

NA1 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The management activity of the second phase of the EGEE project builds on the experience gained in the first phase of the project, which was completed on 31 March 2006. The enlargement of the Consortium to more than 90 partner institutes in some 32 countries and an ambitious programme of work present a unique management challenge. As a result the management structure has been designed to deal with the specific management challenges of the project and the issues associated with connecting such a diverse collection of scientific and industrial partners.

The major focus of NA1 is the need to provide the reliable work environment needed to deliver production level services to a large, distributed set of users. Achieving this is vital for the success of the project, as it will facilitate the take-up of EGEE and Grid technology in general by the wide range of scientific and industrial groups who the project serves.

As the major Grid project in Europe, EGEE takes on the responsibility of helping support a number of related Grid projects through which it can disseminate a consistent and proactive stream of information to user communities, resource providers, industrialists and decision makers. The NA1 management activity is based at the coordinating institute for the project, CERN in Switzerland, the largest particle physics laboratory in the world and the place where the World Wide Web was born.

NA1 helps maintain the high profile of the project in the Grid and scientific community through regular attendance at a wide range of high profile events. As a result, NA1 liaises closely with the Dissemination, Outreach & Communication activity (NA2), also based at CERN for phase two of the project, to coordinate event attendance, the organization of project conferences and all dissemination activities. NA1 also works with NA2 to maintain the public and technical websites of the project.

Looking to the future, the project management team is working on ensuring the long term availability of Grid technology to the research community by working toward the implementation of a sustainable European Grid Infrastructure. Working with a number of National Grid initiatives across Europe, EGEE is leading the way in this effort. Bringing together a wide variety of stakeholders, the project is ensuring both academia and industry can be confident in the long term availability of the Grid and so will be happy to invest in this cutting edge technology.

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NA1 Webpages

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