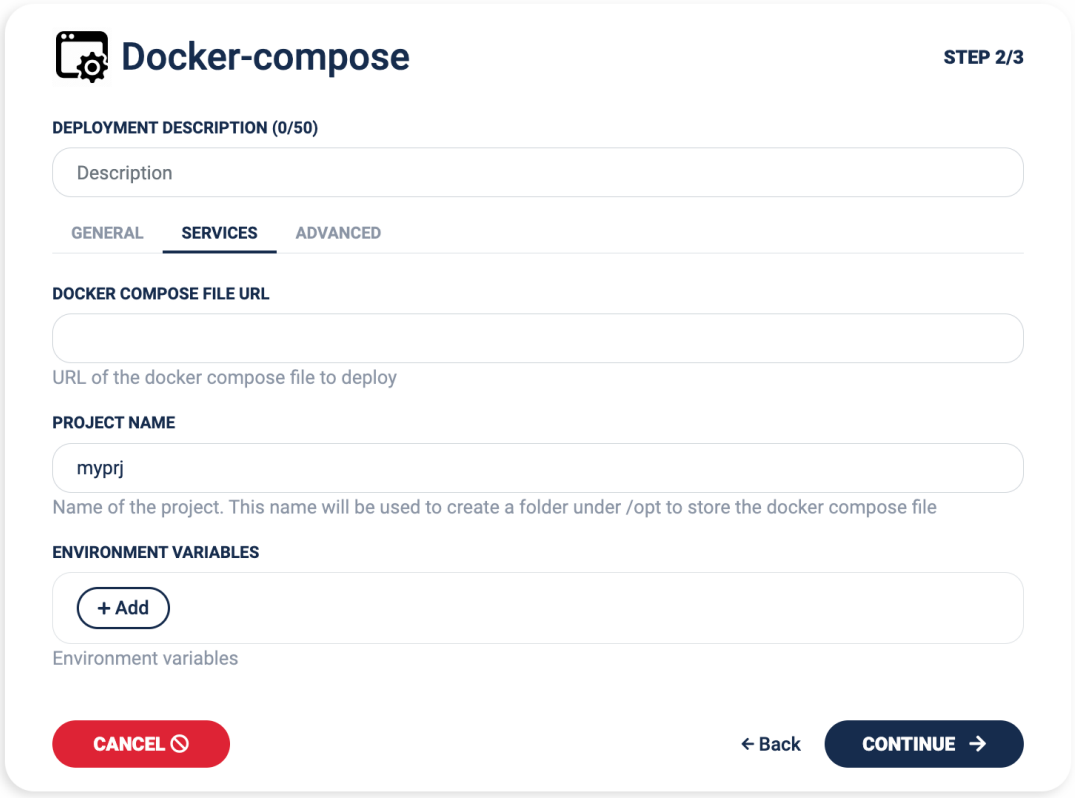




TOSCA definition

```yaml
docker_compose_service:
  type: tosca.nodes.indigo.DockerCompose
  properties:
    project_name:  { get_input: project_name }
    docker_compose_file_url: { get_input: docker_compose_file_url }
    environment_variables: { get_input: environment_variables }
  requirements:
    - host: server

server:
  type: tosca.nodes.indigo.Compute
  properties:
    os_users: { get_input: users }
  capabilities:
    endpoint:
      properties:
        ports: { get_input: service_ports }
    host:
      properties:
        num_cpus: { get_input: num_cpus }
        mem_size: { get_input: mem_size }
    os:
      properties:
        distribution: ubuntu
        type: linux
        version: 20.04
```

```yaml
tosca.nodes.indigo.DockerCompose:
  derived_from: tosca.nodes.SoftwareComponent
  properties:
    docker_compose_version:
      type: version
      required: no
      default: 1.25.5
    docker_compose_file_url:
      type: string
      required: no
      default: ""
    environment_variables:
      required: no
      default: []
      type: list
      entry_schema:
        type: map
        entry_schema:
          type: string
    project_name:
      type: string
      required: yes
  artifacts:
    docker_role:
      file: indigo-dc.docker,v2.1.3
      type: tosca.artifacts.AnsibleGalaxy.role
  interfaces:
    Standard:
      start:
        implementation: https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/raw/master/artifacts/docker/docker-compose_start.yml
        inputs:
          docker_compose_version: { get_property: [ SELF, docker_compose_version ] }
          docker_compose_file_url:  { get_property: [ SELF, docker_compose_file_url ] }
          project_name:  { get_property: [ SELF, project_name ] }
          environment_variables: { get_property: [ SELF, environment_variables ] }
```

