

**High-Performance Computing Infrastructure for  
South East Europe's Research Communities**  
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- ❑ **Contract n°:** RI-261499
- ❑ **Project type:** CP & CSA
- ❑ **Call:** INFRA-2010-1.2.3: VRCs
- ❑ **Start date:** 01/09/2010
- ❑ **Duration:** 24 months
- ❑ **Total budget:** 3 885 196 €
- ❑ **Funding from the EC:** 2 100 000 €
- ❑ **Total funded effort, PMs:** 539.5
- ❑ **Web site:** [www.hp-see.eu](http://www.hp-see.eu)



# HP-SEE Partnership



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## Contractors (14)

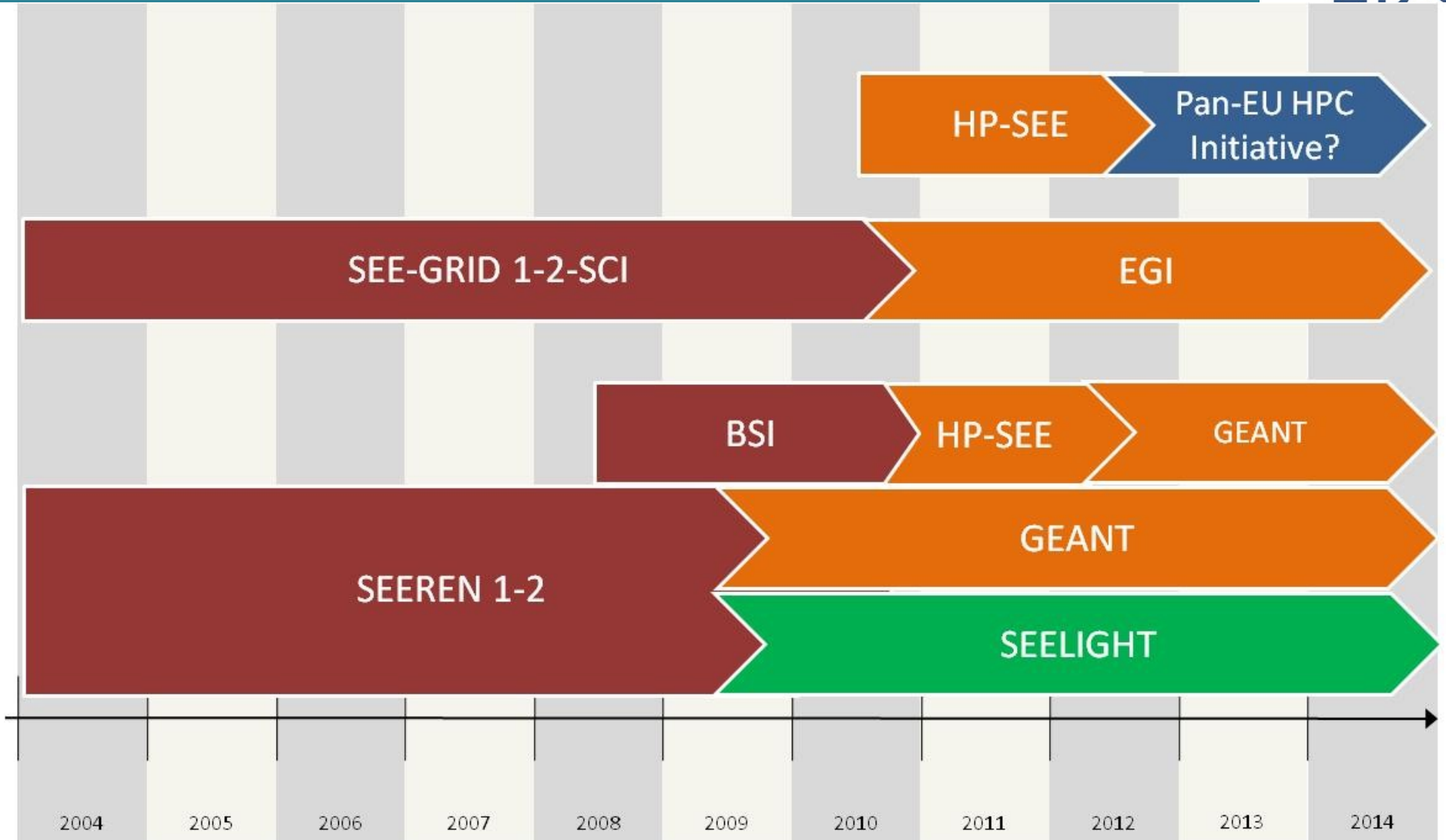
<b>GRNET</b>	<b>Coordinating Contractor</b>	<b>Greece</b>
<b>IPP-BAS</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>
<b>IFIN-HH</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Romania</b>
<b>TUBITAK ULAKBIM</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Turkey</b>
<b>NIIFI</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Hungary</b>
<b>IPB</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Serbia</b>
<b>UPT</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Albania</b>
<b>UOBL ETF</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>
<b>UKIM</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>FYROM</b>
<b>UOM</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Montenegro</b>
<b>RENAM</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Moldova (Republic of)</b>
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<b>AZRENA</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Azerbaijan</b>

