



# European Grid Infrastructure

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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

October was another busy month as we finished recovering from the Technical Forum.

First of all, I am pleased to announce that the call for participation in the User Forum 2011 (11-15 April) which will be hosted in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, has now been published. Our thanks to the local NGI LitGRID who will be hosting the event and the European Middleware Initiative project with whom we will be working closely to deliver an exciting meeting.

Online submission of extended abstracts for presentations, demonstrations, posters and workshops will open on 15<sup>th</sup> November. In the meantime please start thinking about the best way to share the successes of your team with the rest of the user community. We welcome contributions covering:

- experiences improving the portability, usability, availability and interoperability through standardisation of deployed middleware components
- enabling middleware services for remote configuration, instrumentation, management and support
- research obtained from using e-Infrastructures
- domain specific and generic portals to access e-Infrastructures
- experiences with grid applications
- end-user environments (tools/portals/gateways)
- provision and support for user-oriented e-Infrastructures
- operational e-Infrastructure services to its users

and any other contributions relating to the use of e-Infrastructure.

More details about submission procedure, key dates and programme committee are already available on the User Forum website (<http://uf2011.egi.eu/>). We will keep you posted about registration and further developments.

This month I had the pleasure of seeing the different users and distributed computing techniques being used within the Astroparticle Physics community (<http://bit.ly/dx9f4h>), the tool development activity taking place around the PL-Grid at the Krakow Grid Workshop (<http://bit.ly/b7qNWw>), and the plans emerging in the UK to deliver a sustainable e-Infrastructure for Research and Innovation (<http://bit.ly/cJXYtl>). The different virtualisation and cloud research projects being funded elsewhere in the EC were showcased at a recent

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collaboration meeting (<http://bit.ly/1pkNqS>) and indicated new technologies and collaborations we might want to explore.

At the Open Grid Forum (OGF) meeting this month, EGI's Technical Coordination Board met with partners from the European Middleware Initiative (EMI) and the Initiative for Globus in Europe (IGE) to discuss middleware developments for the EGI community. This first meeting discussed the requirements gathering processes within EGI from the end-user and operations communities, and the release plans from both EMI and IGE, currently our main technology providers.

OGF was also the venue for a day-long workshop organised by the SIENA Initiative to bring together experts from other DCI projects, standards bodies, the community and representatives from the funding agencies to gather requirements and input on developing an European roadmap for grid and cloud standards. Following presentations to provide a context for the day's discussions, the experts broke up into individual groups to identify their key issues. These topics included data sharing & access, sustainability, interoperability, security and sustainability that will be picked up in future discussions as the roadmap develops.

Enjoy the remaining days of Autumn before Winter firmly sets in.

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
<b>4-5 November</b>	The 8th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting CERN - Geneva, Switzerland
<b>15-19 November</b>	SC10 New Orleans, USA
<b>23-24 November</b>	National Grid Service Innovation Forum '10. STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UK.
<b>30 November – 3 December</b>	2nd IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing Technology and Science Indianapolis, USA

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