



European Grid Initiative



European Grid Initiative Design Study Current Status

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Project Information

- Title: European Grid Initiative Design Study
- Budget: 3 872 425 €
- EC Contribution: 2 497 000 €
- Starting date: September 1st, 2007
- Duration: 27 months
- Total man power: 299.25 PMs
- Coordinator: CESNET, Czech Republic (since July 1st, 2008)

GUP University Linz, Austria (till
June 30th, 2008)

Project Partners

1. **CESNET** (coordinator): CESNET, zaimove sdruzeni pravnickych osob (Czech Republic)
2. **GRNET**: Greek Research and Technology Network S.A. (Greece)
3. **INFN**: Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (Italy)
4. **CSC**: CSC - TIETEELLINEN LASKENTA OY (Finland)
5. **LMU**: Ludwig Maximillian Universitaet (Germany)
6. **CERN**: European Organization for Nuclear Research (Switzerland)
7. **DNF**: Verein zur Foerderung eines Deutschen Forschungsnetzes - DFN-Verein (Germany)
8. **STFC**: Science & Technology Facilities Council (UK)
9. **CNRS**: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
10. **GUP** (former coordinator): *Johannes Kepler Universitaet Linz (Austria)*

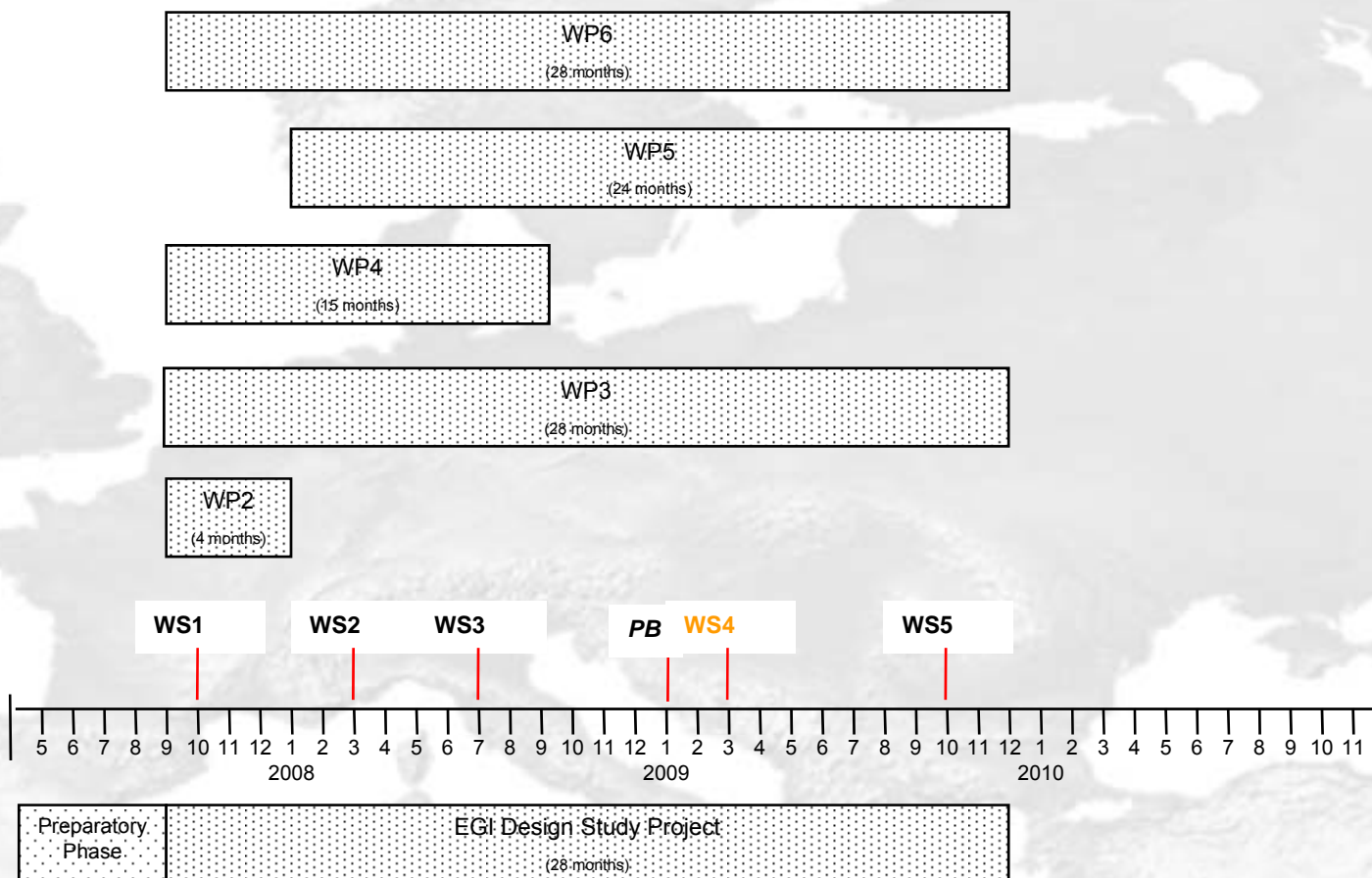
Goal of EGI Design Study

- Design of a new organizational model of a sustainable pan-European Grid infrastructure
 - **the Blueprint and the Function Description**
- Securing the endorsement of the proposed design
 - **Endorsed at the Policy Board Meeting on 20th January 2009**
- Preparation and setup of the new organization
 - **the EGI.org, the EGI project**

Project Organization

- Five workpackages to deal with the objectives
 - **WP2: *EGI Requirements Consolidation***
 - **WP3: *EGI functions definition***
 - **WP4: *Design study of EGI legal and organisational options***
 - **WP5: *Establishment of EGI***
 - **WP6: *EGI Promotion and links with other Initiatives***
- The management workpackage WP1

