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The principal goals of the International Policy and Cooperation activity are to allow the Enabling Grids for E-scienceE (EGEE) project to be active and visible in the global grid arena and to ensure the project can work constructively with the major grid and infrastructure projects and initiatives around the world.

NA5 focuses on three main areas: policy-related activities, international cooperation activities and standardisation.

Policy-related activities

The team provides input to the e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG, <http://www.e-irg.org>), whose goal is to support the creation of a policy framework for the easy and cost-effective shared use of grid computing resources. EGEE provides contributions to the e-IRG's White Papers and Roadmap documents, as well as e-IRG workshops.

The White Papers are policy-oriented with a short-term vision of up to three to five years, while the Roadmap documents plan ten or more years ahead and take a wider perspective covering more general e-Infrastructure issues.

The NA5 activity also takes an active part in the process towards the creation of a sustainable grid infrastructure that will allow continuity for the EGEE grid beyond the end of the project.

International cooperation activities

Together with EGEE management and technical activities, the NA5 team is fostering relationships with major worldwide players, including the US and the Asia-Pacific regions (Japan, South Korea, and China), while following developments in other regions such as sub-Saharan Africa.

EGEE, as the leading grid infrastructure project in Europe, is also working on coordinating related grid projects. These include infrastructure projects to extend geographical coverage through Europe, Asia and the Americas, application projects that use the EGEE infrastructure for specific scientific fields as well as support projects in areas such as training or security (see Collaborating Projects information sheet).

EGEE continues to support the wider European Commission concertation efforts, working closely with GEANT2, PRACE, DEISA2 and other major European research projects to exploit common areas of work and promote synergies.

Standardisation

The NA5 team also prepares and maintains an inventory of EGEE participation in major grid standard bodies such as the Open Grid Forum, and coordinating input from the EGEE technical activities in order to record comprehensively EGEE's involvement in standardisation efforts.

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Cooperation activities
Standardisation

<http://project.eu-egee.org/index.php?id=284>

<http://collaborating.eu-egee.org/>

<http://technical.eu-egee.org/index.php?id=145>

