



Joining the EGI Federation





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Who we are

Vision:

all researchers have seamless access to services, resources and expertise to collaborate and conduct world-class research and innovation

Mission:

deliver open solutions for advanced computing and data analytics in research and innovation

The EGI Federation is an international infrastructure that provides advanced computing and data analytics services for research and innovation. The federation is composed of providers from national/community initiatives forming one of the largest distributed computing infrastructure for researchers.

EGI delivers technical and support services at European and global scale including high-throughput and cloud computing, storage and data management, analytics, consultancy and support, training and co-development.

The supported research is diverse, examples include finding new tools to diagnose diseases such as epilepsy and brain tumours, the design of new frameworks to assess and reduce flooding risks, the search for gravitational waves by the LIGO-Virgo collaboration or the pursuit of dark matter by the XENON collaboration.

EGI Federation in numbers



High-Throughput Compute



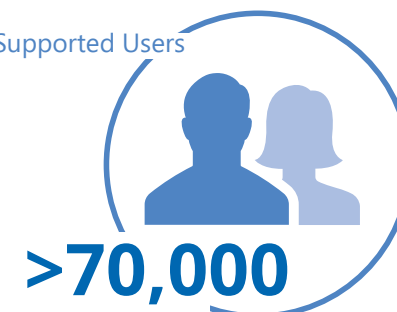
Cloud Compute



Supported research initiatives



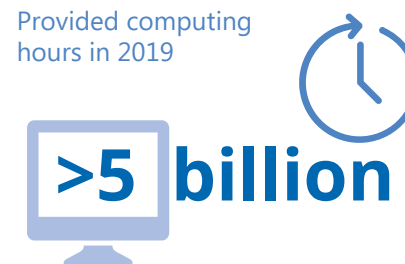
Supported Users



Supported scientific publications



Provided computing hours in 2019



Research

Our large-scale computing and data analytics services are helping scientists to accelerate the process leading to research outputs

More capacity - Faster results

- More than 3 million years of compute time (2011-2020)
- More than 1 million computing cores

Diverse services

- Flexible research
- Platforms and service portals
- Different computing architectures
- Storage and data management

High quality - High impact

- From small science to big science and beyond
- More than 2000 peer reviewed open access scientific papers published in 2019
- Contributed to 2 Nobel prizes

"The EGI Federated Cloud helped us to focus on scientific solutions and results instead of resource management and system administration"

Konrad Förstner,
Researcher, University of Würzburg

Innovation

We continuously innovate our services and technology to meet the needs of researchers worldwide

Cloud container service - package and run everywhere

- New ways to package and run scientific applications

Federated authentication - more login options to EGI services

- More than 3500 identity providers (IdPs) supported
- Integrated by more than 80 services

Improved Service Level Agreements - clear guarantees

- Tens of research projects supported by SLAs

New analytics platforms

- Jupiter Notebooks and Galaxy as a service

"The EGI Check-in service streamlines authentication in a secure, simple and harmonised manner. By working with EGI, our members can now use their existing accounts to access the expanding toolset of innovative computing services offered by EGI"

Fiona Sanderson,
Software Developer at Instruct ERIC

Collaboration

We foster international collaborations and knowledge sharing

Accelerating co-creation and development

- Working with more than 40 research infrastructures
- Supporting more than 15 Competence Centres

Creating a space for ideas

- More than 15 conferences with thousands of international participants

Promoting innovation

- Active business engagement program
- Tens of SMEs/industries

"We want to thank EGI (...) for their support. With such collaboration we expect to improve our data collection and outreach services to the general public and scientific community who access Obsea data. For our Obsea infrastructure, such collaboration is really very important to keep marine data generation alive!"

Joaquin del Rio,
Head of Obsea Observatory
(part of EMSO-ERIC)

Skills and Expertise

We create opportunities for professional development and acquiring know-how

Increased service management expertise

- More than 700 FitSM attendees in trainings who achieved certifications

Increased diversity of technical training in distributed computing

- Contributed to tens of training events and workshops

"I learned how to implement the FitSM in an IT organization and gain from the benefits the framework provides for efficient service management."

