



Enabling Grids for  
E-science in Europe

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# PTF – History and Mandate

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# History

- The need for a cross-activity body to address technical aspects of the project was identified early in the project preparation
  - Technical Advisory Board (TAB) meetings (spring 2003)
- Appeared in the Technical Annex (TA) document as the *Architecture Group* (autumn 2003)
- Based on the work performed since TA submission and project start-up the structure/mandate of such a group has evolved
  - GLite prototype work and associated JRA1 design-team initiated by recommendations from LCG's SC-2 (ARDA report)
- Discussed at the EGEE PEB resulting in the present Project Technical Forum

# PTF Mandate

- **Requirements**
  - Merge requirements and use cases from the application, security, and operations groups
  - Manage the evolution of the requirements and use cases
  - Prioritize the requirements and verify if (and how) the defined use cases are satisfied by the EGEE architectural design
- **Specifications**
  - Review the grid service specifications and control changes to those specifications and external interfaces
  - Seek and promote common solutions where commonalities exist in the middleware or application domains
- **Relations**
  - Promote convergence with other grid projects by incorporating requirements from external projects using (or hoping to use) EGEE software and by discussing the EGEE design with other projects

# Composition

- Moderator
- middleware re-engineering (JRA1)
- applications (NA4)
- operations (SA1)
- security (JRA3)
- networks (SA2/JRA4)

Members are proposed by respective activity managers

Will be revised periodically to ensure it accurately reflects the focus of the project

# Decisions

- PTF moderator reports directly to the project technical director
- Minutes (available to everyone in the project) of all meetings will be kept with decisions made
- Disputes handled at the PEB level (which has its own escalation process if necessary - project director and PMB)