

## NA5 – POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Policy and International Cooperation team's principal goals are to allow the Enabling Grids for E-scienceE (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:

- DILIGENT (Testbed Digital Library Infrastructure on Grid Enabled Technology) whose aim is to integrate the Grid and Digital Library (DL) technologies to allow members of dynamic virtual e-Science organisations to access shared knowledge and collaborate in a secure, coordinated, dynamic and cost-effective way;
- SEE-GRID (South Eastern European Grid-enabled Infrastructure Development) whose aim is to provide specific support actions to assist the participation of the South East European states to pan-European and worldwide Grid initiatives;
- DEISA (Distributed European Infrastructure for Supercomputing Applications) which is a consortium of leading national supercomputing centres in Europe who aim to jointly build and operate a distributed terascale supercomputing facility.

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 HEP (Alice), theoretical 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.

The team continues to support the Infrastructure Reflection Group in Europe (eIRG) whose main objective is to support the creation of a policy and administrative framework on a political, advisory and monitoring level. The framework ensures easy and cost-effective shared use of electronic resources in Europe (focusing on Grid-computing, data storage, and networking resources) across technological, administrative and national domains. The eIRG consists of appointed Member, Accession and Associated States Representatives plus European Commission officials. It is supported by a Technical Support Group via resources from European Union flagship projects (EGEE, DEISA and GN2). The team will provide a “virtual office” to provide continuity between meetings.

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).

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