

# **EGEE proposal Executive Committee**

## **Summary of phone conference 9 January 2003**

**(NB: Next phone conference exceptionally at 16:30 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.)**

**Present:** K. Bos, M. Delfino, N. Geddes, F. Karayannis, M. Kunze, M. Mazzucato, M. Turala, G. Wormser, I. Foster, S. Ilyin, L. Robertson, W. Von Rueden, F. Gagliardi, F. Grey, ML. Bourgeois-Schutz.

### **Update on EU call status and other EU matters**

Fab reported on the details he has learned over Christmas reading through the EU first call documentation made available on December 17<sup>th</sup> on the EU IST Web site (<http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/infrastructures.htm> ).

Major points are:

a very good fit between this call and the EGEE EoI submitted last June.

Deadline for submission is confirmed on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Projects will need to be very well drafted with special attention to legal issues and adherence to the call requirements. Much more flexibility will be given to the consortium and much more responsibility to the coordinator partner. The coordination effort eligible for EU support will also cover recurrent cost (such as permanent staff cost) with an upper limit of 7% of the total project funding.

Funding model for public institutions will be ACF (Additional cost with a flat 20% overhead). International organizations such as CERN are explicitly mentioned in the FP6 programme and therefore fully eligible for participation without any of the previous programme restrictions.

Most of the activity planned in our programme of work is eligible for 100% support by the EU. Full matching funding from the consortium is not any longer required.

Consortium will be free to remove or add partners without explicit prior authorization by the EU.

Given the legal implications of the new EU contract (to be released soon on the IST web site) Fab has requested CERN management for high priority access to the CERN legal expert on EU matters (Maarten Wilbers).

## Review of Participants in EGEE-EC

Fab explained the position of non EU IST member states such as Russia and the USA.

Both are eligible for EU funding under special conditions (easier for Russia).

Their position of observer was confirmed.

As agreed at last meeting, there will be one named Alternate per Participant, who attends in case of main participant absence, and receives all information.

<b>FULL MEMBERS</b>	<b>ALTERNATES</b>	
Kors Bos	<i>to be confirmed</i>	(Northern Consortium)
Manuel Delfino	Jesus Marco	(South-West Consortium)
Neil Geddes	Robin Middleton	(UK)
Fotis Karayannis	<i>to be confirmed</i>	(South-East Consortium)
Marcel Kunze	<i>to be confirmed</i>	(Germany)
Fernando Liello	<i>to be confirmed</i>	(EU NRNs)
Mirco Mazzucato	Federico Ruggieri	(Italy)
Wolfgang von Rden	Hans Hoffmann	(CERN)
Michal Turala	<i>to be confirmed</i>	(Central-East Consortium)
Guy Wormser	Marcel Soberman	(France)
Fabrizio Gagliardi		Chairman
<b>OBSERVERS</b>		
Ian Foster	<i>to be confirmed</i>	(USA)
Slava Ilyin	A. Kryukov	(Russia)
Les Robertson	David Foster	(LCG)

**Urgent action on all members to complete and confirm this list.**

Most of the proposed regional consortia are making considerable progress. Discussions are ongoing for Switzerland to make consortium with Germany.

## National Partners

Executive Committee agrees to draw up list of individuals who can represent interests of individual European countries and review draft proposal from user perspective. A procedure to filter these candidates needs to be agreed. In case of CERN member states the CERN council delegate could decide. For others we will have to insist that they agree on a single representative supported by their national governmental authorities.

### **Advisors to Editorial Board**

Francois Grey and Mark Parsons have confirmed availability to draft and review the proposal. Bob Eisenstein and Paul Messina need to be contacted to see if they can act as external advisors. David Williams will help reviewing the proposal during the final stages.

The board agreed to the proposal by Fab to have the editorial board members present in attendance to their meetings.

### **Candidates for Technical Advisory Board**

The most urgent action item is the appointment of the Technical Advisory Board (TAB). Their role will be to define the overall project structure and advise the EC on the composition of the technical task forces responsible to provide the Editorial Board (EB) with the technical content of the project technical programme (Work Packages). The Executive Committee editorial board will take care of the other proposal components.

Fab received several suggestions for membership over Christmas. These were shortly reviewed. It was decided to take all these nominations and build a technical experts group (TEG) from which Fab will choose a small team (5+/-1) to act as TAB and define an overall project structure by the end of February.

The present coordinators of the embryonic task forces (e.g. Guy Wormser for industry collaboration) will be part of the TEG. It is envisaged that the TEG will be a source of coordinators of the technical Task Forces for preparing individual workpackages.

