



Enabling Grids for E-science

Policy and International Cooperation

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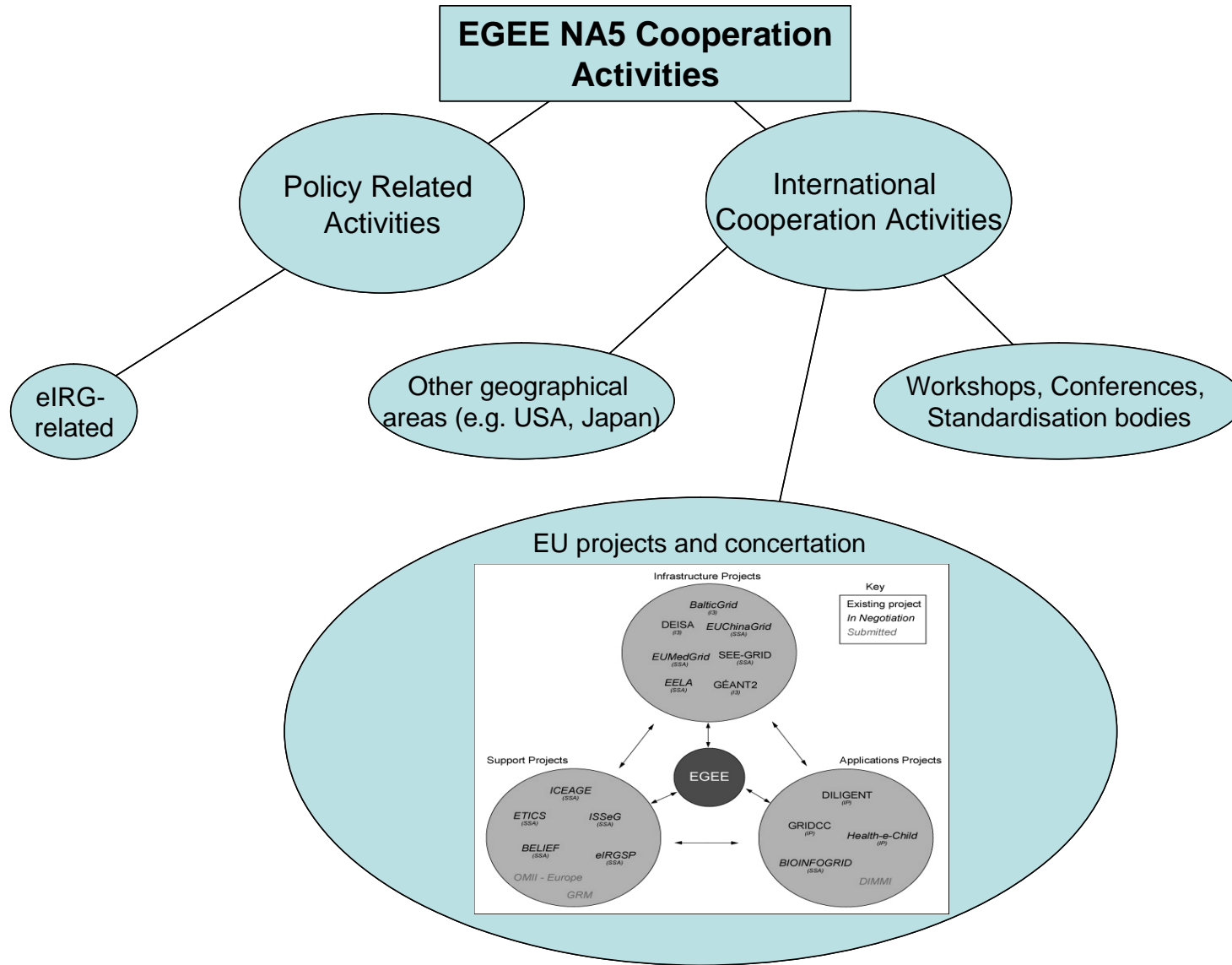
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- **NA5 overview**
- **NA5 update since last review**
 - Major Achievements
- **Issues**
- **Plan for next period**



- NA5 = Policy and International Cooperation
- **Policy-related activities**
 - Supporting the eInfrastructure Reflection Group (www.e-irg.org)
 - e-IRG: Working “for the creation of a framework for the easy and cost-effective shared use of electronic resources in Europe”
 - Pursued mainly through a series of policy related *White Papers* and *Roadmap* documents, along with related *Workshops*
- **International Cooperation activities:**
 - With *other projects* including “**concertation**” activities (i.e. interacting with a cluster of related projects – forum of exchanging ideas)
 - With other geographical *regions* (e.g. North America, **Asia-Pacific**)
 - With *standardisation* bodies (GGF et al)



