



Enabling Grids for E-science

EGEE Contributions to e-Infrastructure policy work

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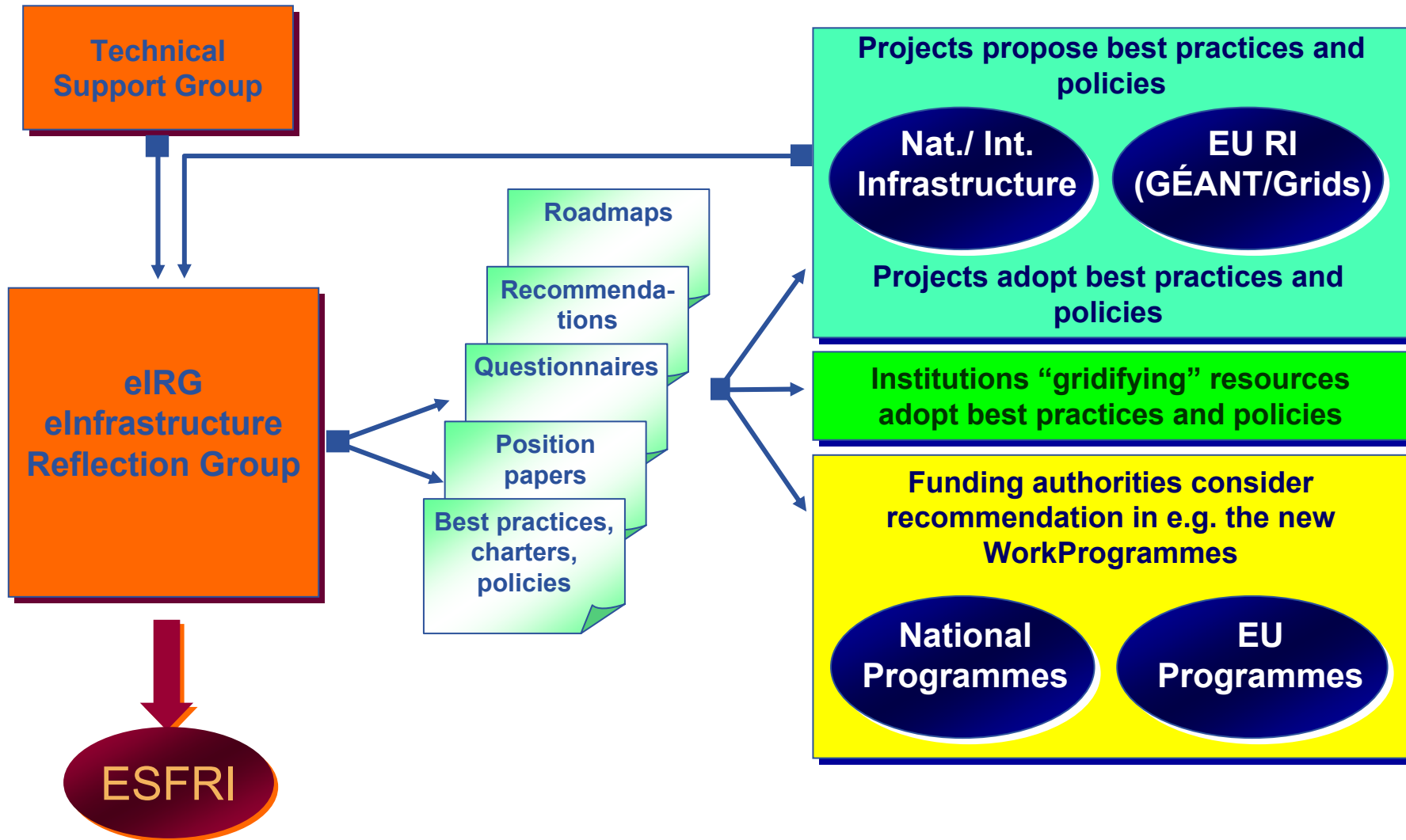
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- **The theme of this talk is “Policy forums and EGEE”**
 - EGEE as a Support Organization
 - EGEE as a Host
 - EGEE as a participant handled mainly elsewhere in this review
 - Standardization work, joint groups
- **Practical, concrete Motivations for this activity:**
 - Remove policy level stumbling blocks that might slow down or prevent the work of EGEE and the collaborations it is involved in
 - Part of the overall effort to ensure that the project is not working in isolation
- **Sub-Topics:**
 - EGEE supporting, shaping and driving the work of the e-Infrastructures Reflection Group
 - EGEE hosting the first Concertation event on e-Infrastructures
 - Status, future challenges

