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## **EGEE and gLite: an opportunity for business**

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EGEE (Enabling Grids for E-science) is Europe's flagship Grid infrastructure project now in its third 2-year phase. The EGEE infrastructure brings together more than 120 organisations to produce a reliable and scalable computing resource available to the European and global research community. At present, it consists of 260 sites in nearly 50 countries and more than 79,000 CPU cores available to some 9,000 users 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's now the world's largest general-purpose scientific computing Grid, and is getting bigger every month.

EGEE has embarked on a strategic process to target businesses and especially SMEs & start ups as the main beneficiaries of Grid adoption. The Business Forum and mechanisms like our Industry Committee's Focus Group on SMEs and start-ups offer a prime opportunity to highlight prototyping prospects via the GILDA test bed, training, expertise and consultancy.

This talk will outline how EGEE is assisting businesses, new and old, to capitalise on EGEE's Open Source Grid Technologies, demonstrating the major value delivered by Grid through improving business performance and enabling companies to do new things. Additional concepts of promoting knowledge transfer are used as well, whereby knowledge generated by research can be applied to areas of life where it can make a difference and connecting scientists from EGEE with companies and researchers to foster opportunities for collaborative development and opportunities for Knowledge Transfer.

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