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Discussion on the Questionnaire responses

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- **General**
  - Has it reached the right recipient?
    - Some remarked on the selection procedure
  - Many countries did answer the questionnaire!
  - Got answers for both the mandatory and optional parts

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- **NGI related**
  - Loose definition of NGI?
    - 22 out of 26 (~ 85%) declared having an NGI
  - Loose definition of Government recognition?
    - 17 out of 22 (77%) declared Government support
      - *50% of NGIs are funded national projects (obviously with Governmental support…)*
      - *While only 1 separate legal entity..*
  - Small number of applications supported by each NGI
  - Large variety of application areas

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- **EGI related**
  - EGI most important functions:
    - Representation at international level √ (13+8)
    - Coordination of infrastructure operations √ (12+9)
    - M/w testing and validation √ (10+11)
  - Then…:
    - Representation of European Grid efforts on standards bodies (10+8)
    - Coordination of dissemination and training efforts (8+10)
  - Less important..
    - Managed resource centres that can provide initial resources for new user communities (6+9)
    - Coordination of user and application support (6+8)
      - *Also 6 "Should not be done by EGI"*

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- **Other EGI functions proposed:**
  - Relationship with other major e-Infrastructures stakeholders (GEANT/DANTE/NRENs and HPC centres)
  - Policy issues - Resource sharing mechanisms
  - Interoperability work including m/w

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- **Who should be the EGI stakeholders?**
  - NGIs only?
  - Others?
  - How about Industry?

- **Who should be the funding agencies?**
  - National funding agencies
  - EC
  - Others (e.g. NRENs)?
  - How about Industry?

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- **All besides one NGI are prepared to join EGI**

- **NGI (initially) combined with other bodies**
  - 6 NRENs (directly or indirectly)
  - 3 Supercomputing centres?

- **No sustainable funding seems to be the case for the majority of the NGIs**