- **The e-Infrastructures Reflection Group (eIRG)**
 - Mission: study and promote policies for easy and cost-effective shared use of electronic resources in Europe
 - 25 countries (government-appointed representatives), EU: 2 members
 - Stronger link with ESFRI in the future - 10-20 year roadmap
- **The link with the eIRG predates the EGEE project**
 - Large part of the EGEE community has been involved since the beginning of the eIRG
- **Two major eIRG events during the “EGEE era”**
 - Dublin meeting, April 2004
 - Den Haag meeting, November 2004
- **Changes in the meantime**
 - Kick-off of the EGEE NA5 activity
 - Support for the eIRG a key component of the activity
 - Broadening the scope of the eIRG work.



Source: Mario Campolargo, European Commission, eIRG meeting, Den Haag

- **Clarified roles**
 - Editor
 - Subeditors
 - Version manager, integrator
- **For the Den Haag version:**
 - Created a new structure to reflect the issues
 - Based on the discussion with the eIRG board, EU and the support team
 - Refined the original roadmap
 - *November 2004 focus areas: Authorization, Accounting, Acceptable Usage Policies and User Support*
 - Integrated text from previous versions only as needed
 - Above will be part of the recommended process in the future?
- **Process and the Support team likely a major contributing factor in the success**
 - Very tight schedule
 - End result met with general approval

- **Organized in Den Haag, 22-23 November 2004**
 - Combined with the EGEE-2 project conference
- **Participation from broad range of projects**
 - Over 200 Grid developers present at the event
 - EGEE adopted the role of a host:
 - Pre-event questionnaires asking for input
 - Session chair duties shared with other projects
 - Influenced the contents of the deliverable “European Grid project Synergy Roadmap”
- **Follow-up activity ongoing**
 - Invitation to join the technical working groups sent out on 21 January
 - Very open invitation
 - Participation is not limited to EU-funded or “European” projects

- **Slightly isolated activity from the rest of the project**
 - Result of the quick ramp-up needed leading to the eIRG and Concertation events -> focus on external contacts
 - Mitigation plans: closer contact with other networking activities, broadening the contact interface of NA5 with other activities
 - Lateral contacts between NA5 and other networking activities (NA2/NA4) initiated.
- **Nature of the activity creates a degree of uncertainty**
 - The role and structure of the eIRG and concertation meetings is likely to evolve in the future.
 - Scheduling of the meetings is not controlled by the EGEE project.
- **Scoping issues with the policy work**
 - In which are the forums EGEE should get involved?
 - To what degree?
 - There is a wide array of European forums, with varying timescales and size - what level of integration and consolidation to support, and how?

- **Important deliverables and steps for the next 9 months**
 - Deliverables
 - Progress report on International Cooperation Activities, PM12
 - Next version of the eIRG White Paper, PM15
 - European Grid Project Synergy report, PM18
 - Steps
 - Support the launch of the cross-project Working Groups
 - *Technical support, facilitation*
 - Move gradually from the role of a host to the role of a participant
 - Facilitate the Grid and Grid & Networking infrastructure concertation events
 - Production of an “EGEE view of the eIRG White Paper” document
 - *How the recommendations of the eIRG match with the practices and plans of the EGEE project.*

- **EGEE has engaged on broad range of policy-level discussions**
 - Provides a service for the eIRG
 - Supports concertation activity with the whole Grid and networking infrastructures area
- **There are very few structural challenges remaining**
 - Sustainability of the eIRG support?
 - Defining the extent of involvement in the research oriented collaboration
- **Most of the issues manageable in evolutionary manner**
 - Closer integration of the policy level networking activities with the main EGEE focus has been initiated
 - Supporting the cross-project interaction and its consolidation
 - The role of the eIRG is important in these efforts