- **Policy related activities**

- Cooperation with and support to the **eIRG** (Luxembourg presidency (1st semester 2005)
 - NA5 coordinated the Support Group i.e. the e-IRG “virtual office”
 - *Leading the publication of the white papers and roadmaps*
 - *Sitting on committees to define the programmes for the workshop and e-IRG delegate meetings*
 - *Keeping notes and minutes for the different meetings and events*
 - *Co-organising the different e-IRG events*
 - Policy and technology experts from EGEE contributed to e-IRG workshops (rapporteurs or area leaders) and documents, often as sub-editors
 - The EGEE project director presented the project’s views to the e-IRG community as an observer in the eIRG meetings
- Supported the planning for UK and Austrian presidency (2nd semester 2005 and 1st 2006) events
 - UK e-IRG meeting only (no workshop, white paper)
 - Planning for Austrian presidency



- **International cooperation activities**

- **Participation in major international conferences and workshops**

- **Supercomputing 2005** (SC 05), Seattle, USA, November 2005
 - EGEE delegation included: Project Director Deputy, Technical Director, NA5 leader
 - Interfaces have been established with:
 - *OSG- USA: Presentation of EGEE @ OSG booth by technical director*
 - *NAREGI, Japan: Organised planning meeting at the Japanese booth*
 - *KISTI, Korea: Met with key Korean representatives and discussed about EGEE-II*
 - *China-Taiwan, Networked with representatives from the above projects*
 - Participated in the Mutli-Grid Interoperability meeting (major Grid projects around the globe)
 - *Major production Grid stakeholders planning to achieve interoperation in major areas through standard interfaces*
 - US OSG - Teragrid, Japanese NAREGI, Korean KISTI, GGF and others
 - Austrian-Grid, Polish PSNC, UK e-Science booths kindly hosted EGEE promotional material (budes, flyers, folders, posters, stickers!)
 - *EGEE was more visible this year!*
 - Filed for an EGEE + related projects booth @ SC2006, Tampa, Florida

- **International cooperation activities**

Participation in major international **conferences** and **workshops**

- **iGrid2005 and GLIF** (Global Lambda Integrated Facility) in San Diego, September 2005
 - Focusing on networking aspects related to EGEE SA2/JRA4 issues
 - *e2e connections, SLAs, advanced reservation, interaction between Grid middleware and networking layer etc.*
- **OECD Global Science Forum** in Sydney, September 2005
 - OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
 - Discussions highlighted that the area of **policies** – which in Europe are handled by the e-IRG and supported by EGEE NA5 – should be emphasised more at a global level
- **Internet2** event in Philadelphia, September 2005
 - Monitored **US** efforts (NSF Middleware Initiative (NMI), Networking initiatives)
- **GEANT2 launch event** in Luxembourg, June, 2005
 - Interfacing with the research networking community and other areas
 - *Interfaces have been accomplished with other areas of the world, such as **India** and **South Africa** in order to establish international Grid efforts*

- **Achievements**

- Many resource sites from Asia-Pacific have been integrated in the EGEE infrastructure (e.g. Taipei)
 - *Also contributing to m/w testing and pre-production service*
- EGEE visits and invited speeches, EGEE training events

- **Japan:**

- *EGEE former project director gave a talk @ the NAREGI annual conference*
- *Technical discussions on project collaboration and interoperability (e.g. cross job submission) during the EGEE3 conference in Athens*
- *EGEE tutorial hosted by National Institute of Informatics (NII) in Japan*
- *NAREGI-EGEE interoperability planning meeting @ SC05*

- **Future plans**

- Follow-up of Multi-Grid interoperability meeting @ GGF 16 in Athens
- On-going discussions about cross participation in major NAREGI and EGEE events
- Participation of KEK (major HEP institute in Japan) in EGEE-II under way

- **China-Taiwan:**

- Specific Support Action project has been pushed forward:
 - *EUChinaGrid: Starting 1/1/2006 (24 months) – led by INFN, Italy*
- EGEE gLite tutorial in parallel with the APAN (Asia Pacific Advanced Network) meeting
 - *Participants from China, Singapore, Korea*

