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# Regional Participation in EGEE NA4 for UK, Ireland and France

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# Regional Participation in NA4?

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- **NA4 has 10 regions worldwide**
- **UK, Ireland and France (UKIF) mashed up together as one region**
  - 0.5 FTE for Coordination.
  - Up to 1 FTE for administration and technical support.
- **Act as an enabling interface between local applications and the Grid**
  - Not just EGEE
  - But in expectation of EGI/NGIs: NGS, GridIreland, ScotGrid, Institut des Grilles, ...
- **Initial consultation with users on their applications**
  - Direct help to get them started quickly
- **May be followed by collaborative application Gridification**
- **Bringing new users to active teams in the same discipline**
- **Or direct new users to appropriate support groups**
  - Local (NGS, GridIreland)
  - Central EGEE teams (Application porting team)

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# Working with users and existing support groups

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- **Technical point of view**

- Focus on available EGEE support and the RESPECT program tools
- In practice the same technical personnel, performing both local and EGEE specific tasks
- Convergence in EGI/NGI needed
  - EGEE pushing integration of local tools into RESPECT, while local Grids are starting to adopt tools from RESPECT

- **Coordination point of view**

- No initial distinction between NGS, GridIreland and EGEE users
- Help users get started on either local resources or EGEE seed resources
  - NA4 just informed me that RAL was chosen as one of 4 sites to host the EGEE seed resources
- Focus on exploiting benefits of Grid by applications
- Act as the interface between local applications and NA4 for information exchange, requirements gathering, RESPECT program, ...
  - Seems like an ill defined task. Information not easy to come by.
- Need to better define this interaction in EGI/NGIs

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# Further Information

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- **Regional Participation Web site/Wiki:**

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/EGEE/UKIFRegionalSupportTeam>

- **UKIF regional participation team Email contact:**

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- **NA4 in EGEE-III**

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