

Dear EGEE-II project members,

I trust the summer period has been profitable and enjoyable for you all. After two months' absence, it is time to update you with all the latest news from the EGEE-II project, before we all meet at our EGEE'07 conference in Budapest, Hungary on 1-5 October (<http://www.eu-egee.org/egee07/home.html>).

*First EGEE-II project review*

Following the reviewers' recommendations report received in June, an All Activity meeting was held at CERN early July to discuss the responses and ascertain potential changes to the Description of Work to be submitted as an amendment. The agreed responses were compiled and sent to the EC by the deadline of 31 July, see: <https://edms.cern.ch/document/853422/1>. The Project Office is now preparing the amendment to the contract to finalise the process. The remaining point for discussion among PMB members at the conference is the possibility of a short extension to the EGEE-II project, which will ensure a smooth transition to EGEE-III. I will keep you informed of the decision taken on this point in my next letter.

*EGEE-III proposal preparation*

The Editorial Board, Project Management Board and all Activity managers worked tirelessly over the summer to finalise the activity manpower allocations, descriptions and funding to ensure a coherent workplan was produced with a viable budget. The proposal was submitted on 20 September. The Executive Summary of the project proposal is available on: <http://egee-technical.web.cern.ch/egee-technical/JRU/executive-summary.html>.

It is expected that the proposal will be evaluated during the first half of October and we should be informed of the outcome of the proposal by the end of that month.

Several collaborating projects have also submitted proposals in recent calls, and mutual letters of support have been provided for continued collaboration.

*New External Advisory Committee (EAC) member*

We are please to welcome a new member to the EAC, Dr Rolf Kubli. Dr. Kubli, based in Zurich, Switzerland, is the Chief Technology Officer for EDS Switzerland and as such he will give us valuable input from the business sector. Dr. Kubli has already participated in EGEE events, and recently presented at the EGEE User Forum in Manchester.

*New Technical Coordination Group working Group*

A new working Group has been set up by the TCG: Utilizing Worker Node Resources, chaired by Steve Traylen

The WN Resources working group is investigating the efficient utilisation of WN resources. Initially this concerns hard limits on WNs such as available memory and disk-space for any particular job.

*Communication questionnaire*

In my last letter, I informed you that a questionnaire would be prepared to evaluate the communication channels in the project. As the conference will generate its fair share of questionnaires, we will wait until November to launch this. You will receive it by email and your input will be warmly welcomed to ensure good and useful communication within the project.

*Deliverables submitted this last quarter*

The following deliverables were completed and submitted to the EC:

- DNA3.4: Report on training support for VOs and external projects
- DNA3.2: Commercial Grid market training survey
- DNA1.1.5: Fifth Quarterly Report

See <http://egee-jra2.web.cern.ch/EGEE-JRA2/EGEE-II/Deliverables/Deliverables.htm> for all deliverables and milestones.

I look forward to seeing you all in Budapest where all of these subjects and many more will be discussed in person.

Yours sincerely,



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**Upcoming events:**

For a full list of EGEE and related Grid events, see:  
[http://www.eu-egee.org/egee\\_events/events](http://www.eu-egee.org/egee_events/events)

Month	Event	URL
October	1-5, EGEE'07 Budapest, Hungary.	<a href="http://www.eu-egee.org/egee07">http://www.eu-egee.org/egee07</a>
	1-5, 7th EMS / 8th ECAM San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain	<a href="http://meetings.copernicus.org/ems2007/">http://meetings.copernicus.org/ems2007/</a>
	1-5, 8th International Symposium on Fusion Nuclear Technology (ISFNT-8) Heidelberg, Germany	<a href="http://iwww1.fzk.de/isfnt/">http://iwww1.fzk.de/isfnt/</a>
	7-10, Conference on e-Social Science University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA	<a href="http://www.ncess.ac.uk/events/conference/">http://www.ncess.ac.uk/events/conference/</a>
	8-12, APAC07 Perth, Western Australia	<a href="http://apac07.vpac.org">http://apac07.vpac.org</a>
	15-19, OGF21 Seattle, Washington	<a href="http://www.ogf.org/">http://www.ogf.org/</a>
	17-19, GridNets Lyon, France	<a href="http://www.gridnets.org/2007">http://www.gridnets.org/2007</a>
	21-23, Microsoft eScience Workshop RENC1, Chapel Hill	<a href="https://www.mses07.net/main.aspx">https://www.mses07.net/main.aspx</a>
	22-26, 11th IEEE/ACM* International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications Chania, Crete Island, Greece	<a href="http://www.cs.unibo.it/ds-rt2007/">http://www.cs.unibo.it/ds-rt2007/</a>
	24-26, e-Challenges The Hague, The Netherlands	<a href="http://www.echallenges.org/e2007/">http://www.echallenges.org/e2007/</a>
November	10-16, SC'07 Reno, USA	<a href="http://sc07.supercomputing.org/">http://sc07.supercomputing.org/</a>