EGEE: ADDING VALUE THROUGH RELATED PROJECTS
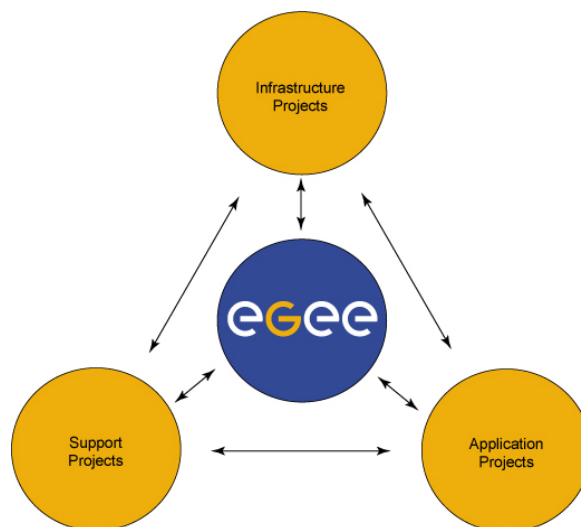
The Enabling Grids for E-sciencE (EGEE) project has strong links throughout the world that improve both the quantity and the quality of Grid services it is able to provide. These links are partly a result of the geographical area spanned by the partners in EGEE's federated structure, with now 91 partner institutes and an additional 48 institutes through Joint Research Units in the second phase of the project (EGEE-II). These partners are situated not just all over Europe but also in the United States and Asia. Many more organisations contribute resources to EGEE without being official partners of the project itself.

EGEE also works alongside several other major European projects. These include infrastructure projects expanding the geographical reach of the European Grid, applications projects and support projects.

Infrastructure projects
Infrastructure projects have been extending the reach of the EGEE infrastructure both within Europe and outside. So far, EGEE has been involved in projects whose scope extends to South-Eastern Europe, the Baltic region, Latin America, the Mediterranean region, China and India. Other related projects are working to link EGEE up with other e-Infrastructure components, such as digital libraries, networking and supercomputing centres.

Application projects
Application projects build on EGEE's middleware, gLite, to provide the specific functionality required for their particular research domain. Their feedback also helps EGEE to refine its operations to be more responsive to users' needs. Applications in diverse fields, from molecular biology to geo-physics are supported and the project is always keen to find new areas for the application and use of Grid technology.

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Support projects
There are a number of e-Infrastructure support projects helping to improve the EGEE infrastructure and gLite middleware. EGEE is working with such projects in areas including computer security, e-Infrastructure policy, education, dissemination and software quality assurance.

EGEE is active in exchanging ideas and common solutions with related projects. In the past, ways of collaborating have been explored at "concertation" meetings of EU projects and at the EGEE project conferences. The first dedicated plenary session for related projects was held at the fourth EGEE conference in Pisa, October 2005, and related projects also featured highly at the EGEE'06 conference, September 2006 in Geneva.

EGEE also has a number of more formal relationships with related projects. For many projects, the first step in collaborating is receiving a Letter of Support from EGEE at their proposal stage. Other projects have drawn up a Memorandum of Understanding, stating explicitly how they will collaborate with EGEE and vice versa. Collaborative activities include, for example, creating joint dissemination material and participating in joint training events. Depending on the issue at hand, various forms of cooperation might be appropriate and EGEE is open to suggestions and initiatives from any project working in the field of Grid computing that can add value to the services provided to the user communities.

If you would like to know more about collaborating with EGEE, please get in touch with the Related Projects team.

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Related Project Webpages
A list of projects who are currently working with EGEE, along with a short description and their contact details, is currently being built at http://cern.ch/egee-technical/related-projects/list-projects.htm, where you will also find a form for registering new related projects.

gLite Webpages
http://glite.org

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