The EGEE project is firmly committed to building strong relations with industry and offers a variety of channels for involvement, from information sharing and business requirements analysis to full technical collaboration.

## EGEE Industry Forum

The EGEE Industry Forum (IF) is designed to ensure effective two-way communication and pro-active discussions between players from business and experts inside the project. The IF promotes the adoption of Grid in industry, analysing business needs, pinpointing technical and non-technical barriers and suggesting means to overcome them. The IF is also active at industry-focused events, including the EGEE User Forum and the dedicated Business Track at the EGEE annual conference.

Regular **Industry Days** bring together decision-makers and CTOs to learn how industry can use Grid, especially EGEE's next-generation Grid middleware, **gLite**, and benefit from expertise accumulated in the project. These events focus on particular sectors or regions, highlighting how Grid technology provides new industrial solutions and showing how companies of all sizes can benefit from sophisticated 'on-tap' computing resources not available in traditional IT infrastructures.

The **Industry Forum Steering Committee** (IF SC) leads the Industry Forum and is made up of business experts and industry partners in the project. IF SC members provide expertise across diverse vertical markets and horizontally through input on technology and industry requirements associated with the drive towards standardisation.

**IF SC members**:
- Bring knowledge and best practices on Grid adoption
- Play an active role in programme committees & EGEE industry-focused events
- Provide case studies and market analyses
- Contribute to the EGEE Industry Forum Quarterly Newsletter

The IF SC comprises three **Focus Groups**, each with its own set of objectives, support mechanisms and planned reports:
- Support for the Commercial Adoption of gLite
- SMEs and Start-Ups
- Industry Requirements for Grid Standardisation.

## EGEE Industry Task Force

The ITF brings together representatives from industrial applications on the EGEE infrastructure, including collaborating projects with an industry focus, with industrial partners and technical activities inside the project. The ITF raises awareness of industrial requirements and helps steer the technical direction of the project in terms of business needs. **Early business adopters of gLite** operating in diverse sectors are supported through the ITF. Successful **industrial applications** include Financial Risk Management; Financial Products Pricing; Seismic Imaging and Reservoir Simulation; Earth Observation; Health care; Fusion; Grid platform for SMEs and small ISVs, and Grid Portal.

## EGEE Business Associates

The EGEE Business Associate (EBA) programme offers opportunities for companies to engage in technical work of joint interest to both industry and the project, such as coordinated **technological development**, **market surveys**, **exploitation strategies**, as well as more general transfer of know-how and services to industry. As an EBA, companies also get early access to documentation, have the opportunity to publish articles in project newsletters, sponsor EGEE events, help shape EGEE's programme for industrial involvement and work towards a sustainable infrastructure.

### To find out more about

- **EGEE Industry Forum**

  Sign up as an EGEE community member on the EGEE website www.eu-egee.org and go to www.eu-egee.org/industry_forum.
  For more information contact industry@eu-egee.org

  IF Members can engage with a large business community and team of experts; learn more about Grid adoption and market trends; understand the support mechanisms for Grid take-up by industry; and receive the IF newsletter, which is distributed on a quarterly basis with special editions.

  If you would like to become a member of the **IF Steering Committee**, please contact Stephanie Parker, s.parker@metaware.it

- **EGEE Industry Days**

  To find out more about the next Industry Day, go to www.eu-egee.org/events/industryday

- **EGEE Industry Task Force**

  If you would like to use the EGEE Grid infrastructure for your application, please contact Gabriel Zaquine, gabriel.zaquine@cern.ch

- **EGEE Business Associates**

  If you would like to work with the EGEE project on technical issues, please contact Stephanie Parker, s.parker@metaware.it


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