Workpackage timing



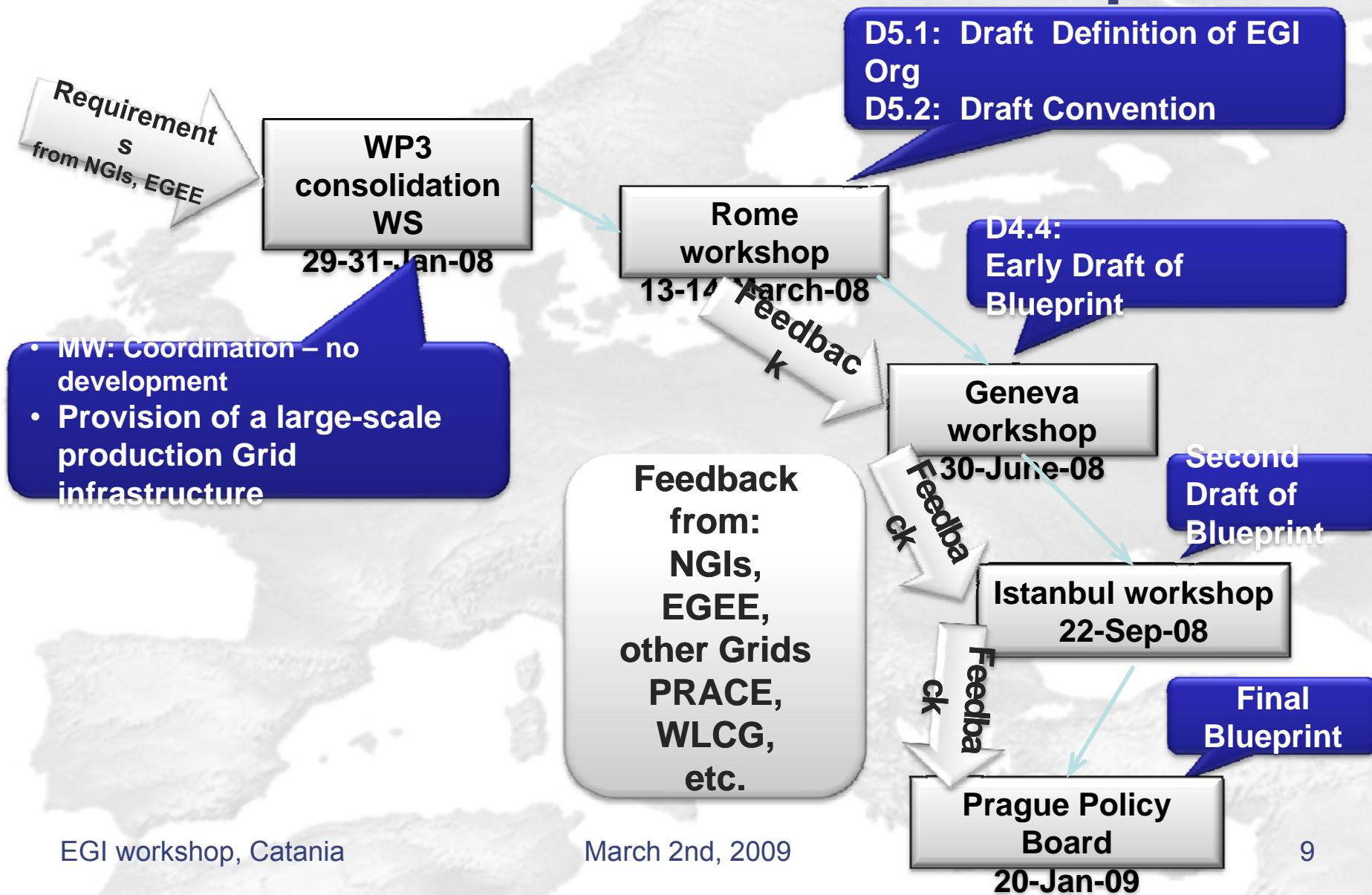
Project Review

- October 3, 2008, Brussels
- Successfully passed (Good to Excellent)
- Major issues from the review report
 - Steps for the targeted call for EGI in 2009
 - NGI maturity: Identify credible potential partners, assess the NGI maturity in regular intervals
 - Location of the EGI.org
 - Convincing EC at the political level
 - Convincing National Authorities and funding bodies

The Blueprint

- General framework for the EGI
- Defines role of
 - EGI.org
 - NGI international tasks
 - Operations
 - User and application support
 - Middleware maintenance
- Business model
- Financial framework