P. Weber
(Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)

Our internal structure

The EGI Federation is coordinated by the EGI Foundation, an organisation with headquarters in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The foundation offers a federation and management platform that on one side enables service providers to harmonise interfaces and connect to a common hub, on the other side, engages with research communities to understand the demand, simplifies the access and drives innovation together.

At the top-level, the EGI Federation is governed by the participants represented in the EGI Council. An Executive Board is also charged with the management of the foundation in collaboration with the chair of the EGI Council and with the Director of the EGI Foundation.

In the decision-making and policy definition process, the EGI Federation is also supported by various groups. In particular, there is an external advisory group and there are boards in the following functional areas: services and solutions, operations, user communities, security, and technology.

The EGI Federation also establishes agreements with similar initiatives outside Europe to ensure the global integration of the services and the wider support of international research communities.

Our contribution to the EOSC

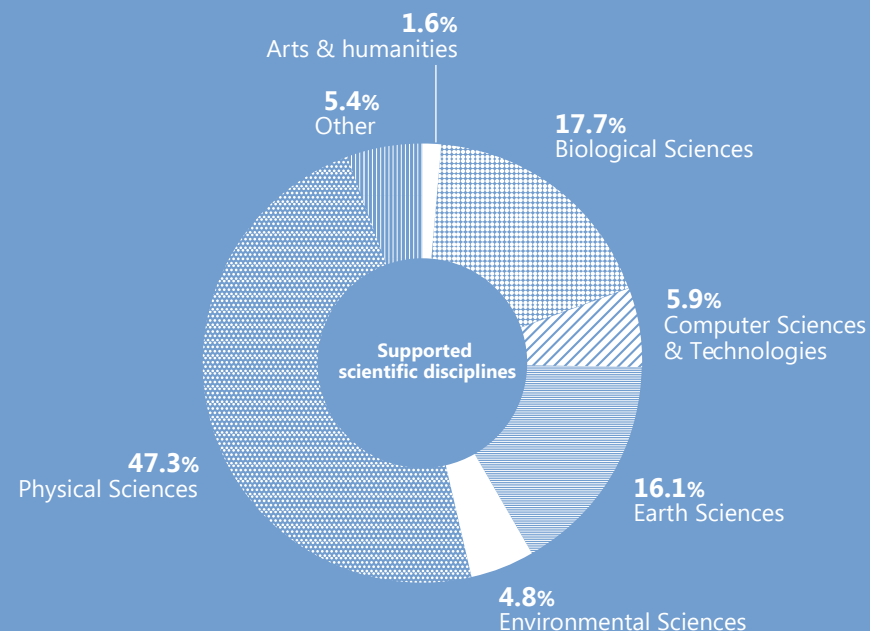
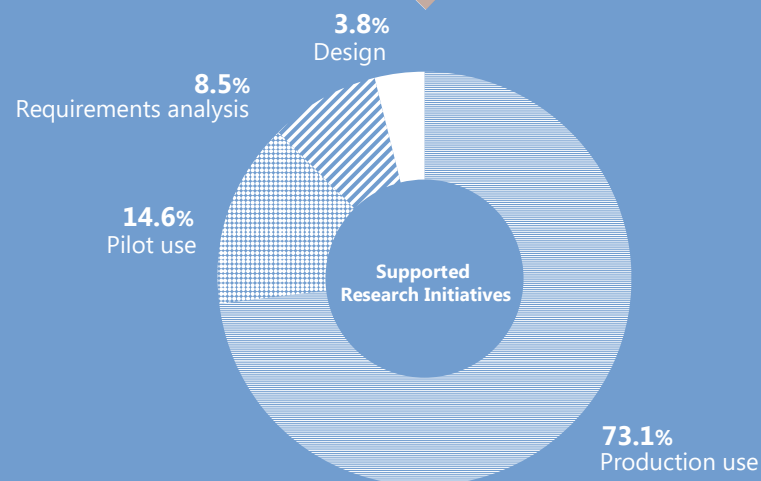
The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is a vision for a trusted federated platform for the scientific community, providing seamless access to data and interoperable services that address the whole research data cycle, from discovery and mining to storage, management, analysis and re-use across borders and scientific disciplines.

