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## New industry perspectives emerging from the EGI model

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As we are approaching the 10th anniversary of the European eScience production grid, a major change is occurring to its operational model that could improve the effectiveness of industry collaborations. The European Grid Initiative (EGI), designed to succeed to the EGEE series of projects, is built on top of new actors (Egi.org, NGIs, Consortia, SSCs, ...), each with a well defined role, in a more stable framework that could ease the identification of complementary commercial roles and trigger new grid computing business models.

With EGI, we will be entering in a more mature phase, with the positive side-effect of new opportunities for the smarter commercial players. A positive industry-research linkage could boost grid computing diffusion and improve the usability in a true advantage for the European user communities.

More: in the same way as GSM introduced a new social proximity to all European people, EGI could strengthen the links between experts, advanced enterprises and research institutions with the effects of a large European "knowledge accelerator" boosting innovation.

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