Ansible role

Ansible playbook

https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/-/blob/master/tosca_types/infrastructure/docker_types.yaml

The playbook

```yaml
---
- hosts: localhost
  connection: local
  vars:
    docker_bridge_ip_cidr: "172.0.17.1/24"
  tasks:

    - name: Call Docker role
      include_role:
        name: indigo-dc.docker

    - name: "Create env file, download and start the docker compose file"
      block:

        - name: "create directory path to store the configuration files"
          file:
            path: "/opt/{{ project_name }}"
            state: directory
            mode: 0755

        - name: Set environment variables
          lineinfile:
            path: /opt/{{ project_name }}/.env
            line: "{{ item.key }}={{ item.value }}"
            create: yes
          with_dict: "{{ environment_variables }}"

        - name: Add HOST_PUBLIC_IP and additional environment variables
          lineinfile:
            path: /opt/{{ project_name }}/.env
            line: "{{ item.key }}={{ item.value }}"
            create: yes
          with_items:
            - { key: "HOST_PUBLIC_IP", value: "{% if IM_NODE_PUBLIC_IP is defined %}{{IM_NODE_PUBLIC_IP}}{% else %}{{IM_NODE_PRIVATE_IP}}{%
endif %}" }

        - name: "Download the docker-compose file"
          get_url:
            url: "{{ docker_compose_file_url }}"
            dest: "/opt/{{ project_name }}/docker-compose.yaml"

        - name: "Start the service"
          docker_service:
            project_src: "/opt/{{ project_name }}"
            state: present
      when: docker_compose_file_url != ""
```

1. install docker and compose
2. create the project dir
3. create the .env file with all the envariable variables

