EGEE and Business –
Moving into the Future

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EGEE's Programme for Business

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Business Partners
– Funded

Business Associates
– Collaborative

Business Forum & Task Force
– Outreach
– Business Applications

Business Days and Tracks
– Events

Main Achievements

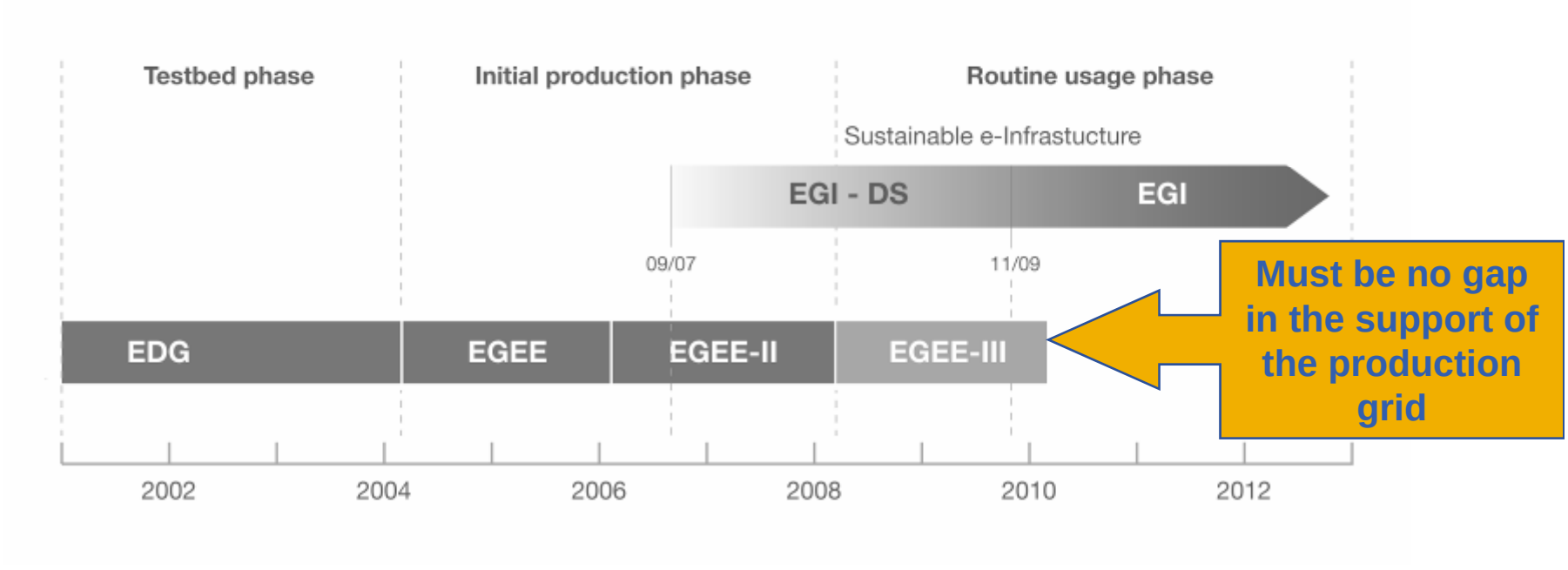
- **Outreach**
  - 15 Business Events organised
    - 12 Focused Business Days
    - 3 Business Tracks at Conferences
  - 300 Business Forum Members
  - 4 Business Forum Newsletters
  - 2 One-to-one site visits with SMEs
- **Technology Transfer**
  - 8 Business Associates
    - Collaborative Developments
  - 12 Business Applications
    - Adopted gLite on their own infrastructure
    - Undertaken: Proof of Concept; Application and Development

Why gLite for Business?

- **Middleware tested in large scale - gLite**
  - Range of higher-level services (Workload, Data Mgt, …)
  - Proven foundation Grid Middleware
    - CE (Computer Element), SE (Storage Element)
    - Security model with authentication, authorisation and audit trails
    - Information system, Monitoring, Accounting
  - API to both higher-level services and foundation Grid Middleware
- **Follows SOA- making easy to connect software with other Grid services**
  - Compliance with Web Service Interoperability
- **Business friendly open source Apache-2 license**
- **Credible**
  - Supporting applications from a wide range of domains
  - Mission-critical for the LHC. Increasingly for other domains
  - Interoperable with other grids, increasingly through open standards
  - Available expertise, support and user- and operator-level guides
  - Long-terms plans means it will still be here in the future

What happens next?

- Need to prepare permanent, common Grid infrastructure
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of the European e-Infrastructure independent of short project funding cycles
- Coordinate the integration and interaction between National Grid Infrastructures (NGIs)
- Operate the production Grid infrastructure on a European level for a wide range of user communities



What Now?

Drive work through Applications needing to use Grids *and* Clouds

- **Clouds and Grids**
  - Investigate areas of common interest
    - Virtualization technology and its use
    - Extend Grid resources with Cloud resources
    - Extend the Grid abstractions to implement Cloud services
      - *job/computing management, data management*
    - Implement Cloud services on top of the EGEE infrastructure
    - Integrate Cloud services into EGEE by using the GLUE schema

- **Evolution of EGEE and gLite**
  - Structure current information towards definitions and future actions
  - Migrate business activities to future model

Purpose of the Workshop

- Evaluate the current adoption status of gLite in a business context
- Analyze gLite's strengths and weaknesses leading to a SWOT analysis
- Understand current market offerings and cost comparison
- Understand gLite business models
- Identify specific areas to be addressed in final year
- Create a dialogue with EGI for industrial aspects
- Identify future potential commercial exploitation
- Rapporteur the main points raised

Build the EGEE Commercial Exploitation Plan

Questions to be answered

- **EGEE and gLite**
  - Can we run business applications on top of the infrastructure
    - How to handle network restrictions?
  - What happens to business applications after proof of concept phase?
  - How could components be broken down and packaged offering a specific set of services as a business solution?
  - How will EGEE business activities evolve/migrate at project end (EGI?)
- **Clouds**
  - Grids and Clouds are compatible infrastrucutures
    - Who to target for interoperability collaboration?
  - Data access and interoperability
    - To be solved at application domain level?
  - Security? - for sensitive applications
  - Reliability? - for critical applications
  - Performance management – Cost
    - comparison between own infrastructure and grid, comparison between own infrastructure and cloud, comparison between grid and cloud
  - Grid over clouds? Cloud over Grids? (costs/benefits) & **Does it matter?**