Post-CWP perspectives for national R&D initiatives - CMS Italy

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Small and incomplete list of efforts I know about

- H2020 related efforts
- INFN ongoing efforts
- Other ...

H2020 projects

- Building on the success of INDIGO-Datacloud, three projects were submitted + approved in the first half on 2017 - starting 2018; all with INFN as first or second biggest contributor
- EOSC-Hub (PI: EGI.eu-NL)
 - Main "connector" project for European Open Science Cloud
 - DODAS thematic service (CMS is proponent and main target)
- XDC: The eXtreme DataCloud (PI: INFN-IT)
 - Develop scalable technologies for federating storage resources and managing data in highly distributed computing environments
- Deep-HyperCloud (PI: CSIC-Spain)
 - Work on intensive computing techniques on the analysis of very large datasets
 - Also on specialized hardware components, like GPUs, low-latency interconnects

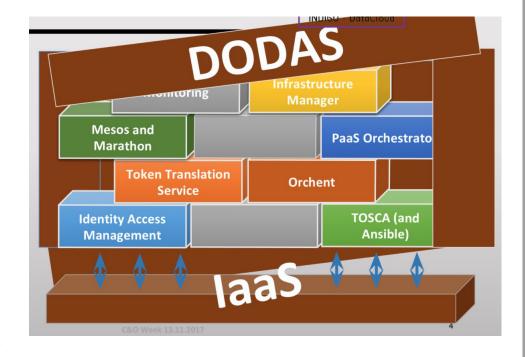
More in details - DODAS

• DODAS: ideas are:

- Describe via TOSCA templates full data centers, with pets and cows, with all the interdependencies
- TOSCA translates seamlessly to all the major open/proprietary cloud implementations
- Already tests on Azure, Openstack.
- Implement full stat of authorization/ authentication via IAM and TTS
- Next step: extend to storage, including virtual site proxies, caches,

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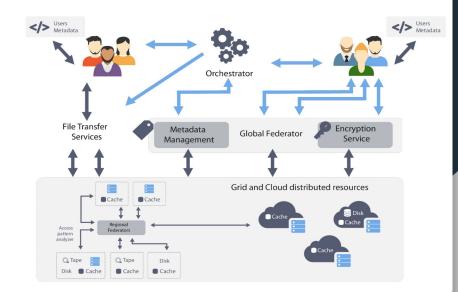
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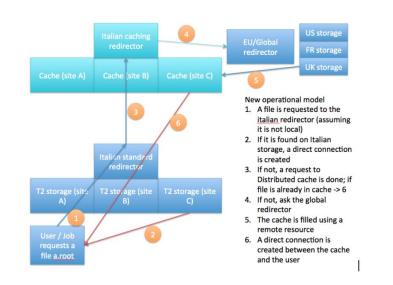


XDC

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- XDC: focus on data. Starting from existing software, integrate with added functionalities
- In Italy, most interest in developing a global caching infrastructure supporting the following building blocks:
 - Dynamic integration of satellite sites by existing data centres
 - Creation of standalone caches modelled on existing web solutions
 - Federation of the above to create a large scale caching infrastructure
- In a sentence, distributed smart caching





ESCAPE (INFRAEOSC-04)

- Being prepared in these days;
- INFN entering as principally as HL-LHC
- Main interest is "DataLake prototyping"
 - o CNAF participating as Computing center
 - o Qa
 - Interest in AAI infrastructure

THE MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPATING PROJECTS ARE ESFRI OR ESFRI LANDMARKS:			
СТА	ESFRI	HL-LHC	ESFRI-Landmark
SKA	ESFRI-Landmark	FAIR	ESFRI-Landmark
KM3Net	ESFRI	EGO-Virgo	
EST	ESFRI	JIVE	ERIC
ESO/E-ELT	ESFRI-Landmark	(LSST)	"observer"

(new)manpower

- 12 INFN positions for LHC SW/CMP R&D in early 2017 contracts starting early 2018
- CMS:
 - o 2 positions (PI, BA) on Machine Learning development for analysis, DQM, ...
 - 1 position (MIB) for Tracking with GPU
 - 1 position (PG) in data management, caches, DODAS
- We would like these persons (usually senior postdocs) to participate actively / take leading role in the efforts

• If successful, such contracts could become the norm in next years

More on the Infrastructure side

- As you know, CNAF is off since Nov 9th, due to a flood, till
 mid Feb.
- It was already planned moving to a separate site "in steps":
 - 2018: most of the CPU moved to PRACE Tier-0 CINECA (10 km away) storage at CNAF
 - Interesting test for aggregation of remote physical sites, dedicated network at 500 GBit/s (to be upgraded to 1200) available
 - We already have the first jobs running in this setup
 - 2019+: move the facility to the nearby ECWMF center,
 being built
 - Just got 15MEur of specific funding

- Review of the existing 30+ INFN computing centers ongoing
 - o Expect a reduction to mostly the 10 in WLCG hierarchy





More standard activities (CMS mostly)

- Deep Learning / Machine Learning for Physics
 - Physics (PI, BA, BO, ...) (PI), Btag (PI), Tracking/seeding (BA, PI),
 Trigger (BO)
 - GPU tracking and analysis (BA, CNAF, MIB)
- Data Management tests
 - Rucio tests (PG)

- ATLAS is following roughly the same path
 - Trying to form links, not easy at the moment

Conclusions

- More to come:
 - Next round of national level funding for specific projects in the next months
 - We see a large focus on ML/DL (even too much, sometimes just an attempt of using the buzzword?)
- European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) going to get the largest share of EU funding in IT in the next years
 - Not yet a well definite concept, but a clear focus for EU
- EU also trying to push for HPC@EU
 - 1 BEur on the table
 - Not yet defined through calls and grants
 - INFN involved in previous projects (EuroExa, ExaNest)