

EGEE: status and overall project planning

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Status, in 2003

- **May 6, 2003 Proposal submitted**
- **August 6, project invited to negotiate**
 - August– September: Preparation of negotiation material
 - September-October: Negotiation
 - End of October: negotiation *formally* concluded
 - all CPFs acceptable, *well, so they said*
 - administrative issues with the Russian partners solved, *more or less*
 - three US partners formalized, *more or less*
 - Third party issue still open, *FP6 rules and procedures unclear*
 - Project financing to be refined (retention of 20% considered)

Status, 2004

- **All outstanding issues solved over the Christmas shutdown and contract material sent to the EU on Thursday January 8th at 23:27**
- **Yesterday the EU confirmed that all is OK (*well, in principle...*)**
- **EGEE at EU Director signature (16/1/04), to be sent to the EU member delegates for approval on January 30th**
- **If OK, then we get draft EU contract for information (and preparation for CERN signature) to be followed by EU signature (some time in February with a little of luck)**
- **All other partners one month to send CERN the accession forms starting from EU signature**
- **In principle fine to start the project on April 1st , 2004 as originally planned**

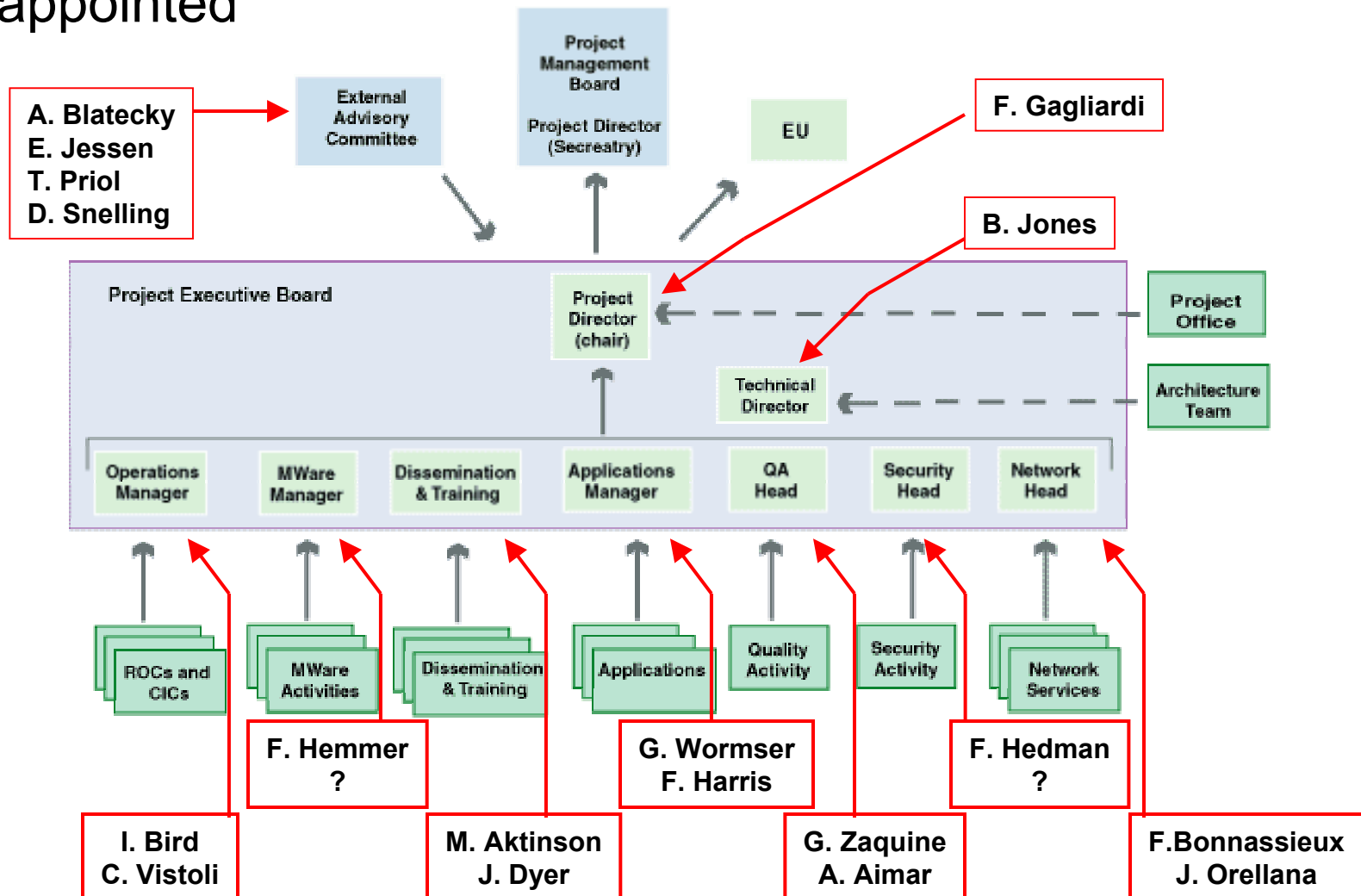
Actions and issues

- **Immediate actions**
 - EGEE consortium agreement to be signed on January by ALL (contractors and non contractors) participants
 - Issues: liability, commitments from non contractors, plus minor admin. issues
 - Possibility to change the TA before January 23th
 - Project Execution Plan by the end of January, *is this realistic?*
- **Issues:** budget consistency (affects also CA), resources availability and acquisition process (hiring, in particular for AC funded partners)

- **Full Cost** partners (**FC**) and **Full Cost with Flat overhead** (**FCF**): funded at 50% of their actually incurred costs including actual or flat (20%) indirect cost overheads
- **Additional Cost** funded partners (**AC**): funded at 100% of their non recurrent additional cost plus a 20% flat indirect overhead
 - have to justify a full unfunded match which will be monitored and reported as the funded part

(other financial and administrative details are explained in the Consortium Agreement)

- **Activity lines** have now been established and their **heads** appointed



- **Federations:**

- structure consolidated with the establishment of a Networking Federation
 - federations represented in the **EGEE Executive Board** (which will evolve in the **EGEE Project Management Board** at project start)
 - administrative contacts of the federations form the **Federation Administrative Board** (has been meeting regularly to define the administrative internal rules of the project)
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- All partners have appointed formal representatives in the **EGEE Project Collaboration Board** (meet at each of the general EGEE project conferences)

Project Conferences

- Twice a year for the duration of the project
- Try to follow the EU presidential countries
 - **April '04 UCC Ireland** (preceded by an Irish ministerial event on the EU research infrastructures in Dublin which EGEE will support within the NA5 activity)
 - **Nov '04 NIKHEF (3rd week proposed)**
 - **Mar/Apr Greece** (skip the Luxemburg presidency because we have no EGEE partners there)
 - **Nov '05 UK**, no firm details yet

- EGEE seen by the EU and by the International Research community as the largest and most important Grid infrastructure activity
- tremendous challenge and very important opportunity!
- essential to be ready and "hit the ground running" on April 1st 2004
- be ready for a second phase of the project to be proposed to the EU in 2005