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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

I'm very pleased to announce that preparations for the EGI Community Forum (<http://cf2012.egi.eu>) in Munich (26-30 March) in conjunction with the EMI 2nd Technical Conference are going well. During a recent site visit with our local hosts – the Munich Network Management – we visited both the conference location and the dinner venues. Although our Forum will miss the Oktober Fest, we're been told that March is 'strong beer' season – and I'm sure there will be plenty of it in evidence at the dinner! I've also heard rumours that the dinner may feature a spit-roasted pig. I'm assured there **will** be a vegetarian option.

On the more serious side, the programme committee, chaired by Steve Brewer, has opened the call for participation (<http://go.egi.eu/cf12>). They will consider abstracts for presentations, demonstrations, posters, workshops and a small number of internal project meetings. The main tracks of the event will be:

- Users and communities, their requirements and achievements.
- Software services for users and communities.
- Middleware services.
- Operational services and infrastructure.
- Coordination and Communication.

Submissions that address issues of sustainability, and different models for the structure of user communities and service provision will be particularly welcome. **The deadline for online submissions is 2 December 2011.**

Next week (10 November), the NGI Coordinators Kick Off meeting will take place in Amsterdam (<http://go.egi.eu/NGICoordKickOff>). Although there are still discussions to take place at the PMB meeting this week as to the exact name of the role and to confirm all of its duties – there is general consensus as to its need within the community. The Kick Off meeting will be the first opportunity to get together with all the NGI Coordinators and brainstorm about the possibilities that this new role will bring to the way we work together. The NGI Coordinators will be key to our strategy of focusing on the non-operational aspects of the infrastructure such as policy and strategy, planning, marketing, communication, events, and – above all – outreach to new communities. This will help each NGIs be able to demonstrate their added value at a European level and to share their skills with the whole community. The meeting is open to all, but please register!

If you want to read more about the NGI Coordinators, have a look at the latest issue of our newsletter (<http://go.egi.eu/Autumn11>), where I introduce the ideas behind the new role that has been established in response to our first review. And it's not all: we have Sven Gabriel reporting on the May security exercise and Damir Marinović introducing Horizon 2020 and the new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The newsletter is also available as a PDF (<http://go.egi.eu/Autumn11PDF>).

Please take time over the next few weeks to think about the presentations, technical sessions, workshops or training sessions that you would like to submit individually or as part of your NGI, or project for consideration by the programme committee for the Community Forum in March 2012.

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
7-9 November 2011	Cracow'11 Grid Workshop Cracow, Poland (http://www.cyfronet.krakow.pl/cgw11/)
5-8 December 2011	7th IEEE International Conference on e-Science Stockholm, Sweden (http://www.escience2011.org/)
4-6 January 2012	Grid Computing: the Next Decade Zakopane, Poland (http://www.gridlab.org/Meetings/Zakopane2012/)
26-30 March 2012	EGI Community Forum 2012 Munich, Germany (http://cf2012.egi.eu)

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