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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

If the motivation behind our first Community Forum (in Munich, Germany 26-30 March) is to demonstrate the impact the EGI ecosystem has across the European Research Area then the meeting is already on track. The event will be held in conjunction with the European Middleware Initiative's 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Conference and preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual European Globus Community Forum, which will be co-located with our forum on Monday (26 March). Having two of our main technology providers at our flagship event is a clear sign that of the strong partnership between these projects and the value of the EGI community as a consumer of their technical solutions and a provider through our application integrator, service developer and operations community of new requirements.

The call for participation in the Community Forum will remain open until midnight on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. You have just another 48 hours to add your submission to over 130 others for consideration by the programme committee.

Participants in the Forum will have a great opportunity to learn more about the services, technologies and tools that we make available to scientific communities. Early-bird registration for our first Community Forum is open at <http://go.egi.eu/registration-cf12>. Make sure to register before **15 February 2012** to benefit from discounted rates. A detailed programme for the event will be in place by the end of January 2012.

Last month saw the kick-off meeting of the NGI International Liaisons - previously known as the NGI Coordinators - in Amsterdam. During the single day workshop we discussed the role of the NILs, the projects that they might work on, and how the teams would be organised. The results are available here - [https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Virtual\\_Team\\_Projects](https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Virtual_Team_Projects) - and in the presentations provided in Indico. A number of projects for the virtual teams established from within the NGIs were identified covering areas such as gathering information from the NGIs through a compendium, identifying ESFRI communities active locally within NGIs, and understanding the adoption challenges of technologies such as MPI and federated identity systems to name a few.

If you are your NGI's NIL and are not already mentioned on the website, or are working on a virtual team, please contact the EGI-InSPIRE Project Office so that you are registered in PPT. If you were previously working on NA2 or NA3 activities before the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 you will not be able to record your effort in PPT without being a NIL or part of a virtual team.

And let me take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of all the EGI.eu staff. Have a look at our [Season's Greetings card](#) and enjoy the holiday season.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Newhouse  
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Competitions:

**EGI Mascot competition:** Java has Duke and Linux has Tux. But what can you think of for EGI? The deadline for entries is 31 December 2011. Prizes include a tablet PC and free registration for the Community Forum in Munich.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
<b>5-8 December 2011</b>	7th IEEE International Conference on e-Science Stockholm, Sweden ( <a href="http://www.escience2011.org/">http://www.escience2011.org/</a> )
<b>4-6 January 2012</b>	Grid Computing: the Next Decade Zakopane, Poland ( <a href="http://www.gridlab.org/Meetings/Zakopane2012/">http://www.gridlab.org/Meetings/Zakopane2012/</a> )
<b>9-10 February 2012</b>	Workshops on e-Science Workflows Budapest, Hungary ( <a href="http://go.egi.eu/workflowworkshops">http://go.egi.eu/workflowworkshops</a> )
<b>26-30 March 2012</b>	<b>EGI Community Forum 2012</b> <b>Munich, Germany (<a href="http://cf2012.egi.eu">http://cf2012.egi.eu</a>)</b>

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