Following this conf call and a few first contacts the present proposed short list for the TAB is:

Matthias Kasemann (chair), Marian Bubak, Bob Jones, Miron Livny, Malcolm Atkinson, Thierry Priol, Francesco Prelz

Please note that some of these people have not been contacted yet, therefore keep this still strictly confidential.

### **TEG proposed membership:**

Peter Kacsuk, Charles Loomis, Antonia Ghiselli, Peter Clarke, Roberto Sabatino, Tiziana Ferrari, Ludek Matiska, Kors Bos, Robin Middleton, Federico Ruggieri, Dave Boyd, Ian Bird, Lidia Florio, Rosy Mondardini, Jesus Marco, Peter Kunszt, Ian Foster, Carl Kesselman, Miron Livny, Paul Messina, Christian Saquez, David Foster, Guy Wormser

Again, not all these persons have been contacted yet, and the list is open to discussion at the next EC meeting.

### **Participation of applications:**

The active participation of end-user applications was considered essential also on the basis of the experience of the present Grid projects. Following the EGEE meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Fab was contacted by some of the LHC computing coordinators. On the basis of his discussions he will propose at the next EC conf call to add them to the EC mail list and assume that they will contact him any time as necessary for ad hoc discussion. The current EDG HEP application manager (Frank Harris) will also keep the various HEP interested parties informed. Guy Wormser will attend the incumbent workshop on Grid technology for Biomedical applications in Lyon. These are strongly supported in CNRS and made an important contribution to existing EU projects (such as EDG).

Guy offered to follow up on relations to Biomedical applications.

### **Status of competing proposals**

Neil Geddes states that there is no UK e-Science funding earmarked for the DEISA supercomputer proposal. Guy Wormser expects a merger of that proposal with EGEE or enough funding for both. Fab reported on his discussion with Tony Hey and explained the complementary of Tony's proposal and the plan for mutual support, in particular at the next "Grid Technology for complex problem solving workshop" at the end of January. This workshop is in preparation of a specific EU solicitation to be issued in June. This will be the ideal source of funding for Tony's and similar longer term CS oriented proposals.

## **Actions for next meeting**

1. Missing names for Alternates to be confirmed by Participants.
2. Subset of 5-6 persons who are available and willing to work on Technical Advisory Board will be identified by EC Chairman for approval by Executive Committee.
3. Draft mandate for Technical Advisory Board to be prepared by Guy Wormser, for discussion in Executive Committee. In the mean time this draft has been produced and circulated.
4. Draft timeline to be discussed by Executive Committee. Initial proposal is outlined below.
5. Procedure for identifying and contacting National Partners to be defined.
6. Procedure for resolving conflicts to be defined. Executive Committee needs to establish a procedure in case two or more participants disagree on e.g. leadership of work packages.
7. Website functionality and access to be discussed. Initial proposal is for an area of website accessible only to Executive Committee, Editorial Board and Task Forces. All drafts of proposal components will be available there.
8. Executive committee needs to define how and when wider network of interested parties will be consulted, to avoid unnecessary leakage of information to potential competitors while maintaining a reasonably transparent process.
9. Delegation of non-technical workpackages to be discussed, e.g. project management, industrial relations, dissemination, applications.
10. Participation of applications.

## **Draft Timeline**

This proposal is based on the limitations imposed by start-up time of the TAB and major concurrent events such as the EDG review on Feb 4-5, considered critical for the future successful submission of the EGEE proposal.

15/1 – 5/2: Executive Committee establishes Technical Advisory Board as well as responsibility for non-technical workpackages that can be addressed directly by members of Executive Committee.

5/2 – 20/2: Technical Advisory Board meets to define architecture of key technical components of project and propose workpackages and task forces.

20/2 – 28/2: Executive Committee establishes Task Forces for workpackages. Editorial Board supplies Task Forces with model workpackage definition.

1/3 – 30/3: Task Forces prepare workpackage contents. Editorial Board prepares non-technical components of proposal.

1/4 – 4/4: Editorial Board compiles first draft of proposal and submits it to Executive Committee, Technical Advisory Board

14/4 – 18/4: Based on feedback, Editorial Board prepares second draft, submits to Executive Committee

21/4 – 25/4: Third draft prepared, meeting of all EGEE interested parties to present contents of this draft, final draft prepared.

28/4 – 2/5: contingency for finalisation of proposal, signature gathering etc (NB procedure for electronic sign-off expected to be considerably faster than in FP5)

6/5: Deadline for full electronic submission.