**Third Party / JRU mechanism used**  
associate universities / research centres

# Context: the Timeline



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Building Infrastructure  
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# SEE eInfrastructure activities – past 6 years



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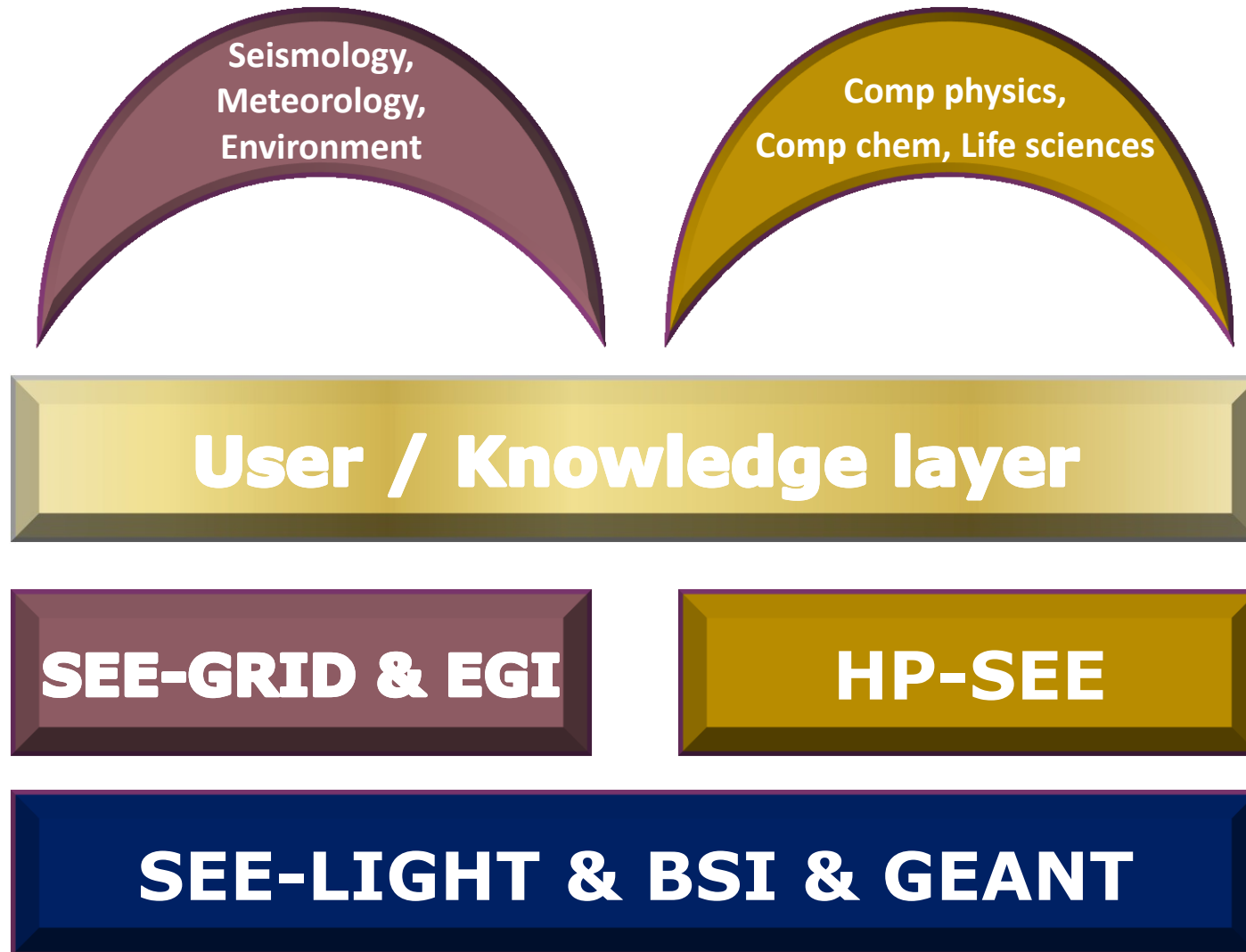
- ❑ **SEEREN1/2:** regional inter-NREN connectivity and GEANT links [DGINFSO]
- ❑ **BSI:** Southern Caucasus links [DGINFSO]
- ❑ **SEELIGHT:** lambda facility in SEE [Greek HiperB]
- ❑ Result: sustainable national & regional networks, most countries in GEANT
  
