



European Middleware Initiative (EMI)

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Outline

- Updates after EGEE 09
- CERN roles and tasks
- Open Issues



Updates after EGEE 09

- University of Manchester (Gridsite) has decided not to join
- Added GRNET and TCD as new partners, bringing the total count at **22**
- The second round of proposal drafting has started, next revision available on Fri 16/10



Updates after EGEE 09

- Following EGI decision to extend duration to **4 years**, EMI considering similar extension beyond 3 years
- Probably 6 or 12 months extension only focused on maintenance and mostly with matching founding to avoid changing current budget and effort estimates (~90 FTEs cofunded)



Updates after EGEE 09

- Next major events:
 - EMI Core meeting (technical) on 19/10 in Juelich
 - EMI Collaboration Board (administrative) on 20/10 in Juelich
 - **All critical outstanding issues must be solved during this meeting in order to proceed with a successful proposal**



CERN Roles and Tasks

- **Project Director**
- One WP leader (SA2 – **Quality Assurance?**)
- One coordinator of a major technical area (**Data Management?**)
- Development on Data Management (FTS, DPM/LFC and related components), Information Systems (BDII, Messaging), configuration (YAIM)
- Software Engineering support (Quality Assurance, ETICS)
- Estimated CERN effort: **12-14 FTEs cofunded**



Open issues (General)

- Project objectives not yet completely shared by all partners
 - gLite and UNICORE partners more focused on maintenance of production components, standardization, operational aspects of the middleware and exploration of new computing models (clouds)
 - ARC partners more focused on standardization, development and evolution of components independently of actual production status, **operational aspects considered out of scope**



Open issues (CERN)

- Status and future of Data Management not clear
- Expertise may not be available anymore by the time EMI starts
- Need to discuss details of effort and in particular matching effort with potential names
- Need to understand the requirements of WLCG and the experiments and make sure EMI supports them
 - How?
 - When?



Day-0 Distribution