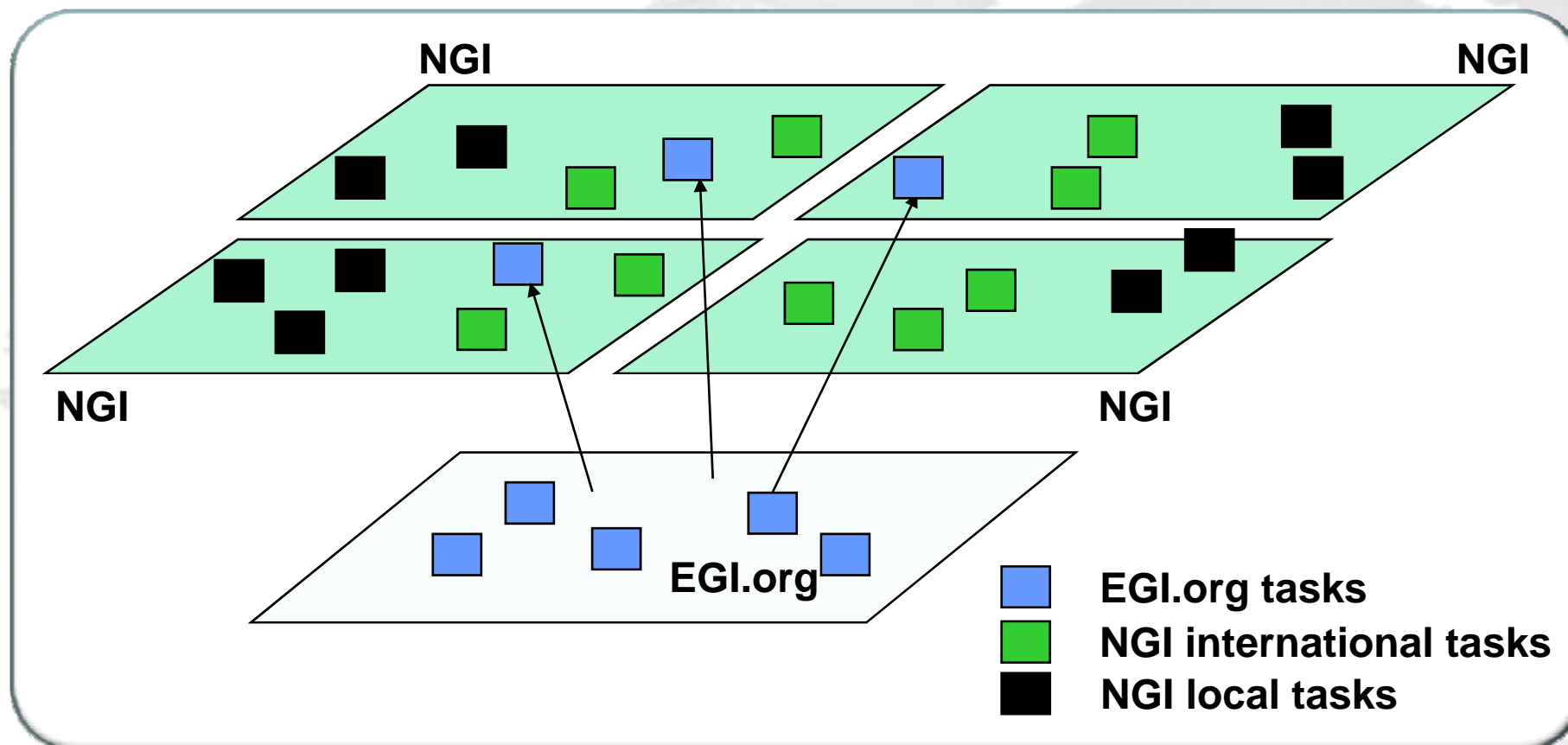
The Road to the Current Blueprint



EGI Basic Elements (from Blueprint)

- EGI = EGI.org + NGIs
 - EGI.org as a coordinating body
 - NGIs basic sustainable actors
 - National funding
 - Own agenda and tasks
 - Synergies when working together at the EU level – *NGI international tasks*
- No middleware development within EGI
 - However, middleware maintenance included

