



# European Grid Infrastructure

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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

Winter is certainly upon us here in Amsterdam and I hope wherever you are you are keeping warm!

Our plans for the User Forum continue to develop – keep checking the website (<http://uf2011.egi.eu>) for the latest details. The submission of extended abstracts for presentations, community workshops, demonstrations and posters is now open (<http://bit.ly/f4W6L8>) and will close on December 17th. Remember to submit your abstracts before you leave for your Christmas break. We have great plans for the book of abstracts and we are now exploring opportunities for inviting the best work presented at the User Forum to be reviewed for journal publication.

This week saw the first meeting of the User Community Board (UCB) here in Amsterdam with representatives from six user communities we are having discussions with to become part of EGI as Virtual Research Communities.

In preparation for the UCB, the User Community Support team has been busy gathering requirements from National Grid Initiatives and analysing issues identified in documents produced from other groups. The need for user oriented features such as clear error messages, a consistent command line interfaces across different services, and reliable job management are on top of the priorities' list and will be passed on to technology providers.

November was another busy month for our dissemination team who travelled to Supercomputing SC10 in New Orleans, the SciTech event in Brussels and the NGS Innovation Forum in the UK to spread the word about EGI-InSPIRE. The EGI management team were also present at the Nordic DataGrid Facility (NDGF) Strategy workshop, the EMI face to face meeting in Prague, as well as at the WeNMR kick-off meeting in Utrecht.

Finally, please take the opportunity to catch up on other activity within the project and the EGI Community through our quarterly newsletter (<http://bit.ly/etnVuN>).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Newhouse".

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Upcoming Events:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
<b>9-10 December</b>	2010 Euro-Africa e-Infrastructures Conference Helsinki, Finland ( <a href="http://ei-africa.eu/">http://ei-africa.eu/</a> )
<b>11-13 December</b>	2nd International Workshop on Workflow Management in Service and Cloud Computing – Hong Kong, China ( <a href="http://www.swinflow.org/confs/wmsc/wmsc2010">www.swinflow.org/confs/wmsc/wmsc2010</a> )
<b>13-14 December</b>	CHAIN Kick-Off Meeting and Launch Event Rome, Italy ( <a href="http://agenda.ct.infn.it/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=464">http://agenda.ct.infn.it/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=464</a> )
<b>14-16 December</b>	First International Conference on Utility and Cloud Computing Chennai, India ( <a href="http://www.manjrasoft.com/ucc2010/">http:// www.manjrasoft.com/ucc2010/</a> )
<b>15-16 February 2011</b>	Cloudscape III – Taking European Cloud Infrastructure Forward Brussels, Belgium ( <a href="http://www.sienainitiative.eu/">http://www.sienainitiative.eu/</a> )
<b>11-15 April 2011</b>	EGI User Forum Vilnius, Lithuania ( <a href="http://uf2011.egi.eu/">http://uf2011.egi.eu/</a> )

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