The EGI Federation has been committed to its implementation since the very early stage, by co-designing the EOSC-hub project with the EGI Foundation in the coordination role. Overall, the federation is contributing:

- Large scale distributed compute and storage capacity for data-centric scientific computing and data analytics
- Services for the EOSC core with particular focus on the EOSC Portal, the EOSC Portal AAI for secure access to the platform, the marketplace, federated monitoring and accounting
- Definition and daily running of a service management system for the EOSC federation and for the technical architecture of EOSC
- Integration of added-value thematic services from research communities that are partnering with EGI, making sure that tools, data and processing services are shared and available internationally to accelerate science
- Adoption of EOSC services by SMEs and industry to support the development of innovative applications, fully realising the data value chain, through the EOSC Digital Innovation Hub.



Who we serve



Our primary target groups are:

1. Research communities and Research Infrastructures push the frontiers of science, with instrumentations, massive data and computational requirements. They have an international nature, decades-long life time, and strong need for shared e-infrastructures. We provide both services and expertise for community-specific solutions that help them serve their user base. The EGI Foundation acts as the main contact point with the head organisations, while the EGI Participants engage via their local contacts. Since 2010, we have supported tens of Research Infrastructures and international research communities, most of them included in the ESFRI roadmap.

2. International research projects and research collaborations are typically represented by EC-funded projects at the European scale. While such projects have limited lifetime they cover many niche domains and regions. To this target group EGI is offering IT services and technical support to run proof-of-concept and pilot setups to tackle the scientific communities' challenges, or as Infrastructure provider to provision and operate the communities' e-Infrastructures needs which can be used to analyse big data analytics and support advanced research.


We also serve:

3. Small international groups and individual researchers who are usually less experienced in advanced computing or lack resources and support. The approach is to connect them to the most suitable service providers through a common platform and engagement framework and with a minimal engagement from the EGI Foundation.


4. SMEs and industries for stimulating the knowledge transfer activities and main achievements produced in science and scientific innovation into business and society. The EGI Federation helps them to exploit services and resources for compute-/data-intensive research and innovation, support in reusing open research data sets, tools and applications, access to training and education courses and promote their services towards research.

Our services for research


Compute

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Cloud Compute

Run virtual machines on demand with complete control over computing resources
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Cloud Container Compute

Run Docker containers in a lightweight virtualised environment
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High-Throughput Compute

Execute thousands of computational tasks to analyse large datasets
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Workload Manager

Manage computing workloads in an efficient way

Storage and Data

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Data Transfer

Transfer large sets of data from one place to another
- 


Archive Storage

Back-up your data for the long term and future use in a secure environment
- 


Online Storage

Store, share and access your files and their metadata on a global scale


Training

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FitSM Training

Learn how to manage IT services with a pragmatic and lightweight standard
- 


ISO 27001 Training

Learn how to manage and secure information assets
- 

Training Infrastructure

Dedicated computing and storage for training and education

Security

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Check-in

Login with your own credentials

Applications

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Notebooks

Create interactive documents with live code, visualisations and text
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Applications on Demand