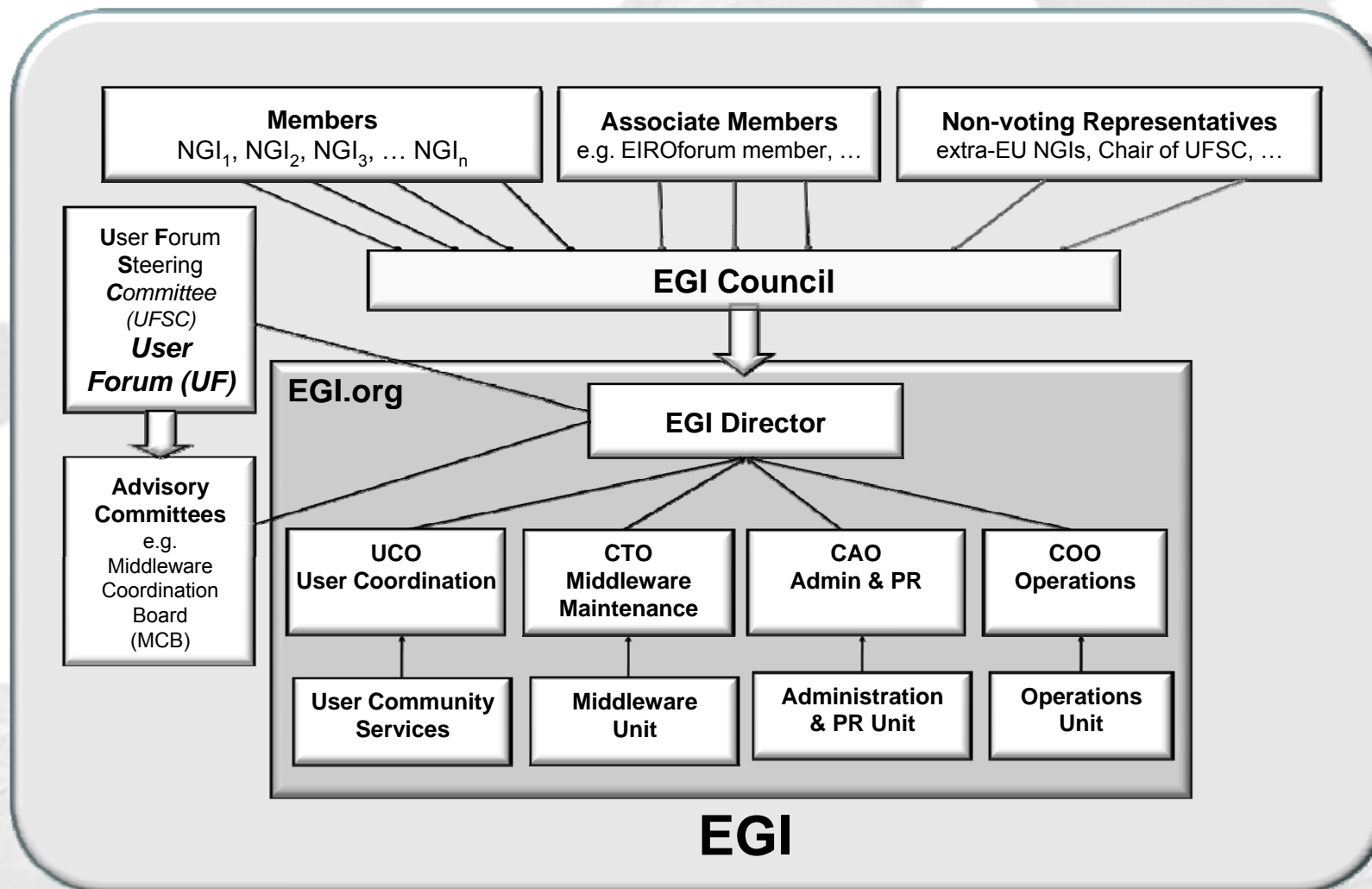
EGI.org and NGI Tasks



Business Model

- International research teams and projects need a common international infrastructure to share data and compute resources
- EGI ensures a common infrastructure
 - National funding of research infrastructures → NIGs
 - Coordination through EGI.org
 - Steered by users

EGI Management/Governance



Funding

- National and Institutional funding for research infrastructures
- EC funding
 - International coordination
 - International activities
 - Innovation
 - Start up phase
- National co-funding of all these activities

Resources for EGI.org

Costs for	EGI.org Costs (in FTE/a)
Operations	17
Middleware interfaces and final certification	8
User Community Services	11
External Liaison Functions	4
EGI.org Management and Administration	11
Total	51

Resources in NGIs

Task	Small NGI	Medium NGI	Large NGI	“Sum”
Operations and Security	2-4 FTE	5-10 FTE	14-22 FTE	225 FTE
International User Community Services	0.5-1.7 FTE	1-2.5 FTE	1.5-4 FTE	60 FTE
Specialised Support Centres				50 FTE

