

## **BELIEF eInfrastructures Conference** **14 – 15 December 2006, Grand New Delhi Hotel, New Delhi - India**

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#### ***BELIEF Conference Spotlights Initiatives Fostering International Co-operation between India and Europe - EU-IndiaGrid & Euro India ICT Co-operation***

#### ***EU-IndiaGrid ensures Tomorrow's innovation reaches us Today***

The first European and Indian Grid-focused project **EU-IndiaGrid** (<http://www.euindiagrid.eu/>), *Joining European and Indian Grids for e-Science Network Community*, which is funded by the European Commission, Research Infrastructure Unit, has been launched in Trieste, Italy. EU-IndiaGrid bridges an existing gap by linking major Grid Infrastructures between India and Europe. The international project, comprising five European research, & industrial partners from the UK and Italy, and six Indian research and governmental institutions geographically spread across the country, specifically in Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, and Pune, and is a landmark in scientific collaboration between the EU and India.

**EU-IndiaGrid** will enable a qualitative leap in the scale of joint scientific research projects between Europe and India. The project will analyse the current Grid network in India and create a strategy for interoperability - a prerequisite for the project's aim of connecting the EGEE infrastructure of Europe with the regional LCG Tier-2 centres & Garuda Grid infrastructures in India. **EU-IndiaGrid** provides support to several already existing EU-India collaborative projects in

High Energy Physics, Material Science, Bio-informatics, Earth and Atmospheric Science. The project will ensure also that new scientific areas will benefit from using the facility. **EU-IndiaGrid** will gather experts from High Energy Physics, Material Science applications, Biology and Earth/Atmospheric sciences in targeted workshops and training sessions to learn the usage of Grid infrastructure. Over its two-year lifespan, the **EU-IndiaGrid** project will bring together over 500 multidisciplinary organisations virtually on its website and through two networking events and an international conference. This human networking will aim to develop a sustained base of potential users in an 'e-Science community' - key to extending the advantages of the Grid to new scientific application areas, and thus boosting innovation in new R&D disciplines.

#### **BELIEF CONFERENCE - EU-INDIAGRID PROJECT SESSION**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 - 10:00-11:35**

This session aims to build the eScience community as well as discuss, with experts from research and business the training and interoperability strategies between the two regions.

## ***Euro India ICT Co-operation Facilitating and Fostering Indian Participation in the EU's Research & Development Programme***

During the European Union's Fifth Framework Programme (FP5) for Research & Development, 2 Indian organisations were involved in ICT project proposals, while in FP6, 101 Indian organisations participated in ICT proposals of which 22 went on to be part of funded projects. Imagine the potential that lies in the forthcoming Framework Programme 7 (FP7)!

The Euro India ICT Co-operation Initiative ([www.euroindia-it.org](http://www.euroindia-it.org)) offers wide-ranging support to European and Indian institutions, enterprises and individuals to identify and explore respective strengths, expertise, resources and skills with the objective of identifying collaborative project ideas and developing joint project proposals that could be submitted for EU funding.

### **BELIEF CONFERENCE - FP7 OVERVIEW & OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIANS AND THEMATIC PROPOSAL IDEA PRESENTATIONS**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – 14:00-15:35**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – 16:00-17:35**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 - 11:55-13:30**

This Initiative offers BELIEF Conference participants and Indian ICT players an opportunity to attend information and training sessions on Euro- Indian collaboration in the Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) domains within the forthcoming multi-year Research & Development Framework Programme 7 (FP7) of the European Union.

Get-in-Touch Sessions will include begin with an overview of FP7 ICT Programme presentation on FP7 opportunities.

Individual 5 minute presentations on European – Indian Project Ideas will follow each receiving direct feedback on FP7 opportunities from the panel of experts.

Sessions will be thematically clustered and all participants can apply to give a 5 minute presentation on your project actively.