

Dear EGEE-II project members,

As Spring begins, the project is focusing on two highly important events due to be held in May:

- The Joint OGF/EGEE User Forum event in Manchester on 7-11 May 2007
- The first EGEE-II project periodic review by EC experts at CERN, Geneva, on 15 and 16 May 2007

User Forum

Over 180 abstracts have been submitted and the event promises to live up to expectations of a productive, informative and motivating event demonstrating the use and reach of the EGEE Grid to many scientific domains. 'Early bird' registration for the joint OGF/EGEE User Forum event closed on 15 March and we have already seen more than 400 registrations. Registration is still open, see <http://egee-intranet.web.cern.ch/egee-intranet/User-Forum/>.

EGEE-II Review

The first EGEE-II rehearsal for the review will be held on 19 and 20 April, with a second rehearsal on 3 and 4 May to ensure the content and order of presentations highlights the project's achievements and demonstrates our marked progress and solid plans for the second period to the EC-appointed reviewers. Key deliverables due this month will provide a good picture of the progress made to the reviewers, including:

- The Project's periodic report, outlining all activities' progress and feedback on recommendations made by reviewers at the final EGEE review;
- The report on middleware releases produced in the first year and status of infrastructure interoperability;
- The summary and evaluation of application usage of EGEE-II services and updated application deployment plan;
- The annual report on quality status;
- The annual report on the collective EGEE-II security status;
- The revised plan for dissemination, communication and outreach;
- The inventory of EGEE-II standardisation efforts and contributions and priorities for the second year;
- The assessment of production service status;
- The roadmap for the next generation grid: towards a European Grid Initiative and National Grid Initiatives.

These reports complement a long list of deliverables and milestones produced in the first year of the project, to which you have all contributed, and which the reviewers will assess during the two-day review. Full feedback on these events will be given to you in future editions of this letter.

A list of forthcoming events is included as usual at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming events:

Month	Event	URL
May	7-11, OGF/EGEE User Forum Manchester, U.K.	http://egee-intranet.web.cern.ch/egee-intranet/User-Forum/
	15-16, EGEE-II Review CERN, Geneva, Switzerland	http://egee-technical.web.cern.ch/egee-technical/EU-reviews/index-review1.html
	14-16, Ibergrid, Santiago de Compostela, Spain	www.ibergrid.eu
	21-22, DEISA Symposium 2007, Munich, Germany	http://www.deisa.org/news_events/future_events.php
	21-24, Terena Networking conference, Copenhagen, Denmark	http://tnc2007.terena.org/
June	5-7, Grid Asia 2007, Singapore	http://www.ngp.org.sg/gridasia/2007/
	25-28, EELA conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	http://indico.eu-eela.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=81
	26-29, ISC 2007, Dresden, Germany	http://www.supercomp.de/
	27-29, HPDC 2007, Monterey Bay, USA	http://www.hpdc.org/
July	8-20 International Summer School on Grid Computing (ISSGC07), Gripsholmsviken, Mariefred, Sweden	http://www.iceage-eu.org/issgc07/index.cfm