



European Grid Initiative

Actions required for NGIs

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NGI guidelines



- Each NGI should
 - be the **only** recognized national body in a country with a single point-of-contact representing all institutions and research communities related to a national grid infrastructure
 - have the **capacity to sign** the Statutes of EGI.org – either directly or through a legal entity representing it.
 - have a **sustainable structure** or be represented by a legal structure which has a sustainable structure in order to commit to EGI.org in the long term.
 - mobilize **national funding** and resources and be able to commit to EGI.org financially i.e. to pay EGI.org membership fee and – if there is a demand for such services in the NGI – order EGI.org services and pay for these services.
 - ensure the **operation of a national e-Infrastructure** to an agreed level of service and its integration in EGI
 - **support user communities** (application independent, and open to new user communities and resource providers)
 - contribute and adhere to **international standards and EGI policies** and quality criteria.

NGI legal status survey



questionnaire

1) NGIs are well aware of the proposed goal: fulfil the EGI_DS Blueprint NGI Guidelines, fully share it and say they will get there on time!

- 95% are aware of the guidelines, 85% find them appropriate
- 45% comply now with them but 83% say they will comply at the end of 2009

2) NGIs are making progress towards the goal

- 69% have a legal entity compared to 61% in March 2008
- 93% are representing some other entity in their countries compared to 73% in March 2008

3) Some important tasks remain to be done

- Only 40% of the NGIs have today in place the mechanism to transfer funds to EGI.org (regardless of their will to do so!). This fraction is stable since March 08.

MoU rationale and goals



- EGI.org legal structure will take some time to get installed
- Prepare a INTERIM MoU to allow performing the essential tasks below:
 - Identify the NGIs ready to formally commit
 - Identify and recruit the EGI.org DIRECTOR
 - Prepare the « EGI_EU » project(s) for EGI cofinancing

MoU Template



- Borrowed from the ILC Global Design Effort initiative
- Similar needs : collect agreement and funds for a distributed community to form a small central team and hire a director
- The ILC MoU was signed in 2006 by many funding agencies and laboratories all over the world (CERN, USA, Japan, ...)
 - The template contains all the necessary details and legal-like language

NGI operational and functional survey



- Identify all needed contact persons
 - Operation officer
 - Security officer
 - User Support officer
- Identify the international functions that NGI would be ready to perform for all the community

Support to EU projects



- Key aspect of our entreprise
- Contact your high level country representative
- Very important milestones in the coming weeks to integrate EGI in the European calls framework (targeted and competitive calls)

Conclusions



- Key steps ahead
- NGIs support and involvement critical at that point
- Lots of work ahead to establish EGI.org
- We are very confident that we can rely on you!

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