



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Road to an Earth Science Virtual Research Community

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Introduction

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- EGU
- The ES Cluster in EGEE
- Migration to EGI
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5th EGEE User Forum

Todays Session

- Gridifying the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) for the sustainable development of the Black Sea region, Lukasz Kokoszkiewicz
- Geospatial and Grid infrastructures interoperability in enviroGRIDS, Dorian Gorgan
- Bridging the gap between applications geospatial data and the Grid, Joel Puga
- Coffee Break (15:30 16:00)
- Grid implementation and application of the WRF-ARW prognostic model, Davor Davidovic
- Climate data storage in e-INIS, Geoff Quigley
- Computational Requirement of Meteorological and Crisis Applications, Juraj Bartok



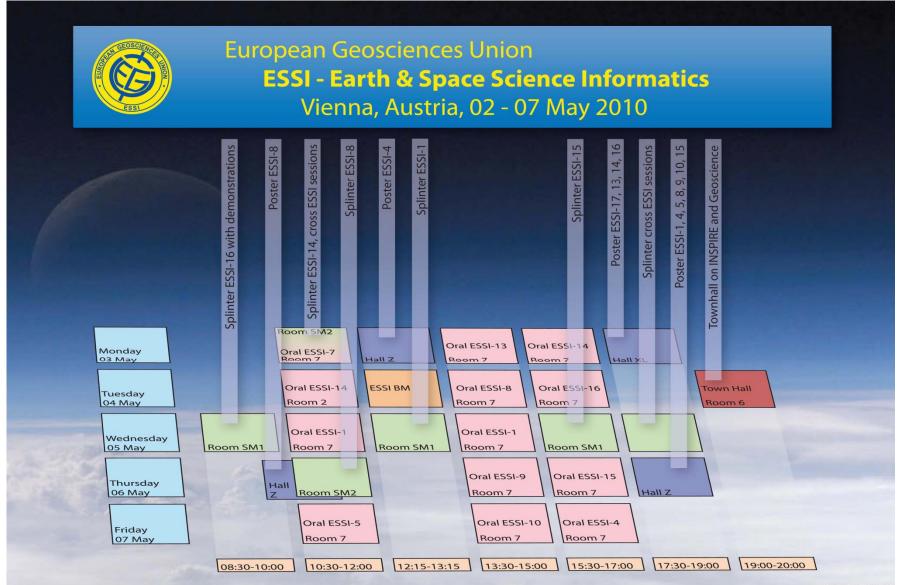
5th EGEE User Forum

- Posters related to Earth Science
 - Modelling aerosol pollution over Athens, Greece using grid technology, Dr. ATHANASOPOULOU, Eleni
 - Data Mining and Integration of Environmental Applications, HLUCHY, Ladislav
 - Grid preprocessing application for Environment monitoring in Moldova, Dr. SIDORENCO, Veaceslav
 - Earth Science applications of the ES Virtual Research Community, PETITDIDIER, Monique



ESSI Sessions @ EGU 2010

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Background

Today:

EGEE Strategic Discipline Cluster

One of seven such Clusters

"to maximize the penetration of grid technology into key scientific disciplines ensuring that the requirements of each area can be met and that the scientists get focused support and help for the development of high-level application services."



ESSI Sessions @ EGU 2010

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ESSI-1

International Geoscience Informatics Partnerships, Projects, and Collaboration Technologies