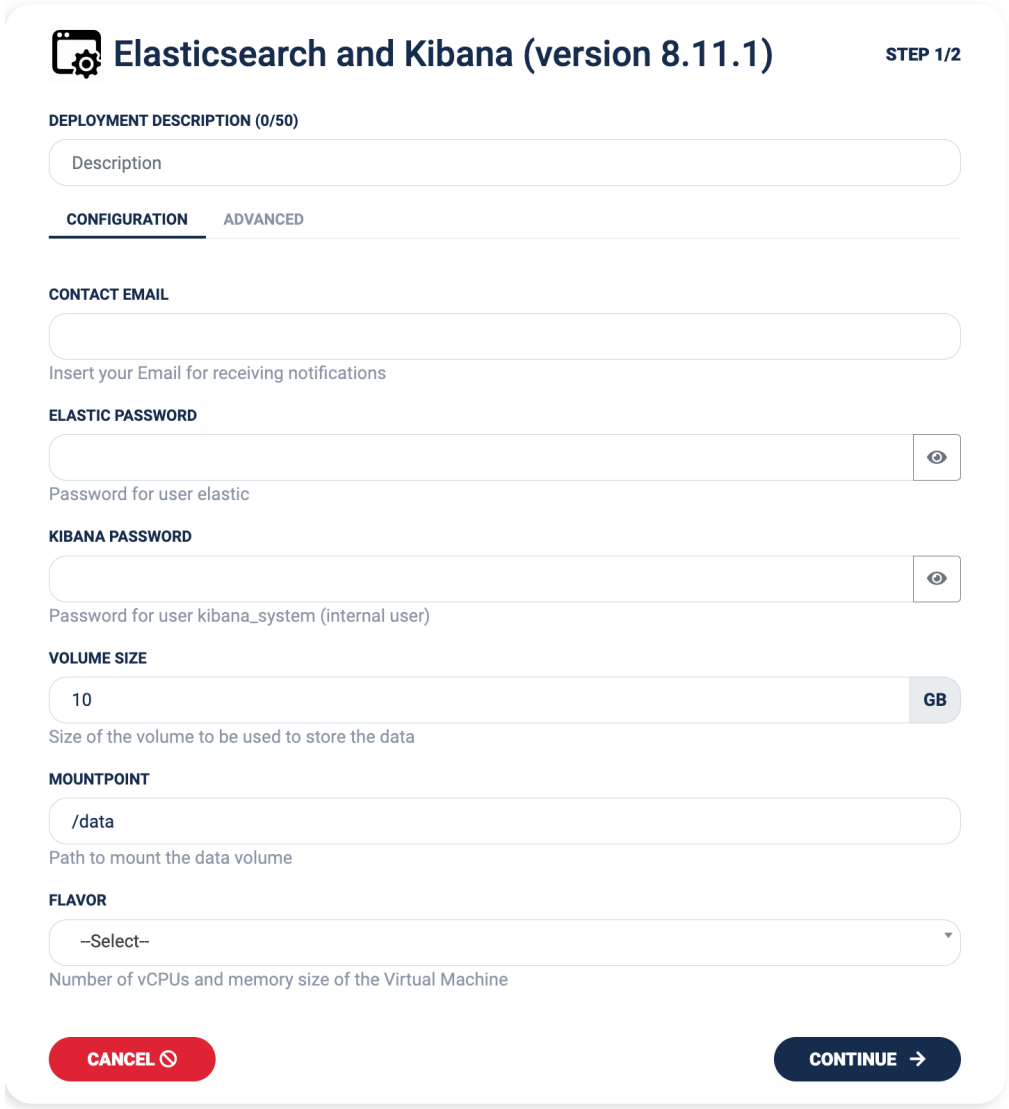
If a docker compose file url is defined:

4. download the docker compose file
5. start the services

EK services implementation

The elasticsearch + kibana (EK) service has been implemented extending the basic docker compose service, deriving the custom type from ***tosca.nodes.indigo.DockerCompose***

EK service implementation



TOSCA template:
https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-templates/-/blob/master/single-vm/elasticsearch_kibana.yaml

```
docker_compose_service:
  type: tosca.nodes.indigo.DockerCompose.Elastic
  properties:
    project_name: elastic
    environment_variables:
      - ELASTIC_VERSION: "8.1.3"
      - ELASTIC_PASSWORD: { get_input: elastic_password }
      - KIBANA_PASSWORD: { get_input: kibana_password }
      - CERT_EMAIL: { get_input: contact_email }
      - DATA_DIR: { get_input: mountpoint }
  requirements:
    - host: kibana_es_server
```

Derived type

```
tosca.nodes.indigo.DockerCompose.Elastic:
  derived_from: tosca.nodes.indigo.DockerCompose
  properties:
    docker_compose_file_url:
      type: string
      default: https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/raw/master/artifacts/docker/elastic/docker-compose.yml
  artifacts:
    docker_role:
      file: indigo-dc.docker,v2.1.3
      type: tosca.artifacts.AnsibleGalaxy.role
  interfaces:
    Standard:
      configure:
        implementation: https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/raw/master/artifacts/docker/elastic/configure.yml
        inputs:
          project_name:  { get_property: [ SELF, project_name ] }
          environment_variables: { get_property: [ SELF, environment_variables ] }
      start:
        implementation: https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/raw/master/artifacts/docker/docker-compose_start.yml
        inputs:
          docker_compose_version: { get_property: [ SELF, docker_compose_version ] }
          docker_compose_file_url:  { get_property: [ SELF, docker_compose_file_url ] }
          project_name:  { get_property: [ SELF, project_name ] }
```

The property *docker_compose_file_url* is overridden providing the default docker compose file. All other properties are inherited by the parent type

