

Dear EGEE-II project members,

On this occasion, I send you a brief letter with a key message: "Six weeks to go to the completion of EGEE-II"! It is an exciting and busy time for all of us, which will see the submission of the final and key deliverables of the project that give an overall assessment of progress made over the last two years and the work that remains ahead, notably:

- DNA2.5.2: Annual Report of the Industry Forum
- DNA2.6: Final Dissemination, Outreach & Communication Report
- DNA3.3.2: Training report
- DNA4.2.2: Summary and Evaluation of Application Usage of EGEE-II Services
- DNA5.2.2: Inventory of EGEE-II standardisation efforts and contributions
- DSA2.2: Assessment of the network SLAs in EGEE-II
- DSA3.1.2: Report on middleware releases produced and status of infrastructure interoperability
- DJRA1.2: Final report on progress of middleware reengineering
- DJRA2.2.2: Final Report on the Collective EGEE-II Security Status
- DJRA2.1.3: Final report on quality status

The final periodic report is also underway and will complete the material which we will provide to the reviewers in time for the final project review on 8 and 9 July 2008.

In parallel with this demanding work, the signature of the Grant Preparation Forms for EGEE-III, a precursor to the signature of the Grant Agreement, is underway and the Consortium Agreement between all participating institutes is nearing completion. We have also received a draft Grant Agreement that confirms the beneficiaries, Joint Research Unit members, responsibilities and budgets. All tools, webpages and reporting requirements are being prepared for a smooth transition between both projects. The Project office is also fine tuning the agenda for the EGEE-II / EGEE-III transition meeting due to be held at CERN on 6 and 7 May, aimed at all institute representatives, be they beneficiaries or Joint Research Unit members, as well as activity representatives. Registration for this event opened on 12 March and will close on 26 April. Places are limited so we have foreseen videoconference facilities for those who prefer to attend remotely.

All details of this meeting can be found on:

<http://egee-technical.web.cern.ch/egee-technical/EU-reviews/transition/index.htm>

Should you have any questions in the move from EGEE-II to EGEE-III, please do not hesitate to contact the Project office who will gladly answer all your questions.

I wish you all a restful and happy Easter!

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming events:

Month	Event	URL
April	March 31- April 2, Grid Computing for Financial Services, London, UK	http://www.iqpcpevents.com/ShowEvent.aspx?id=51322&details=61416
	1-2, 3rd D-Grid Security Workshop, Göttingen, Germany	http://www.d-grid.de/index.php?id=436&L=1
	3, 2nd European Community for Software and Software Services - Architectures, Infrastructures and Engineering (ECSS), Budapest, Hungary	http://www.eu-ecss.eu/events/2nd-ECSS-workshop/
	7-11, International Symposium on Grid Computing 2008 (ISGC 2008), Taipei, Taiwan	http://event.twgrid.org/isgc2008/
	9-11, 23rd International Conference on Computers and Their Applications, Cancu, Mexico	http://www.isca-hq.org/ISCAconf.html
	9-11, NORDUnet2008, Helsinki, Finland	http://www.nordu.net/conference/hdn2008web/home.html
	9-11, Grid and the Virtual Observatory, Garching Germany	http://www.si.inaf.it/eurovow2008/
	21-25, WLCG Collaboration Workshop, Geneva, Switzerland	http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=6552
	24-26, Security and Privacy in Pervasive Computing (SPPC-08), Busan, Korea	http://www.sersc.org/ISA2008/
	28-29, DEISA Symposium - Advancing Extreme Computing in Europe, Edinburgh, UK	http://www.deisa.org/symposium
	28-30, BioIT World Conference and Expo, Boston, U.S.	http://www.bio-itworldcongress.com/index.asp
	29-1 May, 9th LCI International Conference on High-Performance Clustered Computing, Urbana, Illinois	http://www.linuxclustersinstitute.org/conferences/index.html
	May	12-13, 3rd International Workshop on Smart Grid Technologies (SGT 2008), Estoril, Portugal
12-14, 4th Annual Cyber Security and Information Intelligence Research Workshop (CSIIRW-08), Oak Ridge, U.S		http://www.ioc.ornl.gov/csiirw/
12-16, Open Source Grid & Cluster Conference 2008, Oakland, California, U.S.		http://www.opensourcegridcluster.org/
19-22, TERENA Networking Conference, Bruges, Belgium		http://tnc2008.terena.org/
19-22, CCGrid 2008, Lyon, France		http://www.ens-lyon.fr/LIP/RESO/ccgrid2008/
21, Distributed Computing Workshop, London, UK		http://www.qi3.co.uk/events/event.asp?EventID=193
26-30, MIPRO 2008, Opatija, Croatia		http://www.mipro.hr/emipro_glavna.html
28-30, International Conference on BioMedical Engineering and Informatics (BMEI 2008), Hainan, China		http://210.37.44.251/
28-30, 2008 Access Grid Retreat , Vancouver, Canada		http://www.accessgrid.org/retreat2008