Convener: Mohan Ramamurthy

Co-Conveners: Monique Petitdidier, Stefano Nativi

ESS -4

Informatics in Oceanography

Convener: Giuseppe M.R. Manzella

Co-Conveners: Sissy Iona, Dick M. A. Schaap

ESSI-5

Earth System Modeling: Strategies and Software

Convener: Reinhard Budich Co-Convener: René Redler

ESSI-6 / NP1.3

Soft Computing Techniques in Geosciences

Convener: Isik Yilmaz

Co-Conveners: Candan Gokceoglu, Biswajeet Pradhan, Ebru Akcapinar Sezer

ESSI-7

Data Preservation and Long Term Access

Convener: Wim Som de Cerff

Co-Conveners: Stefano Nativi , Clifford Jacobs

Earth & Space Science Informatics

President: Stefano Nativi Vice-President: Remd Ritschel

ESSI-8

Service-Oriented Architecture solutions for Earth

and Space Sciences

Convener: Stefano Nativi

Co-Conveners: Pier Giorgio Marchetti , Ben Domenico

ESSI-9

Data, Metadata and Mark-Up languages

Convener: Andrew Woolf

Co-Conveners: Stefano Nativi , Simon Cox

ESSI-10

Semantic Interoperability, Knowledge and Ontolo-

gies

Convener: Kristin Stock

Co-Conveners: Peter Fox , Sandro Fiore

ESSI-13

Scientific Gateways and Visualization

Convener: Sandro Fiore Co-Conveners: Horst Schwichtenbera . Giovanni

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ESSI-14

Earth Science on Grid

Convener: Horst Schwichtenberg

Co-Conveners: Paolo Mazzetti , Antonio S. Cofino

ESSI-15 / GI11

From Sensors to Interoperable Sensor Networks

Convener: Denis Havlik

Co-Conveners: Walter Schmidt, Zoheir Sabeur

ESSI-16

Real Use of Standards and Technologies

Convener: John van de Vegte Co-Convener: David Arctur

ESSI-19 / NH7.2 / SSS49

Spatial and temporal patterns of wildfires: models,

theory, and reality

Convener: Rosa Lasaponara

Co-Conveners: Luciano Telesca , Donald McKenzie

CR3.1

Remote sensing of cryosphere (co-listed)

Convener: Marco Tedesco Co-Convener: Thomas Painter

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Background

More than that

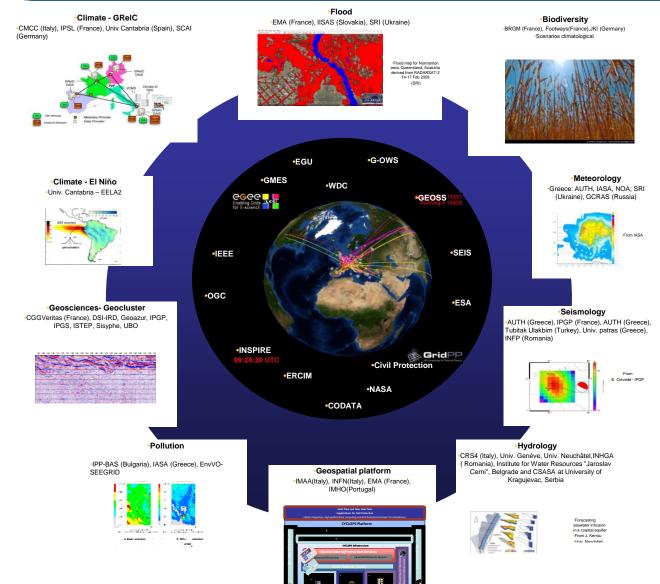
- Representation of user interests and requirements
- Contact point and help
- Dissemination activities
- Community building
- Maintaining Relations and Collaborations
- VO Management
- Application porting and deployment support
- Tool development
- Documentation of tools, frameworks and common solutions





Applications

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Activities

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European Earth Science Grid





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https://grelc.unile.it:8443/ClimateG-DDC/



Community Building

- 9 VOs with ES applications
 - ESR (Earth Science Research), EGEODE (expanding Geosciences on Demand), SEEGRID (3 VOs), eEarth
 - Cyclops, EELA, IBERGRID....
- 260 registered members
- 25 European and Associated Countries + Taiwan
 - Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia, Bulgaria, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Herzegovina, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldavia, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukrainia
 - Taiwan (ASGC)
- Connection with EELA2 and EUAsia



Migration to EGI

- The cluster also worked on the "Migration to EGI"
- Contacted stakeholders, initiatives, organisations early to harmonise visions
- Collected user requirements and current deficiencies
- Organised a consortium for the preparation
- Worked in close collaboration with EGI consortium to be in line with the blueprint and final project structure
- Participated in Working groups, meetings, workshops of EGEE for transition
- Actively promoted in Earth Science community



