



License issues for EU DataGrid

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 - This appears to be necessary for collaboration with some industrial partners.



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Currently outstanding issues

- ◆ Based on feedback from CERN legal experts:
 - Implicit licensing of contributions clause (6) does not agree to indemnify EU DataGrid against IP violations by the contributor (eg if they contributed code they have no right to, or which violates patents.)
 - Some concerns about copyright statements when code from several projects is mixed (However, many open source projects have multiple "Copyright XYZ" lines.)
- ◆ Discussions ongoing with Ian Foster about synchronisation with Globus.



Summary

- ◆ License exists in draft form.
- ◆ Based on Globus's proposed Open Grid License Agreement.
- ◆ Has been checked by CERN legal experts
- ◆ Some issues raised but overall verdict positive.
- ◆ Discussion with Ian Foster ongoing.