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EGEE-II Collaboration Board meeting

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- **EGEE-II**
 - Review recommendations
 - Contract amendment
 - Possibility of project extension
 - Status of P1 claims
- **EGEE-III:**
 - Consortium and JRU status
 - Co-funding principles
 - Federation reviews
- **EGI_DS**
 - Status and relations with EGEE
- **Timeline and roadmap**
- **Questions and Discussion**

NOTE:

**Helpdesk for financial /
administrative matters with
Dita Mocova & Anna Cook
will be held TODAY
Zurich (14:00 - 15:30)**

EGEE-II

- **Excellent report received: project in the highest category, “*good to excellent project*”:**
 - *“the overall outcome of the review was positive and the reviewers acknowledge the progress made by the project in this first year. All the deliverables submitted in this reporting period are accepted”*

 - “In such a large and complex project, having achieved an operational infrastructure delivering production services to a broadly distributed and diverse user community is a remarkable achievement.”*
- **44 recommendations made in the report**
 - Responses to the report prepared at All-activity meeting in July and sent to the European Commission (30 July)
 - See <https://edms.cern.ch/document/853422/1>

- One recommendation concerns personnel planning:

Recommendation 3: NA1. Make personnel planning a continuous, proactive process with a long-term view of five years with all partners and their parent organisations actively involved.

- This recommendation was discussed by the PMB at its meeting on 5th July 2007, and the following response was formulated:

Response: The project will raise the partners' awareness on this issue via the Project Management Board and the Collaboration Board. It will specifically be discussed at the Collaboration Board meeting at the EGEE'07 conference.

- **The PO has prepared a questionnaire for all participating partners:**
 1. What is your institute's policy for attribution of staff contracts related to EU projects?
 2. Is there an upper limit on the number of times a contract can be renewed for a collaborator in the project at your institute?
 3. In view of EGEE-III start in April/May 2008, what percentage of *current* staff will carry over to the new project?
 4. What measures could be implemented by your institute to ensure retention of key personnel?
 5. What additional measures within EGEE and/or the EU would you find helpful in handling staff retention at your institute?
- **Will be circulated online to the CB email list by the PO following the conference for completion by 31 October**
- **Details of the individual responses will NOT be made public**

- **Comments received from EC and circulated to CB**
 - <https://edms.cern.ch/document/870648/1>
- **Some partners must re-submit material by 31 October:**
 - Audit certificates, forms C, letters of justification concerning material submitted
 - Process to be monitored by the AFC

- **Review recommendations lead to the amendment of the contract:**
 - Second amendment sent July 2007:
 - Addition of two JRU members in RoGrid (Romania)
 - Transfer of rights and obligations from CCLRC to STFC and CGG to CGG services

 - Third amendment in preparation:
 - Minor changes to the programme of work (two milestones moved and re-defined, NA5 deliverables amended)
 - Transfer of rights and obligations from DATAMAT to Elsag DATAMAT

 - Possibility of a project extension being reviewed by the PMB this week

- The PO has simulated the European Commission (EC) contributions for each partner through to the end EGEE-II
 - https://edms.cern.ch/file/870648/1/PMB041007_Doc5_BudgetEstimate_1MonthExtension.xls
 - Based on P1 audited cost claims + Q5 internal cost claims
 - Assumes spending for 3 remaining quarters of P2 same as Q5 & partners are capped at their max. requested EC contribution
 - with additional costs agreed under the common fund
- Total requested EC contribution would be **35.17 M€**
 - 36,97M € is the maximum for EGEE-II
- So one month extension is possible on this basis
- If we decide to request a one month extension, the maximum EC contributions for each partner will have to be adjusted taking the above calculation into account

EGEE-III

- **Proposal submitted on 20 September**
- **94 partners, currently organising themselves as Joint Research Units or National Grid Initiatives**
 - These must be in place by end of the year
 - Only required for EC co-funded countries (i.e. not Asia & US)
- **Consortium will be composed of the lead beneficiaries of the JRUs/NGIs, as well as business and industrial partners**
 - 94 partners → just over 40
- **Stepping stone for long term sustainability (EGI)**

Austria	Denmark	Ireland	Portugal	Spain
Belgium	Finland	Israel	Romania	Sweden
Bulgaria	France	Italy	Russia	Switzerland
Croatia	Germany	Netherlands	Serbia	Turkey
Cyprus	Greece	Norway	Slovakia	UK
Czech republic	Hungary	Poland	Slovenia	

-  Countries in which a JRU/NGI is in place
-  Countries in which a JRU/NGI is planned and in progress
-  Countries in which no JRU is planned (one partner)

- **Reminder:**
 - Clear details on JRU composition and leadership
 - Progress on JRU MoU/CA status
 - Timeline for recognition by ministry
 - Confirmation that the JRU is NOT project specific
- **More information and links to FP7 documents on:**
 - <http://egee-technical.web.cern.ch/egee-technical/JRU/towards-fp7.html>
- **EGEE-III will interact with a single JRU/NGI representative per country, not each academic partner**
- **The contract will be signed by the lead beneficiary of the JRU/NGI**
 - MoUs in place among JRU/NGI members governing budget and work distribution
- **Process must be finalised by the end of the year**

- **All academic partners have agreed to provide matching manpower for EGEE-III programme of work**
- **Assuming the proposal is accepted:**
 - Decision required regarding the implementation of co-funding mechanisms during DoW preparation
 - Probable point of negotiation with EC (Nov/Dec 2007)
 - Currently considering 2 possible schemes:
 - A: 1/2PM funded, 100% reimbursed + 1/2PM unfunded and declared in timesheets.
 - B: All PM funded and 50% reimbursed.
 - Each institute must decide which scheme will be adopted for the duration of the project
 - Repercussions on reporting (Form C complications, supplementary monitoring and reporting)

- **Large consortium, 10 activities**
- **Need to monitor contribution to the project on a national basis**
- **Federations reviews will be set up (one per federation during the project's lifetime)**
- **Activity-based reviews prototyped in EGEE-II**
 - Feedback will be provided to partners

- **EGI_DS project started on 1 September**
- **Supported by 36 National Grid Initiatives (NGIs)**
- **2 year project to prepare the setup and operation of a new organizational model of a sustainable pan-European grid infrastructure**
- **Federated model bringing together NGIs to build a European organisation**
- **Well defined, complimentary responsibilities between NGIs and EGI**
- **EGEE and EGI_DS have set out clear interactions and goals**

- Evaluation Summary report due end October
- Hearings (Late October/early November)
- Evaluation – Summary Report Document, invitation for negotiation
- Description of Work preparation
 - **Determine co-funding scheme for each partner**
- Set up of JRUs/NGIs
- Contract signature?
 - **Start date depends on a possible extension of EGEE-II**