- ❑ **SEEGRID1/2:** regional Grid infrastructure, building NGIs and user communities
- ❑ **SEE-GRID-SCI:** eInfrastructure for large-scale environmental science user communities: meteorology, seismology, environmental protection. Inclusion of Caucasus. [DGINFSO]
- ❑ Result: sustainable national Grids, all countries within European Grid Initiative
  
- ❑ **HP-SEE:** regional HPC interconnection and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Caucasus link
- ❑ Expected result: sustainable national HPC centers, long-term sustainable (hierarchical) model in collaboration with PRACE and DEISA
  
- ❑ **SEERA-EI:** regional programme managers collaboration towards common eInfrastructure vision, strategy and regional funds [DGRTD]
- ❑ Result: ensuring long-term national-level funds and regional funds to complement EC funds

# Context: the Model: Converged communication & service infrastructure for South-East Europe



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# HP-SEE Project Objectives



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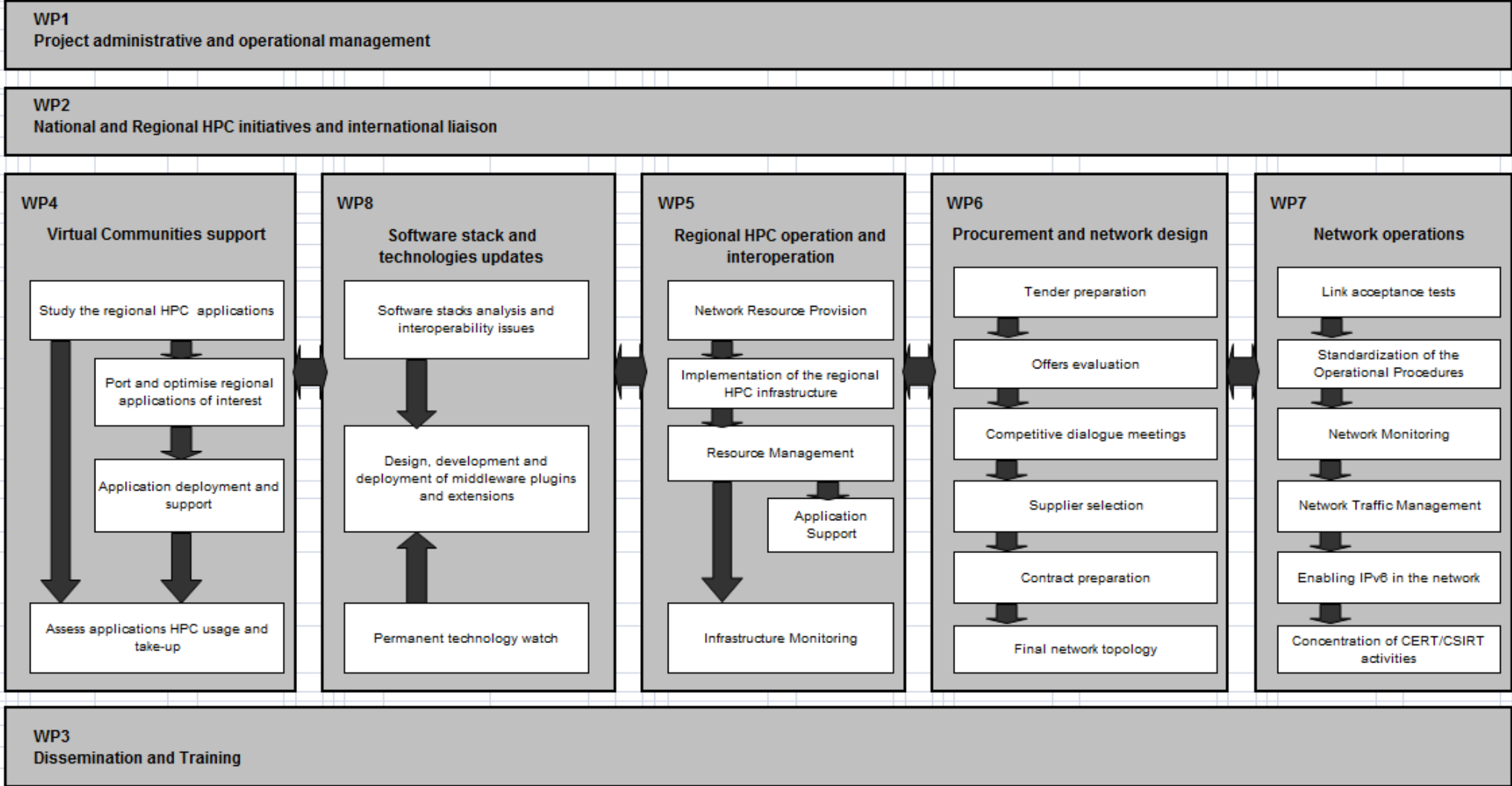
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- ❑ Objective 1 – Empowering multi-disciplinary virtual research communities
- ❑ Objective 2 – Deploying integrated infrastructure for virtual research communities
  - ❑ Including a GEANT link to Southern Caucasus
- ❑ Objective 3 – Policy development and stimulating regional inclusion in pan-European HPC trends
- ❑ Objective 4 – Strengthening the regional and national human network

# Work Organization - PERT



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# Existing infrastructure – Blue Gene/P



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- ❑ IBM Blue Gene/P –**two racks**, 2048 PowerPC 450processors (32 bits, 850 MHz), a total of **8192 cores**;
- ❑ Double-precision, dual pipe floating-point acceleration on each core;
- ❑ A total of **4 TB** random access memory;
- ❑ 16 I/O nodes currently connected via fiber optics to 10 Gb/s Ethernet switch;
- ❑ Theoretical peak performance:  $R_{peak}$ =**27.85 Tflops**;
- ❑ **Energy efficiency: 371.67 MFlops/W: Green top 10**
  
- ❑ Smaller HPC machines in **Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary**
- ❑ Upcoming purchases in **Hungary, Serbia and Greece**