Use online applications for your data & compute intensive research

Geographical coverage of the EGI Federation

EGI Council: national e-infrastructures and international research organisations

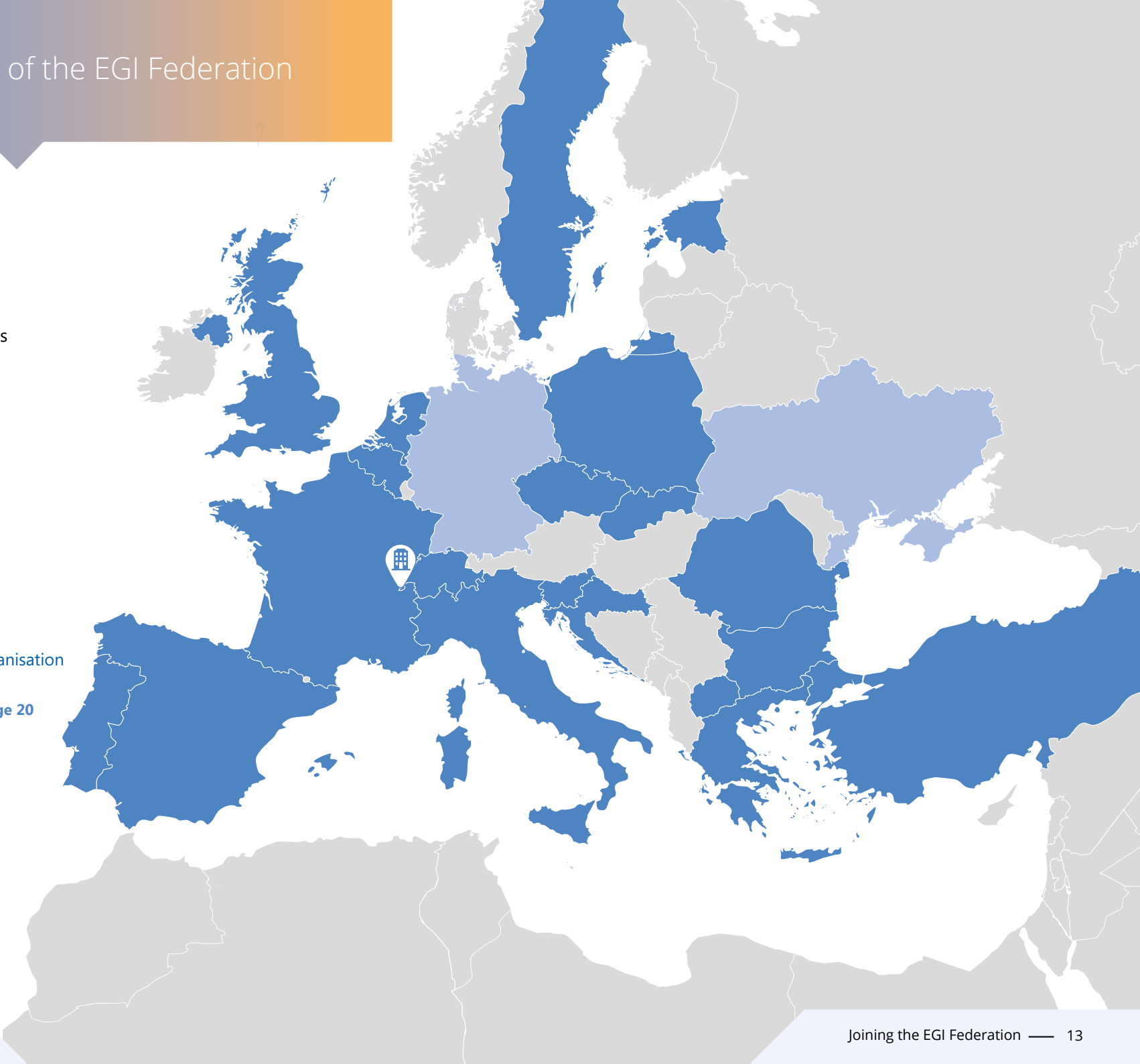
- Participants
- Associated participant

Headquarter of an international research organisation

EGI Council Participants:

 **23**
22 countries
+ 1 international research organisation

Note: the list of participants is provided in [page 20](#)



Our internal services

Security



Check-in

Login with your own credentials



Attribute Management

Manage memberships and groups in communities and virtual organisations

Coordination



Operations Coordination and support

Coordinate activities to ensure seamless operations



Community Coordination

A joint approach to user engagement



ITSM Coordination

Ensures professional service management for EGI IT services



Technical Coordination

Progress and innovation through collaboration



Strategy and Policy Development

One federation, one vision, one strategy



Project Management and Planning

A joint approach to planning and management



Security Coordination

Enhance local security for a safer global infrastructure



Communications

Share your successes at a larger scale

Operations



Marketplace

Expose your services to a broader audience



Accounting

Track and report the usage of your services



Collaboration Tools

IT tools for better coordination



Configuration Database

Manage the configuration information of federated e-infrastructure assets and their functional relations



Operational Tools

Integrate resources and operations in a federated ecosystem



Validated Software and Repository

Benefit from a repository of high-quality software validated for the EGI infrastructure



Service Monitoring

Monitor the performance of IT services



Helpdesk

Your point of contact to ask for support at EGI

Note: the internal services are supported by the EGI contribution fees and EC-funded projects

