



NA5 – POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The principal goals of the Policy and International Cooperation activity are to allow the Enabling Grids for E-science (EGEE) project to be visible and active in the global Grid arena and to ensure the project can work constructively with the major Grid and Infrastructure projects and initiatives around the world.

NA5 focuses on two main areas, Policy-related Activities and International Cooperation Activities.

Policy-related Activities

The team is supporting the e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG, <http://www.e-irg.org>), whose goal is to support the creation of a policy framework for the easy and cost-effective shared use of Grid computing resources. EGEE provides contributions of the e-IRG's White Papers and Roadmap documents, as well as e-IRG workshops.

The White Papers are policy-oriented with a short-term vision of up to 3-5 years, while the Roadmap documents plan ten or more years ahead and take a wider perspective covering more general e-Infrastructure issues.

The NA5 activity is also taking an active part in the process towards the creation of a sustainable Grid infrastructure that will allow continuity for the EGEE infrastructure beyond the end of the EGEE project.

International Cooperation Activities

Together with EGEE management and technical activities, the NA5 team is fostering relationships with major world-wide players, including the US and the Asia-Pacific regions (Japan, South Korea, and China).

EGEE, as the leading infrastructure project in Europe, is also working on coordinating related Grid projects. These include infrastructure projects to extend geographical coverage through Europe, Asia and the Americas, application projects that use the EGEE infrastructure for specific scientific fields as well as support projects in areas such as training or security (see Related Projects information sheet).

EGEE continues to support the wider European Commission concertation efforts, working closely with GEANT2, DEISA and other major European research projects to exploit common areas of work and promote synergies. The NA5 team is also preparing and maintaining an inventory of EGEE participation in major Grid standard bodies such as the Open Grid Forum (OGF).

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