



NA5 – POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Policy and International Cooperation team's principal goals are to allow the Enabling Grids for E-science (EGEE) project to operate in the global Grid development environment and ensure the project can work constructively with the major Grid and Infrastructure initiatives around the world.

The team collaborates closely with other European Union (EU) Grid projects, including:

- DEISA (Distributed European Infrastructure for Supercomputing Applications), a consortium of leading national supercomputing centres who aim to jointly build and operate a distributed terascale supercomputing facility.
- SEE-GRID (South Eastern European Grid-enabled eInfrastructure Development) whose aim is to provide support for the participation of the South-East European states to Grid initiatives;
- DILIGENT (Testbed Digital Library Infrastructure on Grid Enabled Technology) whose aim is to integrate Grid and Digital Library (DL) technologies to allow access to shared knowledge and collaboration in a secure, coordinated, dynamic and cost-effective way;
- GRIDCC (Grid Enabled Remote Instrumentation with Distributed Control and Computation) which aims to provide access to and control of distributed instrumentation.

Together with the management of the project, the team has actively fostered relationships to ensure cooperation with major world-wide players, including:

- The US NSF Cyberinfrastructure initiative;
- Links with Russia and the United States have been established through the EGEE Project Management Board (PMB);
- A "Memorandum of Understanding" has been signed with South Korea to cover collaboration on Grid for physics and biology;
- Work has begun on a proposal to extend EGEE to the Baltic States;
- Work has begun on extending EGEE to South America and other non-European areas.

The team continues to support the eInfrastructure Reflection Group in Europe (eIRG) whose main objective is to support the creation of a policy and administrative framework for the easy and cost-effective shared use of electronic resources in Europe across technological, administrative and national domains. The team provides a "virtual office" support for the organisation of meetings and the production of a series of White Papers and Roadmaps.

The team also continues to play a visible role in standardisation related activities, for example, by participating in the work of the Global Grid Forum (GGF). The activity will monitor the developments outside the EGEE scope and will maintain its participation in both Grid Research and Grid Infrastructure concertation events.

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