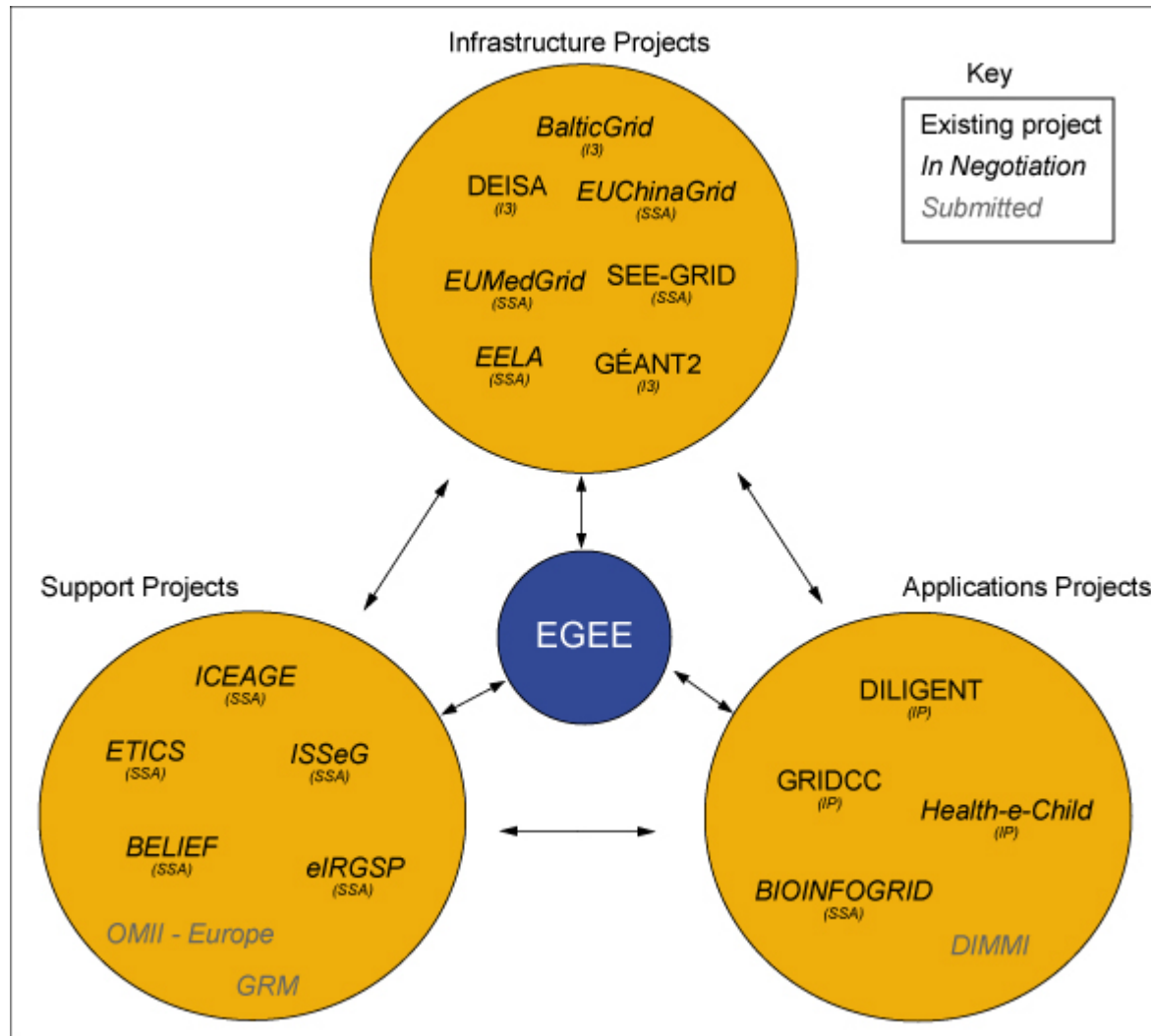
- **India:**

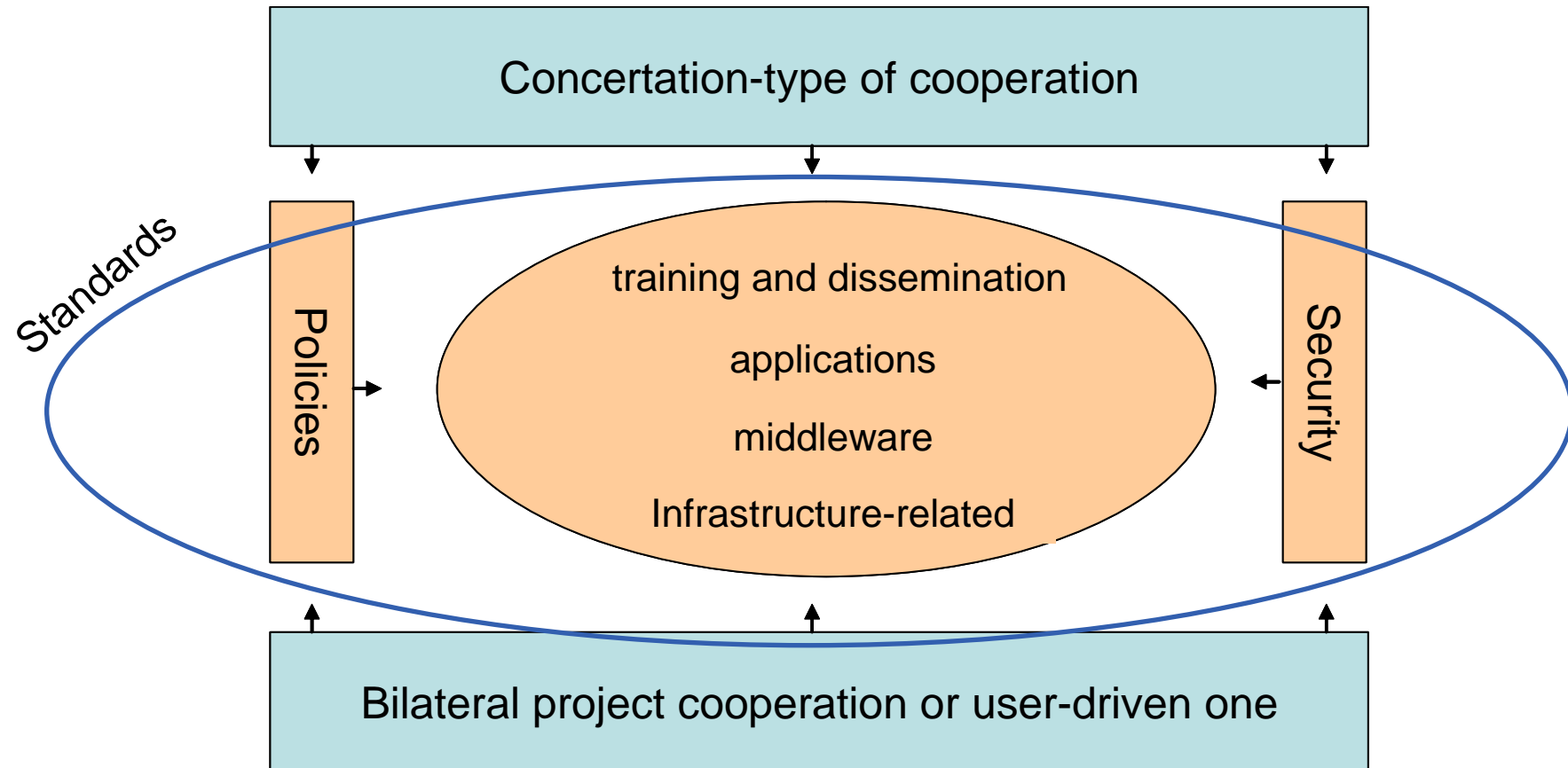
- EUIndiaGrid: Submitted in the September call

- **Korea:**

- Mutual transfer of technology know-how is planned under EGEE-II

- **“Concertation” - cross project efforts:**
- **Successful EGEE/LCG/OSG working groups extended to other projects:**
 - **MiddleWare Security Group (MWSG):** *by invitation*
 - project-eu-egEE-middleware-security@cern.ch
 - *Extended to DEISA, DILIGENT, GEANT2, GRIDCC, SEE-GRID*
 - **Joint Security Policy Group (JSPG):** *more open: Pisa open session held*
 - joint-security-policy-group@cern.ch
- **Participation and contributions to the Grid Technology days events - Grid Research (Grid Technologies Unit – F2)**
- **Participation to the TERENA NREN-GRID workshops, Amsterdam May and October 2005**
 - Topics such as **AAI** and **Reservation** of Networking resources for Grids
- **During EGEE 3 and EGEE 4 conferences:**
 - **Plenary talks** by DEISA, DILIGENT, NEXTGRID, SEEGRID
 - EGEE gLite **training** for other projects
 - **Demonstrations** open for other projects
 - **Related projects session in Pisa!**
 - **12 Projects present, identified cooperation areas**





- **Working groups** are a good solution for many areas but not for all
 - Needed when technical work involved
 - Other forms of collaboration essential (e.g. discussion fora, bilateral cooperation)
- **Priorities** should be set - forming too many groups might be counterproductive
 - Training and standards were highlighted, amongst the other
- EGEE will prepare a report and distribute it to the corresponding mailing list formed
- More generic..
 - The **EGEE conferences** are a major driver towards concertation efforts, but should not exclude other events with broader scope
 - More concrete results at the end of the project towards EGEE-II

