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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members:

September was a great month for our project. The EGI community met for the first time at the Technical Forum in Amsterdam and it was very satisfying to see people networking, solving problems and working together to advance our goals. I hope you found it as productive and invigorating a week as I did!

The Technical Forum was hosted at the Beurs van Berlage, an imposing red-brick building that looked very much like a castle and, as we found out, shared many characteristics with an e-Infrastructure.

The architect's idea for Amsterdam's third stock exchange was to create a palace for the people, where everybody could meet to share ideas and talk business – which were our aims for the meeting as well. But Berlage and his engineers had to overcome many challenges to succeed in the project. Starting with the obvious one: finding solid ground to build the Beurs near the margins of the River Amstel.

This kind of perseverance is something that we in the e-Infrastructure community are familiar with, after a decade spent working to provide a pan-European production infrastructure for researchers. That effort is now paying off as we now have a solid proven foundation upon which to build our infrastructure, technology and user collaborations. As many of you will have seen during the opening plenary, I'm pleased to announce that the project's grant agreement has been signed by the European Commission and formally presented to us by Kostas Glinos, Head of the GÉANT and e-Infrastructure unit.

The next six months will allow all the project's activities to settle down into a regular working rhythm and to strengthen their internal and external collaborations until we hold our next major meeting in the Spring. The **EGI User Forum** will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania (11-15 April), in partnership with LIT Grid, the local NGI and the European Middleware Initiative project. Registration will open soon and more information will be shortly available on our website.

And speaking of website, I trust most of you have already noticed our new web design. If you have any feedback or requests for content, please contact the dissemination team at [press@egi.eu](mailto:press@egi.eu) or by talking to them in person at some of the events they go to. You may have seen them at ICT 2010, one of the largest IT-conferences in Europe, and we plan to spread the word about EGI-InSPIRE with stands at the e-Challenges '10 in Warsaw and the Super Computing SC10 event in New Orleans.

We are also looking to expand our team and at the moment we are advertising four full-time posts:

- Operations Manager
- Dissemination Officer
- Policy Development Officer
- User Community Support Officer

Applications are welcome until 18:00 15 October and more details can be downloaded from the jobs section of the website (<http://www.egi.eu/about/jobs/>).

This all for now!

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
11-13 October	Cracow Grid Workshop (CGW'10), Krakow, Poland <a href="http://www.cyfronet.krakow.pl/cgw10/">http://www.cyfronet.krakow.pl/cgw10/</a>
13-14 October	Open e-IRG Workshop, Brussels <a href="http://www.e-irg.eu/e-irg-workshop-brussels-13-14-october.html">http://www.e-irg.eu/e-irg-workshop-brussels-13-14-october.html</a>
25-29 October	OGF 30 Brussels <a href="http://www.ogf.org">http://www.ogf.org</a>
27-29 October	e-Challenges 2010, Warsaw, Poland <a href="http://www.echallenges.org/e2010/">http://www.echallenges.org/e2010/</a>
29 October	e-Infrastructures for Cultural Heritage. Brussels, Belgium <a href="http://www.dc-net.be/">http://www.dc-net.be/</a>

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