**Based on current experience
These resources exist in countries with operational grid
infrastructure**

EGI Financial Reference Model

	NGI International tasks		Middleware maintenance	EGI.org	Total
	Operations	User services			
Costs					
EGI Effort (FTEs)	225	110	70	51	
EGI costs (M€/year)	20.25	9.90	6.30	4.59	41
Income					
NGI membership fees (M€/year)				1,0	1
EC Contribution (M€/year)	10.125	4.95	3.15	1.80	20
NGI, Middleware consortia and EIRO/ESFRI co-funding Contribution (M€/year)	10.125	4.95	3.15	1.80	20

Funding view of (medium) NGI



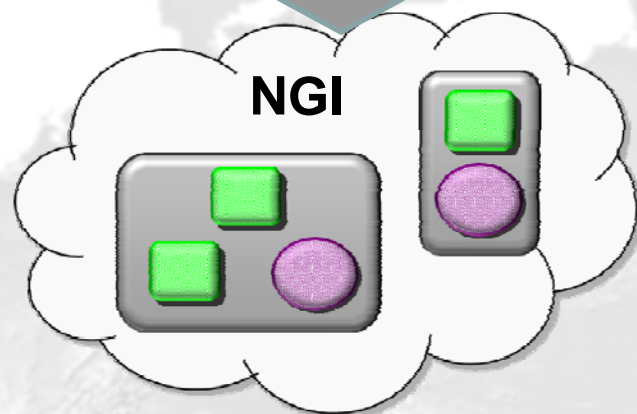
EC Funding

600 k€

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National
Co-Funding

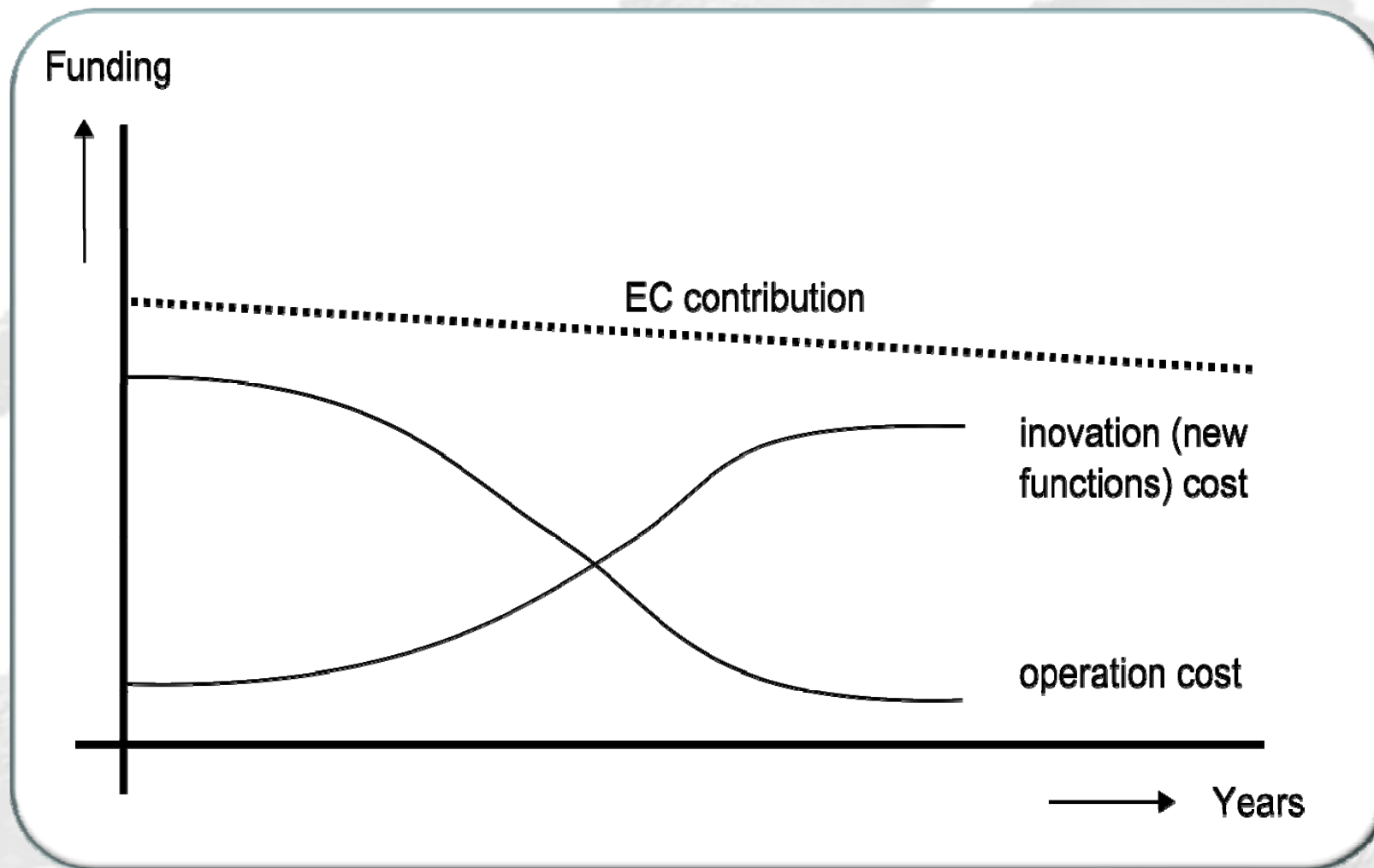


← "Average
medium sized
NGI"

Membership
Fees **30 k€**

EGI.org

Funding Evolution



Transition towards EGI

- EGEE and similar EU projects
- Major issues
 - NGIs maturity level
 - The EGEE JRUs not always identical with the proto-NGI
 - Representing/working with different user communities
 - Different approaches toward national infrastructures
 - EGI.org
 - Location
 - Key personnel identification
- Need for EGI technical representation
- “*Grid Infrastructures transition towards EGI*” (Deliverable D5.5)

EGI.org Location

- Process accepted in Istanbul (September 2008)
- Call for bids closed January 7th, 2009
- Total of 8 bids received
 - France (Lyon), Finland (Espoo), Italy (Milan), Lithuania (Vilnius), Netherlands (Amsterdam), Poland (Krakow), Slovenia (Ljubljana), Spain (Trujillo)
- Evaluation Board constituted during EGI PB meeting in Prague (January 20th)
- Decision to be taken by the PB in Catania today, March 2nd
