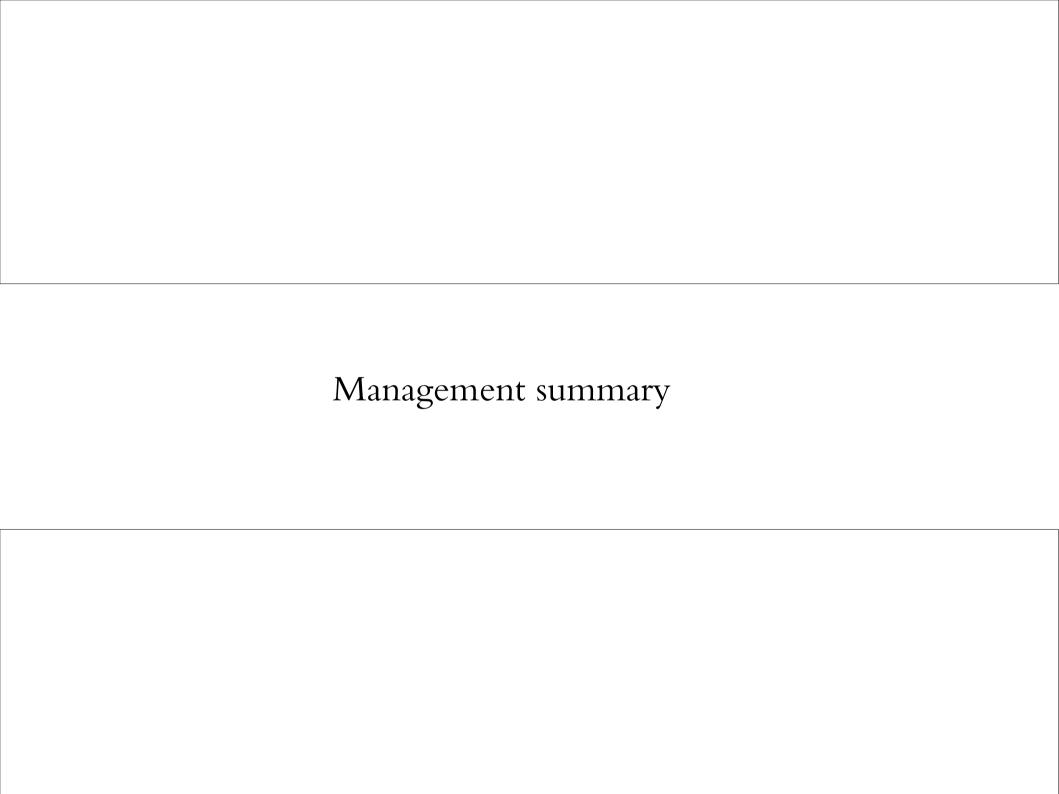
e-IRG Support Programme

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Long version:

there is something called e-IRG

Most of you will know it

But for those that don't

"The main objective of the e-IRG is to support on the political, advisory, and monitoring level the creation of a policy and administrative framework for the easy and cost-effective shared use of electronic resources in Europe (....) across technological, administrative, and national domains."

More than 25 registered countries have officially appointed e-IRG delegates

since it was started in 2003

Current chair: Malcolm Read (UK) e-IRG has a lot of work to do

It organizes expert workshops

sets up delegate meetings

it writes white papers

it was asked to draft a roadmap

to look 20 years into the future

e-IRG publishes endorsements

and gathers information

on what is happening across

Europe and in the rest of the world

In short:

e-IRG aligns the European policies on e-Infrastructure

... and has a lot of work to do

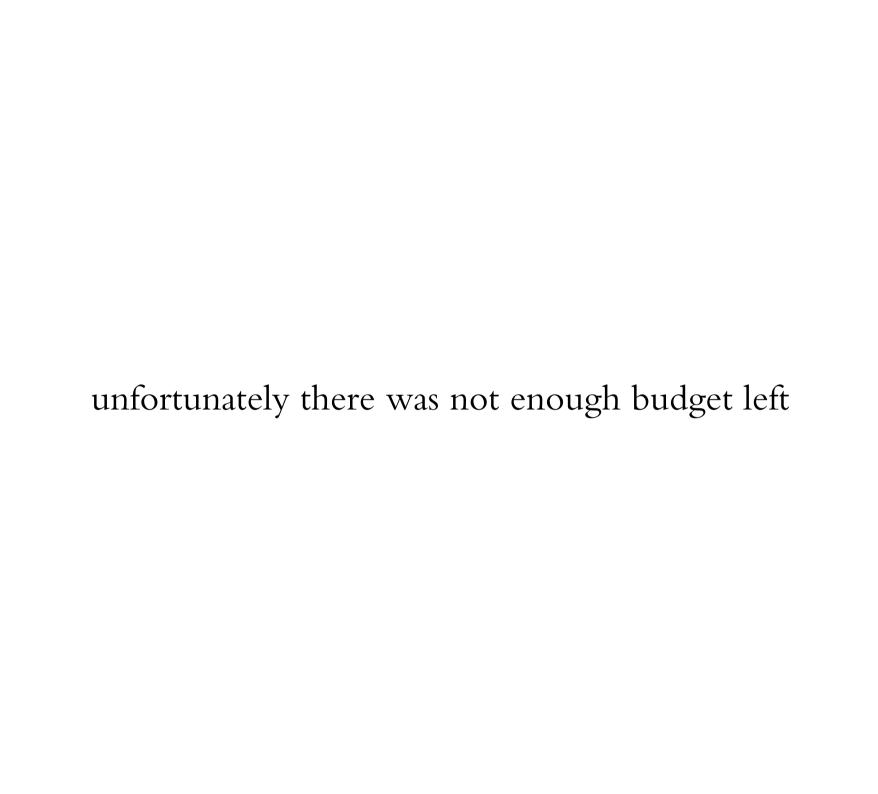
but until recently there was no fixed staff

and every six months the secretariat moved across the continent

e-IRGSP was started to assist e-IRG

it originally had six partners

of which EGEE was one



so the project was scaled down

It was given a budget of 306.000 Euro

so there are now three partners left of which EGEE isn't one

Let me introduce them to you:

Stichting Nationale Computerfaciliteiten

part of the Netherlands Science Foundation

GRnet

the Greek NREN

and Genias Benelux

a media and technology company that specializes in knowledge representation

but is most known as the publisher of

Enter the Grid

(so that leaves two university partners that fell out)

f.y.i. St. Gallen and Tilburg

The project will run for two years

And the contract is "in the mail" as we speak

Its deliverables are the products of the e-IRG

White papers
Roadmap updates
etc.

Since e-IRG needs to know what the projects are doing

that's you, that is

and e-IRGSP is to do part of the work

we look forward to working with you.

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