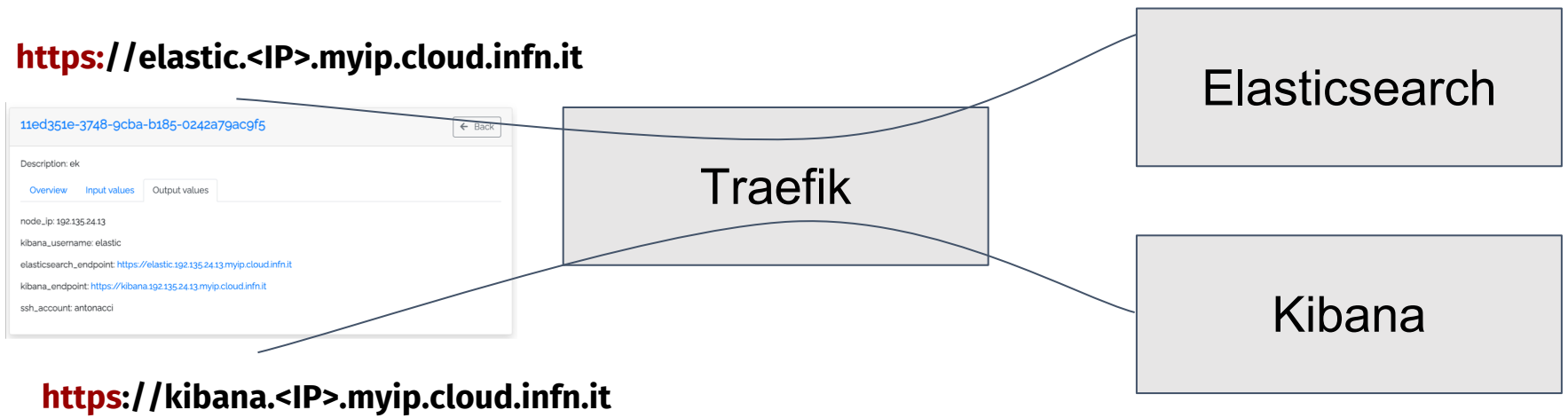
The interfaces are specialised too in order to perform custom preliminary configurations (see next slide)

Customized playbook

```yaml
---
- hosts: localhost
  connection: local
  tasks:
    - name: set timezone to Europe/Rome
      timezone:
        name: Europe/Rome

    - name:
      shell: sysctl -w vm.max_map_count=1048576 && echo "vm.max_map_count = 1048576" > /etc/sysctl.d/30-vm.max_map_count.conf

    - name: "create directory path to store the configuration files"
      file:
        path: "{{ item }}"
        state: directory
        mode: 0755
      loop:
        - "/opt/{{ project_name }}"
        - "/opt/{{ project_name }}/traefik"

    - name: set data dir
      set_fact:
        data_dir: "{{ item.value }}"
      with_dict: "{{ environment_variables }}"
      when: "'DATA_DIR' in item.key"


    - name: "create data directory (if it does not exist)"
      file:
        path: "{{ data_dir }}"
        state: directory
        mode: 0755
        owner: 1000
        recurse: yes

    - name: download tls.toml
      get_url:
        url:  "https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/raw/master/artifacts/docker/elastic/tls.toml"
        dest: "/opt/{{ project_name }}/traefik/tls.toml"
        mode: 0440
```

1. set the time zone
2. adjust kernel settings (see doc)
3. create the needed dirs to host configuration files
4. create the dir to store the collected data
5. download and install the TLS settings for traefik

The docker compose file



Traefik terminates the SSL connections: it is configured to use an ACME provider (Let's Encrypt) for automatic certificate generation.

https://baltig.infn.it/infn-cloud/tosca-types/-/blob/master/artifacts/docker/elastic/compose.yml

Conclusions

- The INFN Cloud PaaS Dashboard makes it easy to discover, select, configure and request the deployment of services that fit the needs and requirements of the INFN research communities.
- New applications and services are continuously included in the catalogue and the Dashboard is enriched with new functionalities to support them.
- Both the addition of a new service in the marketplace and the federation of a new resource provider are quite simple processes, thanks to the flexibility and extensibility of the PaaS architecture and implementation.

Thank you

for your attention!