



European Grid Infrastructure

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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

Christmas here at EGI.eu headquarters is definitely shaping up to be a white one, with snow still deep on the ground in the Netherlands, and indeed across much of Europe. We wish safe travels to everyone en route to visit family and friends over the festive season.

Before you shut down your computer for the last time as you leave the office, don't forget that the submission of abstracts for the User Forum is still open until 24 December at <http://bit.ly/f4W6L8>. Presentations, community workshops, demonstrations and posters are all welcome. Registration for the event will open in early January, so keep an eye on the event website at <http://uf2011.egi.eu/> to make sure you get the Early Bird rate!

The second quarterly report is now finalised, and it has been another busy quarter. You can now find links to all our approved Deliverables and Milestones on the website at <http://bit.ly/h57VVp> – some light reading for the holidays. You can also keep track of our metrics at <http://bit.ly/gWmuch>.

Despite the weather and general disruption, December has seen an EGI presence at a number of meetings, including the NGS Collaboration Board in the UK, the Project Administrative Committee, the PMB in Munich and the CHAIN launch event in Rome. CHAIN (Coordination and Harmonisation of Advanced e-Infrastructure) aims to promote collaboration between worldwide e-Infrastructures, and we look forward to working with them in the future. You can read more about our activities at project and user focused events, such as the CHAIN launch, in the GridCast blog (<http://www.gridcast.org>).

Finally, a big thank you to you all for your hard work on the project during these challenging start-up months. Everyone here at EGI.eu wishes you a relaxing and enjoyable break – see you all in the New Year!

Yours sincerely,

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

Steven Newhouse
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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
13-14 January 2011	DC-NET e-Infrastructures Concertation Meeting Tallinn, Estonia (http://www.dc-net.org)
15-16 March 2011	Cloudscape III – Taking European Cloud Infrastructure Forward Brussels, Belgium (http://www.sienainitiative.eu/)
19-25 March 2011	International Symposium on Grids & Clouds 2011 (ISGC11 / OGF31) Taipei, Taiwan (http://event.twgrid.org/isgc2011/)
3-8 April 2011	European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2011 Vienna, Austria (http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2011/)
11-15 April 2011	EGI User Forum Vilnius, Lithuania (http://uf2011.egi.eu/)

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