- **NA5 role is mainly a supporting entity within EGEE**
 - NA5 documented in an inventory main areas of EGEE interest in DNA5.3-4
 - Including GGF, W3C, IETF, OASIS, ad-hoc efforts
 - Currently working on preparing an inventory with EGEE participation in major Grid standardisation bodies
 - Template table sent to all the activities including:
 - *Standard body, (Area), Working Group, EGEE contributor's name, role, institute, country, Details/Comments*
- **Standardisation was considered key for cross-project collaboration during the Pisa session**

- **NA5 survived a complete management change from 1st review:**
 - Fotis Karayannis: New NA5 Activity Leader (May 2005)
 - Joanne Lawson: New NA5 Support Officer (Sept. 2005)
- **Policy activities**
 - No White Paper planned by the UK e-IRG presidency
 - The effort could be put forward to an Austrian presidency White Paper
- **International Cooperation activities**
 - “Concertation” and project collaboration after Pisa is progressing faster
 - Report will be circulated after the review
 - Follow up at the EGEE Users forum and next “concertation” events
 - Cooperation with other regions progressing
 - Next events: GGF16 interoperability meeting, EGEE Users forum
- **Standardisation**
 - NA5 is only supporting this activity (not driving it)
 - Gathering of information is time consuming – A list of EGEE contributions is expected during the last EGEE quarter (Q8)

- **e-IRG UK presidency meeting: 14 December 2005, London**
 - No UK e-IRG White Paper – Discuss internally
- **Conceration meeting, 14 December 2005, Bordeaux**
 - Organised by DANTE, seeking more wide concertation (e.g. network-grids)
 - Areas: Monitoring and Performance Optimisation, Resource Management / Allocation, Security and AAA, Interoperability Issues
- **GGF 16, 13-16 February, Athens**
- **Gridcoord workshop, 27-28 February 2006, Linz**

- **EGEE User Forum event, 1-3 March 2006, Geneva**

- **e-IRG workshop+concertation meeting, 10-11 April 2006, Linz**
 - Effort to combine it with the 3rd TERENA NREN-GRID workshop (March-April 2006)
- **EGEE Review/EGEE-II kick off meeting, April 2006?**
 - Since brief review for December, NA5 has to focus on the final review
- **e-IRG Austrian presidency meeting, June 2006, Vienna**
 - Austrian presidency White Paper, Roadmap to be presented
 - Cooperation with e-IRGSP

- **NA5 has accomplished its major goals:**
 - Extending **collaboration** with other regions such as USA and Asia-Pacific
 - Established significant presence at major **conferences/workshops** (such as SC05)
 - Further plans for SC06
 - Working on getting a good picture of EGEE contributions to **standardisation**
 - EGEE should further promote participation to standards
 - “Concertation” effort being formalised with working groups and discussion fora
 - Follow up at the last quarter!
- **EGEE as an incubator for new projects!**
- **Close collaboration of NA5 with technical activities**
- **Thank you!**
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Reviewers' Recommendations:

- R1** Explore collaborations with major national Grid projects in the **USA, Japan**, as well as other **regions** of the world.
- R2** Establish a significant presence at meetings such as **ISC and SC**, either using as an exemplar or even possibly leveraging existing European projects such as the UK e-Science body
- R3** Establish top-level collaboration with **GGF** and other **standards bodies** so that operational expertise would contribute more effectively and directly to the standardization process in a systematic fashion
- R4** Encourage EGEE project members to attend, chair groups, help write standards, at bodies such as **GGF**
- R5** The **concertation** effort among the various grid activities that was undertaken by EGEE needs to be formalised in order to be effective. A deliverable reporting on the progress and results of the concertation effort will facilitate that task. It is suggested that such a deliverable be prepared for the next review, close to the end of year 2005.

MONTH	DEL	ITEM	PARTNER
M15	DNA5.1.3	eInfrastructure Forum White Papers in conjunction with the EGEE Project Conferences (Luxemburg e-IRG White Paper submitted)	CERN
M18	Combined DNA5.3 and DNA5.4	Progress report on International Cooperation Activities and European Grid project synergy (in collaboration with DEISA, SEE-GRID and other relevant initiatives and EU projects) (Major deliverable summarizing NA5 efforts - submitted)	CERN
M21	DNA5.1.4	eInfrastructure Forum White Papers in conjunction with the EGEE Project Conferences (No UK e-IRG White planned- To be submitted as an early Austrian e-IRG draft)	CERN