



European Grid Infrastructure

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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

As the summer draws to a close it is time to return to work and think of the year ahead.

In a few weeks' time, we will be gathering in Lyon for the EGI Technical Forum, which is co-located with the next meeting of the Open Grid Forum, the Grid2011 conference and the 9th e-Infrastructure Concertation meeting. Until 9th September, it is still possible to register online and join over 475 of your colleagues to catch up on all that is happening in EGI-InSPIRE and the EGI communities. The packed five-day EGITF11 programme is available at (<http://go.egi.eu/tf11timetable>). If you wish to take advantage of the normal registration rates, please do so before 9th September.

The feedback report from the EC review has arrived and is currently being analysed by the project management team. The significant achievement represented by our successful transition from EGEE to EGI-InSPIRE and our move to a federation of national resource providers was fully recognised by the reviewers. However, the reviewers quite rightly indicate that we still have a long way to go on our road to sustainability. The development of a strategic plan and supporting business models to take us towards sustainability has always been part of our planned activities within the project. The reviewers have identified areas where they would like to see more coordinated strategic planning activities and we are currently exploring how to undertake these changes.

The critical role that e-Infrastructures such as EGI have to play in Horizon 2020 (the next Framework Programme, starting in 2014) was underlined earlier in the summer at a meeting held between Europe's Research Infrastructures and e-Infrastructures. The report from this meeting is now available (<http://go.egi.eu/Horizon2020RI>) and highlights how the EC expects to continue the development of the ESFRI (Europe Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) programme. The EC sees a strong need to support this research activity with an e-Infrastructure environment that can be sustained to meet their requirements for many years to come.

Supporting a host of different research infrastructures, each with their diverse user communities and needs, will be challenging! Part of EGI's response to meeting this challenge is to understand how virtualised resources can be integrated into our production infrastructure to provide a more flexible and adaptable environment. The first stage in achieving this – experimentation within the NGIs and their resource centres – has already

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started. A task force has been formed and is working to understand how federation of these resources into a production infrastructure can be driven forward. This recent blog post on our EGI community blog (<http://go.egi.eu/bzzyw>) provides more details on how resource centres and user communities can get involved. Let us know what you think!

I look forward to seeing you all in Lyon as we sample the gastronomic delights of some fine French food (and wines!).

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
5-8 September 2011	TransferSummit 2011 Oxford, UK (http://www.transfersummit.com/)
5-9 September 2011	GridKa School 2011 Karlsruhe, Germany (http://gridka-school.scc.kit.edu/2011/)
12-13 September 2011	IRISC2011 (Identity in RI and Scientific Communication) Helsinki, Finland (http://irisc-workshop.org/irisc2011-helsinki/)
19-23 September 2011	EGI Technical Forum Lyon, France (http://tf2011.egi.eu/)
26-27 September 2011	ISC Cloud Computing Conference Manheim, Germany (http://www.isc-events.com/cloud11/)
10-11 October 2011	EESI - European Exascale Software Initiative conference Barcelona, Spain (www.eesi-project.eu/final-conference)
26-28 October 2011	eChallenges e-2011 Conference & Exhibition Florence, Italy (http://www.echallenges.org/e2011/)

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