

# Towards the new EGI governance model

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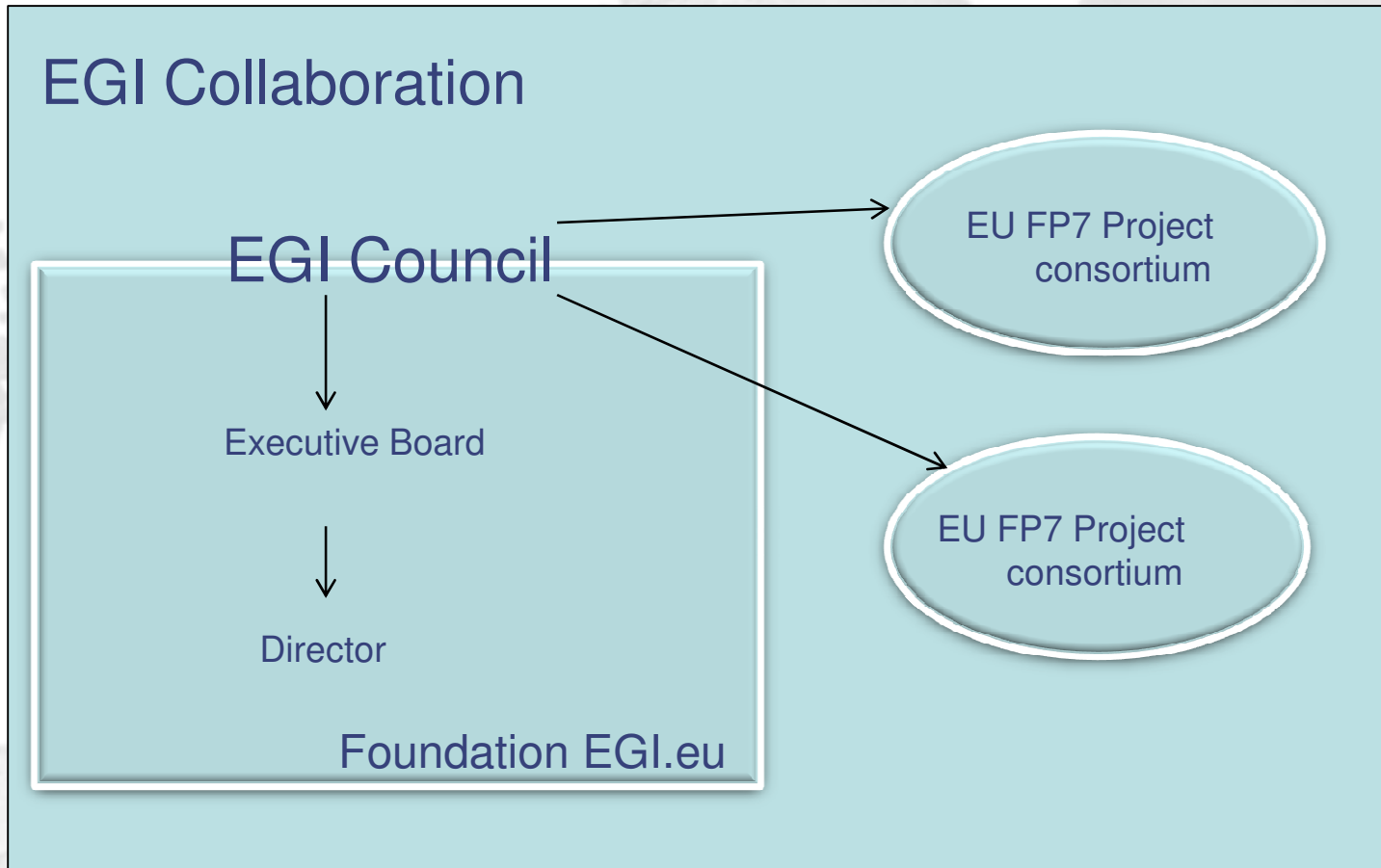
Chair Organizational Taskforce  
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# EGI collaboration

## Current status:

- basis: MoU “regarding the setting up of the European Grid Initiative (EGI)”, (June, 2009), with the goal a.o. to “create and fully establish the EGI.eu organization”;
- 31 signatories (29 NGIs and 2 EIROs), together forming the EGI Council;
- total of agreed contributions (for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2009): k€ 437;
- voting rights proportional to contributions (derived from Terena-model);
- Amsterdam confirmed to host EGI.eu; Nikhef appointed as ‘Common Fund Administrator’, preparing statutes for EGI.eu legal entity (foundation under Dutch law);

# Governance (1)



# Governance (2)

Governance needs to be defined at two levels :

1. Collaboration level: currently covered by MoU; most likely to be continued by consortium agreements for FP7 projects (in particular the EGI InSPIRE-project);
2. Level of the 'Stichting EGI.eu' (Foundation under Dutch law); draft statutes being prepared;

Model proposed: EGI Council serves as a 'Supervisory Council', Foundation managed by an 'Executive Board (EB)'.

- EB Members appointed (and dismissed) by the Council;
- EB represents the Foundation legally;
- EB will mandate daily execution of activities to the Director;

# Draft statutes (1)

Covering:

- Name, seat and objectives
- Definition of participants and associate participants;
- Council: organization, tasks and decision making process;
- Executive Board: membership, tasks;
- Director;
- Personnel;
- Annual account;
- Amendment of the statutes;
- Dissolution of the foundation;

# Draft statutes (2)

Items still to be discussed, a.o.:

- Scope of the decision making power for EB vis-à-vis Council:
  - subjects needing approval of (or decision by) Council;
- Composition of EB:
  - subset of Council members? Or partly? Regionally based (or not)?



# ERIC or Foundation (1)?

ERIC: European Research Infrastructure Consortium.

Pros en cons in general:

- + may shorten negotiations between states about legal structure
- + may raise political profile for an RI
- + exemption of VAT (still to be defined) and public procurement rules
- no private partners allowed
- large control by EC
- signature at governmental level required
- criteria for ERIC implementation still unknown

EGI Council meeting (July 2009): proceed with establishing Foundation 'EGI.eu' and closely follow developments regarding ERIC model.

# ERIC vs Foundation (2)?

ERIC regulation: statutes should 'cover basic principles of':

- access policy for users
- scientific evaluation policy
- dissemination policy
- IPR policy
- employment policy, including equal opportunities
- procurement policy;
- data policy;

Seems more apt for 'physical' infrastructures. EGI.eu is mainly about coordinating and facilitating cooperation between national grid infrastructures. Many of these basic principles hardly apply to EGI.eu. So how basic is 'basic'?



# Thank you!

