

Minutes of Information System Task Force, 16th June 2016

Local: Maria Alandes (chair, minutes), Maarten Litmaath, Julia Andreeva, Eddie Karavakis, Pablo Saiz.

Remote: Andrew McNab, Alessandro Paolini, Oxana Smirnova, Florido Paganelli, George Ryall, Stephen Burke, Vincenzo Spinoso, Peter Solagna.

Agenda available in Indico

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1. EGI feedback to removing the BDII for WLCG Resources

EGI presents the slides attached in the agenda where they explain why BDII is important for EGI. The main reasons to keep BDII and that could also have an impact in WLCG are:

- Site support: EGI 2nd line support relies on EGI monitoring and also on the actual information provided by BDII to debug possible issues. Maria mentions that it could be investigated whether there is an alternative to the BDII to be able to continue monitoring WLCG services from EGI so that WLCG can benefit from 2nd line support. Maria also asks how much EGI 2nd line support solves WLCG issues and Maarten replies that they provide very useful input. They may not solve the ticket but their preliminary investigations are very useful for MW experts or other teams who actually implement the solution.
- MW upgrade campaigns, as it is the only place right now where there is information about the MW versions. Maria mentions that these versions are sometimes not very useful by themselves since many services cannot be identified just by a single version. There is also general agreement that the BDII should not be the place for publishing versions. If there is a need for publishing versions, another alternative needs to be found. Maria mentions that Andrea Manzi couldn't attend this meeting but she has asked him to give an overview of how he uses the BDII as MW Officer, how useful it is and whether it could be replaced by something else. This is something for a future TF meeting.

Maria suggests to gather all this feedback and take it into account for the next steps and future plans of the IS that will be presented at the July GDB.

Action items:

- *Prepare GDB presentation and circulate slides among TF members for feedback (Maria)*

2. Removing REBUS Capacity views

Maria presents the set of known issues identified in REBUS with the help of Pablo and Eddie. All these have been documented. There is a proposal to drop the capacities view from REBUS as the numbers are quite inconsistent due to the known issues. Everyone agrees to present this proposal to the MB to get it approved.

Action items:

- *Prepare a proposal for the next MB to drop Capacities View from REBUS (Maria) UPDATE: After the meeting, Maria talks to Ian Bird and he suggests not to any changes until the new Information System is in place. This will be put on hold for the time being and any GGUS tickets reporting REBUS capacity issues will be put on hold and users will be pointed to Known Issues tiwki.*

3. Next meeting

No meeting scheduled before the summer. We will wait for feedback at the July GDB to understand the next steps in the TF.