



Enabling Grids for E-science

# Training and Induction

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# External Review

# External Review NA3

Given the impressive achievements of NA3, we have identified the following domains for improvement

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Match course offering with participants' profile and expectations

Sustain access to t- infrastructure and course material beyond course

Facilitate regular improvement/ review course format and material

**• Overall view: training needs much more resources in EU R&D to realise the Lisbon goals**

# Plans for gLite Training

- **Already done**
  - gLite on GILDA
  - Evaluation & training in Russia
- **Now**
  - gLite documentation review
  - gLite course material & exercises (Sara Collins)
  - gLite UI, WMS, LB installed UEDIN -
    - connect to GILDA & ScotGrid BDII, CE, SE
- **May**
  - 9-13 PPARC summer school – intro to gLite
  - 30-31 gLite Applications Developer – in Edinburgh  
(CANCELLED)
- **June**
  - Biomed meeting organised Massimo Lyon
  - 13-16 June Training the Trainers Catania

- **July**

- 10 – 17 Budapest summer school SZTAKI
- 10 – 22 GGF ISSGC'05 Vico Equense
- Late July gLite Install course UEDIN

- **August**

- 23 gLite Introduction Taiwan

- **September**

- GRID KA Summer school
- gLite Applications training Greece

# eLearning



- **Enhance accessibility to courses - 24/7 availability**
- **Provide alternative training approaches for:**
  - Self-paced, peer-to-peer learning
- **Facilitate prerequisites requirements for courses**
- **Liberate trainers to focus on more advanced topics:**
  - Teach gLite, instead of basics
- **Provide collaborative environments for:**
  - Experimenting and sharing ideas
  - Localisation
  - Revising and improving training materials

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Course Management	Learner Management	Quality Assurance	Resource List	....
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Authorisation	Calendar	Change	Content Adaptation	Content Management
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Harvesting	Identifi	Mapping	Messaging	Metadata Management
Packaging	Personalisation	Resolver	Scheduling	Search / Browse
Tracking	Service Registry	User Management	Whiteboard	....

**Prioritise**

**Sources:**

- **e-Learning Service-Oriented Framework (ELF)**  
<http://www.elframework.org>
- **Virtual Environment Services**  
<http://www.grids.ac.uk/ETF/public/WebServices/classes.html>

## Aims to deliver two tangible outcomes by end of EGEE1:

- **e-Learning resources**
  - July 2005 first release (internal)
  - Regular evaluation with NA3 trainers and learners
- **Digital Library supporting NA3 objectives**
  - August 2005, core services trial
  - October 2005 EGEE 4th Conference, personalisation services trial

- **Include all NA3 training materials**
  - Currently over 200 presentations, ~ 400 files
- **Pilot resources for gLite and basic courses (inc. XML, Web Services, WSDL):**
  - SMIL audio-visual presentations and GILDA “video tutorials”
  - Software code samples
  - Hands on tutorials and exercises
  - A catalogue of reference objects including websites, technical reports, books, journal, articles
- **All resources will be catalogued using metadata standards:**
  - Dublin Core & IEEE Learning Object Metadata (LOM)

- **A pragmatic approach that builds on current NA3 initiatives**
  - Can't implement and make proper use of all feasible e-learning services
  - Part of the T-Infrastructure
- **Support self-paced learning**
- **Web user interface and service-oriented**
  - NA3 partners build custom applications for localised, federated digital library context.
  - Extensible for additional e-learning services (longer term)
- **Based on Fedora open source repository**

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- **Content management with authentication/authorisation**
  - deposit/update/download materials, versioning, metadata management
- **Search / browse - Search & Retrieve Web Services (SRW) protocol**
- **Persistent linking mechanism (resolver) - OpenURL**

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- **Resources annotation / review services**
- **Personal/local resources list services**
  - Create, read, update, delete personal resource (reading) lists and customised courses - IMS Resource List Web Services/Data Spec.
- **Export resources to other e-learning environment**
  - Zipped packages using IMS Content Packaging Spec.

- **Fedora installed**
- **Export of material from existing archive underway**
- **Creating RDF links for metadata**
- **Examining hosting solutions with U Edin Library**



- **Current repository - developing web form to populate 'intermediate' db table -> then entry to main db**
  - Problem with metadata
- **With eLearning framework material developers enter their own material + metadata**
  - Strong version control
- **As designed, current db exports easily to eLearning framework 'learning objects' standard**

# Deliverables

- **Training plan revision - DNA 3.1.3**
  - *structure needs to be improved - made more concise*
  - *better information on federation commitments - new form*
    - Approved by Ognjen (reviewed previous version)
  
- **Training report revision - DNA 3.3.2**
  - *well received by reviewers last time*
  - *probably don't need to restate constants, mostly updating values*
  
- **Follow on Survey**
  - *sent to all those who have attended courses*
  - *gathering information identified in EU review and external review*
  - *eg. how useful has training been in long term,*
  - *trainees -> trainers?*
  - *Inform 3.1.3 & 3.3.2*

- **EGEE training is getting strong supporting statements**
  - EU reviewers
  - Students feedback
  - External NA3 Review
  - NA4 survey of VOs – especially biomed.
- **The demand is there**
- **The importance of training will increase**
- **It will take more resources in the future**
  - EGEE2 should resource in all activities
  - Work to get greater investment
    - National bodies
    - Universities
    - EU
- **Low rate of releases of Infrastructure beneficial for training**