- *EGI.org established before September 2009*
 - *Core of EGI Council established in June*

Further steps

- NGI assessment
 - Requirement from the review
 - To identify status of preparedness
 - To confirm
 - Acceptance the EGI framework as described in the Blueprint
 - Commitment to the EGI.org fees
 - Commitment to the NGI international tasks and their co-funding
 - MoU to define the EGI Council membership
 - Former *EGI Convention*
- EGI project

Expected further timing

- For EC co-funding, target the EC call this Autumn
 - Expected closure of calls in December 2009
- Identification of project partners
 - EGI MoU to be signed in May
- Setup of project editorial board
 - By NGIs who signed the MoU (the EGI Council)
 - In parallel with EGI.org setup and key personnel identification
- Writing the project
 - Since July/August 2009

Deliverables

- D3.2 Final EGI functions definitions
 - Month 20 (April)
- D3.4 EGI functions definition feedback
 - Month 22 (June)
- D5.5 Grid infrastructures transition towards EGI
 - Month 22 (June)
- D5.6 EGI Memorandum of Understanding
 - Month 20 (April, signed June)

Summary

- The first phase successfully completed
 - Blueprint accepted and endorsed
 - Huge interest in hosting EGI.org, decision hopefully taken in a short time
 - Clear financial breakdown
- The second phase even more challenging
 - Securing EC and national funding
 - EGI.org setup and personnel identification
 - NGIs committing to the EGI framework
 - Clear definition of the transition path for all EU and national Grid infrastructures



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