

Dear EGEE-II project members,

As long summer days herald the promise of vacation time for most of the project's members, I take this opportunity to update you on what has been a busy month for the project, in terms of current and future activities.

First EGEE-II project review

Further to the review held in May which was the subject of the last letter, the review recommendations were received on 21 June rating the project in the highest category, "good to excellent project". To quote the cover letter sent with the report, "the overall outcome of the review was positive and the reviewers acknowledge the progress made by the project in this first year. All the deliverables submitted in this reporting period are accepted" and from the report itself "In such a large and complex project, having achieved an operational infrastructure delivering production services to a broadly distributed and diverse user community is a remarkable achievement."

The reviewers have made several important points for all activities, which the project must now address and respond to by 31 July, highlighting how this affects the activity plans for the second year of the project. To this end, an All Activity meeting is planned for 5-6 July at CERN, in which the activity managers will discuss the recommendations and ascertain which in particular will affect the ongoing EGEE-III proposal.

In parallel, the Project Office has coordinated the audited financial reports for the EC and the payment will be processed during the summer months.

EGEE-III proposal preparation

The 19 June saw the opening of call FP7-Infrastructures-2007-1.2.3, to which the EGEE project will submit its third phase proposal. The proposal is in an advanced preparation state and is being refined with the Project Management and Execution Boards on a near-daily basis. The month of June has been particularly important as the budget discussions have begun among federations, and the Consortium has taken shape with on-going discussions on the structuring at the national level. The call closes on 20 September 2007, and given the size of the consortium, in addition to finalising the programme of work, all administrative details of the proposal will have to be coordinated and collected from partners during July and August.

EGEE events

The registration for the EGEE'07 conference is open and I remind you to register soon to benefit from "early bird" discounted rates. All information and logistics details can be found on the conference website: <http://www.eu-egee.org/egee07/home.html>. The Programme Committee has been formed and is working on devising a varied and effective schedule to ensure all interested parties can benefit from this major project event.

A call for bids to host the next User Forum as well as the EGEE'08 conference has been launched. Please contact the Project office if your institute is interested.

This is the last Director's letter before the summer, and the next letter will be sent to you in September with information on the proposal, related FP7 projects and further conference details. We will also be sending you a questionnaire to ask you how you

rate the communication channels in the project and ask for your feedback on possible improvements.

As always, I thank you all for the dedication and drive which, month by month, is helping the project grow and achieve successful results in all areas as shown by the report from the review.

Have a very good vacation, wherever you are going and whatever you are doing!

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming events:

For a full list of EGEE and related Grid events, see http://www.eu-egge.org/egge_events/events

Month	Event	URL
July	5-6, EGEE-II All Activity Meeting, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland.	http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confid=15389
	5-7, I. Symp. on Parallel and Distributed Computing, Hagenberg, Austria	http://www.gup.jku.at/ispdc
	8-20 International Summer School on Grid Computing (ISSGC07), Gripsholmsviken, Mariefred, Sweden	http://www.iceage-eu.org/issgc07/index.cfm
	11-14 Perspectives on Technological Entrepreneurship, Brindisi, Italy	http://www.ebms.it/experience/summer/Summer2007/home.html
	30 July – 10 August Second EELA Grid School EGRIS-2, Merdia, Venezuela	http://www.cecalc.ula.ve/EGRIS-2/
August	28-31, Euro-Par 2007 Rennes, France	http://europar2007.irisa.fr/
September	10-14 GridKa School 2007, Karlsruhe, Germany	http://gks07.fzk.de/