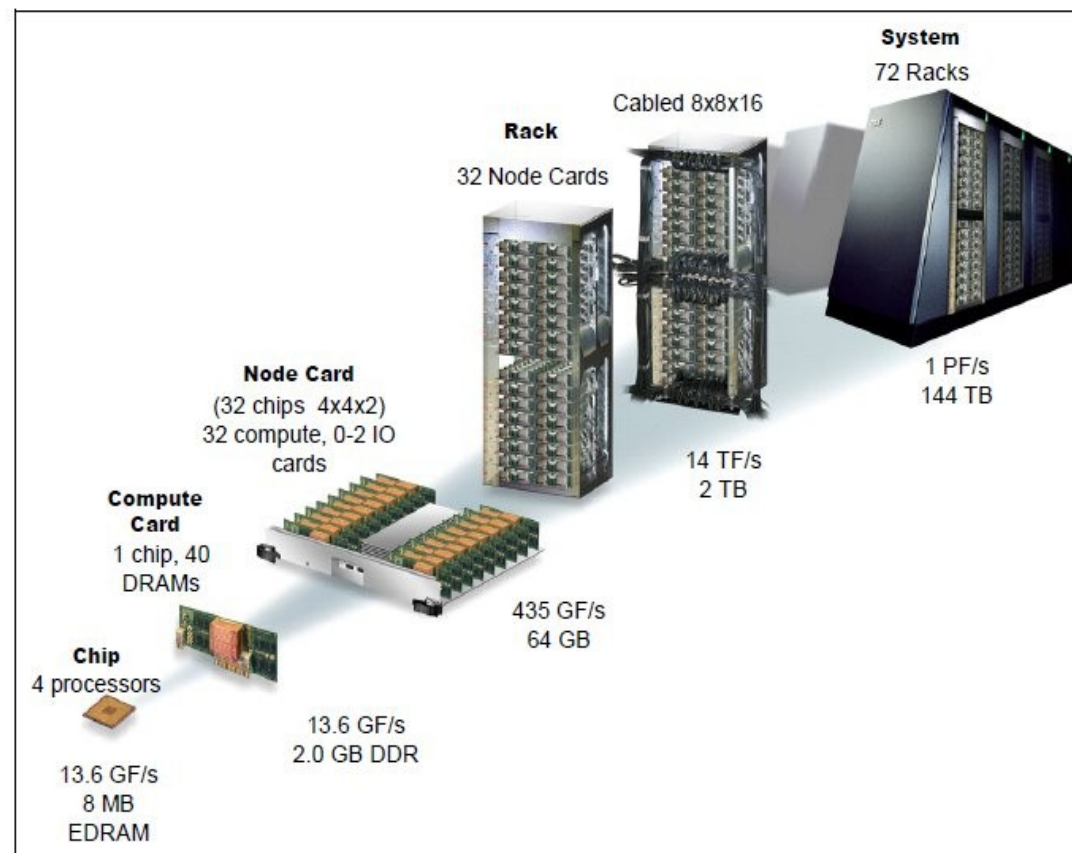


Figure 1-2 Blue Gene/P packaging

# Introduction to VRCs



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- ❑ **Comp. Physics**  
6 countries,  
8 apps.
- ❑ **Comp. Chemistry**  
6 countries,  
7 apps.
- ❑ **Life Sciences**  
5 countries,  
7 apps.

Country	Physics	Chemistry	Life Sciences	TOTAL
Albania	1			1
Armenia			1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1		1
Bulgaria	2	2		4
Georgia			1	1
Greece		1	2	3
Hungary			2	2
Moldova	1			1
Montenegro			1	1
FYR of Macedonia	1	1		2
Romania	2	1		3
Serbia	1	1		2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>

# Long-term vision...



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- ❑ Being on the technological par with the rest of Europe
- ❑ Enabling local scientists to use their potential
- ❑ Role-model for regional developments
- ❑ Leading the way in wider contexts