EGEE — Enabling Grids for E-science in Europe

Meeting Object: **NA3** **partner meeting and initial planning**

Editor: **John Murison, 17 NeSC**

Meeting Date: **1400 CET, 15th March, 2004**
Meeting Place: **Telephone Conference Call**

Attendees:

4 CESNET	**Jan Kmunicek**	
11 ICM	**Dorota Stojda**	
13 II-SAS	**Viet Tran (for Ladislav Hluchy)** (is this correct?)	
17 NeSC	**John Murison (chair)**	
17 NeSC	**Malcolm Atkinson**	
17 NeSC	**Mike Mineter**	
17 NeSC	**Dave Berry**	
28 FZK	**Rüdiger Berlich**	
34 KU NATFAX	**Michael Grønager**	
51 GRNET	**Ognjen Prnjat**	
52 TAU	**David Horn**	
53 ICI	**Gabriel Niaju**	

Apologies:

2 GUP	**Dieter Kranzlmueller**
5 BUTE	**Imry Szeberenyi**

Absent:

Distribution: **NA3 Partners**
Information

AGENDA

1 Present

2 Apologies for absence

3 Minutes of conference call on 23rd February 2004 at 10.00 CET

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4 NA3 Mailing List: see 'more information' at (http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a041039)

5 Communications - NA3 Intranet site

6 Initial EGEE conference, Cork, Ireland. 18th April - 22nd April.

7 Initial induction tutorials: Edinburgh and CERN

8 Modular approach to training materail - discussion

9 Any other business

10 Date of next conference call

1 **Present**

   As noted above. [In the sign-on at the start of the meeting, the II SAS representative (Bratislava) introduced himself as 'Middlefon' (spelling?), but I have no pother details. John Murison]

2   Apologies for absence

5 BUTE: Imry Szeberenyi

2 GUP Dieter Kranzlmueller

3   Minutes of conference call on 23rd February 2004 at 10.00 CET

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[Apologies for lateness of these minutes. The minutes of today's conference call will be available in a few days from http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a041039]

4   NA3 Mailing List:

The current list was available as 'more information' at http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a041039

Participants were asked to provide changes and modifications to this list. Once stable, the NA3 partners mailing list, to be called project-eu-egee-na3@cern.ch, will be set up.

Jan Kmunicek noted that Cesnet would have some new people soon. David Horn (TAU) noted that he would also wish his assistant to be added to the mailing list. (It is important to keep the list up-to-date, as it will be used as a means of communication from EGEE as a whole, not just NA3.)

Ognjen Prnjat proposed that there be two mailing lists, one for those who wished to be kept informed of the work of NA3, and one for the active NA3 participants. It was agreed that this was a good idea, which could be put into effect once the names of interested parties were established.

[I have not yet asked for the mailing list project-eu-egee-na3@cern.ch to be created, as it has not settled down yet, but will do so in the week beginning 12th April. For details of the latest NA3 mailing list please see the 'more information' file attached to the Agenda record for the 13th April conference call, at http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a041491]

It was noted that mailing lists associated with the various EGEE activities are available from http://egee-members.web.cern.ch/egee-members/mailing-lists/ActivityML.htm)

5   Communications

John Murison explained that the NA3 Intranet site, to available via the NA3 button on http://egee-intranet.web.cern.ch/egee-intranet/index.html, was to be the main source of NA3 information for partners.

NA3 pages were not set up yet, but would be shortly.

[The draft NA3 pages can be inspected at http://www.egee.nesc.ac.uk/. They will be extended and linked to the EGEE intranet page in the week beginning 12th April. Comments welcome.]

There was a brief discussion on file formats to be used when distributing material. PowerPoint and Word were usable by all, and would probably be the main formats for disseminating training material. The usefulness of PDF, and plain ASCII, were also noted.

6   Initial EGEE conference, Cork, Ireland. 18th April - 22nd April.

See http://public.eu-egee.org/kickoff/index.html

Participants were asked if they or colleagues were planning to attend. There was an encouraging response. John noted that it was important that as many NA3 partners as possible be represented at Cork, as it would be the only opportunity for the NA3 execution plan to be discussed and refined in face-to-face meetings, both with NA3 partners and other EGEE activity representatives.

7   Initial induction tutorials: Edinburgh and CERN

The first EGEE induction tutorial, intended for EGEE participants, is to be held at NeSC in Edinburgh, from 26th-28th April inclusive; this is in the week following the Cork conference. See http://www.nesc.ac.uk/esi/events/411/ for details and to register.

The second tutorial, also an induction, had been scheduled to take place in CERN from 17th to 19th May inclusive. Registration for this event is not yet available, but will be shortly. Ognjen pointed out that this clashed with an event in Athens. It was agreed that such clashes were regrettable but unavoidable, given the likely amount of EGEE activity in the next few months.

Both events were longer than induction tutorials would be in future, in order to allow time for discussion and feedback so that the initial content and timetable could be refined.

8   Modular approach to training

John introduced this topic by stating that the material developed for the initial induction events would be made available on the web as soon as reasonably possible after the events, for use by any of the NA3 partners. Any revision of the material (for presentation at local events) by NA3 partners would be expected to be likewise made generally available. After a period of NA3 activity, a number of 'modules' should have been produced in this way, a module being the material for a single talk or presentation within a larger event. This collection of modules would become a training repository which could be combined in different ways, as appropriate for the different types of event. For this approach to be successful: (a) all active participants in NA3 would have to cooperate; (b) a well-designed mechanism for locating available material would have to be developed; this would be via the NA3 part of the EGEE Intranet.

9   Any other business

The question of cooperation with computer companies was again discussed. Some companies took an active part in coordinating user group meetings (of users of their products). David Horn noted that in Tel Aviv Oracle were active in this way. Such meetings could be useful in disseminating EGEE. Malcolm Atkinson said that in his experience, companies found it very difficult to engage in coordination activities unless they had marketing potential for their own products. On the other hand EGEE had to reach end users. The challenge for us was to make certain that such companies knew about EGEE middleware. In terms of database software, Oracle were in direct competition with EGEE; this did not mean that we could not work with them.

10   Date of next conference call

The date and time of the next conference call was not decided on during the meeting.

[However, the **next conference call** has now been fixed for **Tuesday 13th April 14:00 CET** for up to 90 minutes.

Purpose: to discuss draft execution plan, to be made available on Friday 9th April. To take part, dial +44 1452 542 309. You will be prompted for a passcode: give 665224 followed by # key.

(See http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a041491 for details.)]