Joining the EGI Federation means becoming part of a well established community serving international research and innovation. When you become an EGI Participant, you can access the following values:

Access services and tools for federating infrastructures

- Benefit from a suite of technical tools, internal services and management processes that support federated operations
- Take an active role in the provision of services enabling federations

Access services and support for advanced computing

- Benefit from federated AAI, federated data access and management, federated compute access and management

Promote your services internationally

- Get support in promoting your services in the EGI or EOSC marketplaces
- Co-develop new products/services and exchange expertise
- Simplify international collaboration and support transnational access to services

Engage expert communities

- Access strong connections with international research communities and infrastructures
- Improve your understanding of requirements from emerging research infrastructures and communities

Boost knowledge sharing

- Priority access to community knowledge, expertise and trainings
- Share your knowledge within the EGI Federation and related user communities, and contribute to a stronger European Research Area

Improve access to funding

- Join flagship projects led by the EGI Foundation or access invitations directed to the EGI Federation Participate as a service provider in (pay for use) or virtual access programme

Shape strategy and policy

- Influence the EGI Federation strategy and align your direction with other countries
- Influence European-level policy on digital services for research with a unique and coherent voice

Who is eligible?

Participation in the EGI Council is open to organisations in the following categories:

- Organisations representing national e-infrastructures with a mission to provide distributed data & computing services to researchers
- Organisations representing international communities of researchers with a strong interest in distributed data & computing services, for example:
 - European International Research Organisations (EIROs)
 - European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs)
 - Research Infrastructures on the ESFRI roadmap
- Any legal entity, in their own capacity or as representative of a consortium that can contribute to the objective of the EGI Federation.

What are the participant options?

If your country is not represented in the EGI Federation, you can join as:

- Participant: this is the full membership with benefits such as influence in the strategic direction, seat and voting rights in the EGI Council, priority in joining projects
- Associated Participant: limited membership with observer role in the EGI Council and no voting rights.

Both options are permanent and renewed annually. There is also an affiliation program to try-out the associated participant membership for 12 months, renewable to a maximum of 24 months.

If your country is represented in the EGI Federation, then you can join indirectly by establishing an agreement with the related EGI participant.

Participant benefits

	Participants	Associated-Participants
Advertised on EGI website, according to type of membership	✓	✓
Attend Council meetings	✓	✓ *
Participate to working groups	✓	✓
Access the internal services	✓	✓
Bidding for internal services	✓	
Vote on any decision submitted to the Council	✓	
Be part of the 'linked third party' mechanism to join proposals (e.g. EC projects)	✓	
Prominence in promotional material	✓	
Access Strategy and Policy Decision Support briefing and document reports	✓	
Benefit from the EC regulation about public procurement	✓	

* Only upon express invitation and as observer only

Participant fee

Category	Participant		Associated Participant	
	Fee (€)	Votes	Fee (€)	Votes
X > 2,000,000	90,000	90	45,000	0
750,000 < X < 2,000,000	75,000	75	37,500	0
300,000 < X < 750,000	55,000	55	27,500	0
100,000 < X < 300,000	40,000	40	20,000	0
30,000 < X < 100,000	25,000	25	12,500	0
X < 30,000	10,000	10	5,000	0

Notes:

- The participant fee model is structured in six levels
- For an organisation representing a country, X is the national GDP (in million US\$)
- For an organisation representing an international research community, a consortium or in their own capacity, X is the annual budget of the headquarters legal entity (in thousand €)
- The fee for a temporary affiliated membership is 1,500 € (with no voting right)

Participants



Belspo
Belgium



IICT
Bulgaria



SRCE
Croatia



Metacentrum
Czech Republic



EENet
Estonia



France Grilles
France



Grnet
Greece



INFN
Italy



SURF
Netherlands



Margi
North Macedonia



Cyfronet
Poland



FCT
Portugal



IFIN-HH
Romania



IISAS
Slovakia



Arnes
Slovenia



CSIC
Spain



SNIC
Sweden



SwiNG
Switzerland



ULAKBIM
Turkey



Jisc
United Kingdom



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International

Associated Participants

- Gauss-Allianz (Germany)
- NASU (Ukraine)

Are you interested in joining the EGI Federation? Send your expression of interest to



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