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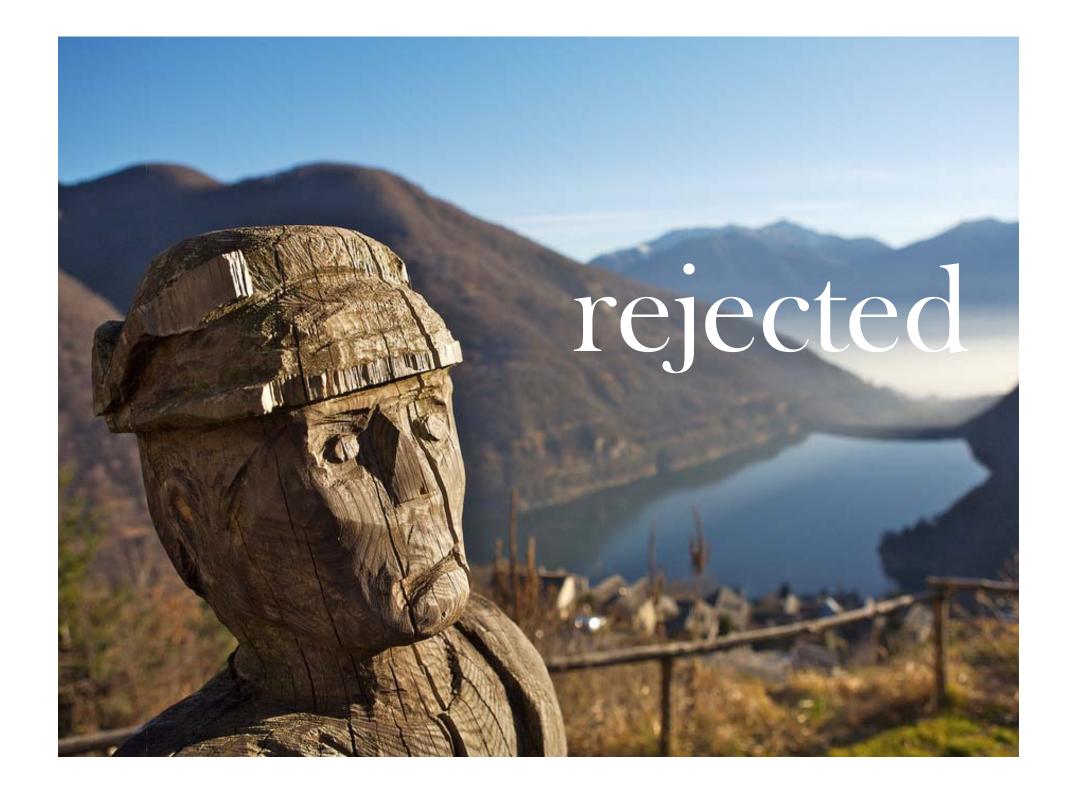
- Joined forces with two other disciplines:
 - Astronomy & Astrophysics
 - Fusion
- Aim:
 - Collaborate on unified methodology & structure
 - Benefit from Symbiosis
 - Common requirements
 - Resembling technical challenges
 - Avoid redundancy
 - Benefit from expertise



Migration to EGI

Result

- Project Proposal "SAFE" submitted to EU FP7-INFRA call
- Letters of support from major stakeholders, among them
 - EGEE & EGI Inspire
 - ~20 NGIs
 - International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics
 - European Geosciences Union
 - Open Geospatial Consortium
 - European Space Agency
 - Projects (DORII, EELA2, D4Science, ...)
 - and more...
- Expressed support from ESFRIs and SMEs
- Addressing requirements of users
- JRAs for evolution of European Grid



- 03/2010: Project rejected by EC
 - Like similar proposals (ROSCOE, CUE, TAPAS)
 - How to move forward?
- Risk mitigation from EGI Inspire:

EGI has limited resources to provide direct support to end users. Failure or reduced funding of a VRC will force the affected community to provide its own best effort voluntary support. The user support function in EGI will attempt to make affected communities aware of the resources available elsewhere in EGI that might be able to provide them with support.

What does it mean for us?

- Community organisation will still go on
- Organizing collaborations is more difficult
 - e.g. no funds for travel / meetings
- How to avoid redundant work?
- Users partially on their own,
 - Resources for VOs, Administration, Software,
 - Direct User Support?
 - Unlikely to get world-wide Earth Science support from NGI
- Who will work on improving the status quo? (NGI, HPC, funded people)
 - Interopability with GIS
 - Integration of data sources
 - Ease of access
- Probably loss of experience (Project Contracts)



The way forward

Our way forward:

- Scale down
 - What is most important?
- Create an "ES Grid Interest Group"
- Provide communication infrastructure for discussion and organisation
- Set up a small Executive Board
 - Examine alternative funding opportunities
 - Organise preparation of future proposals
 - Hold the Contact to NGIs, Sites, other projects
- See our portal (euearthsciencegrid.org)
- Will also be on Conferences: EGU, Bulgaria,

Open for further discussion!