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Relations with Other Projects

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- **The overall theme of this talk is "Policy forums and EGEE"**
  - EGEE as a Support Organization
  - EGEE as a Host
  - EGEE as a participant handled mainly elsewhere in this review.
    - Standardization work, joint groups.
- **Practical, concrete Motivations for this activity:**
  - Remove policy level stumbling blocks that might slow down or prevent the work of EGEE and the collaborations it is involved in
  - Part of the overall effort to effort to ensure that the project is not working in isolation.
- **Sub-Topics:**
  - EGEE supporting eInfrastructures Reflection Group
  - EGEE hosting the first Concertation event on eInfrastructures
  - Status, future challenges

EGEE as a Support Organization

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- **The eInfrastructures Reflection Group (eIRG)**
  - Mission: support easy and cost-effective shared use of electronic resources in Europe
  - 23 countries (government-appointed representatives), EU: 2 members
  - Stronger link with ESFRI in the future - 10-20 year roadmap.
- **EGEE link with eIRG predates EGEE**
  - Large part of the EGEE community has been involved since the beginning of the eIRG
- **Two major eIRG events during the "EGEE era"**
  - Dublin meeting, April 2004
  - Den Haag meeting, November 2004
- **Changes in the meantime**
  - Kick-off of the EGEE NA5 activity
    - Support for the eIRG a key component of the activity
  - General emphasis in the importance of broadening the scope.

- **Clarified roles**
  - Editor
  - Subeditors
  - Version manager, integrator
- **For the Den Haag version:**
  - Created a new structure to reflect the issues
    - Based on the discussion with the eIRG board, EU and the support team.
    - Refined the original roadmap.
  - Integrated text from previous versions only as needed
  - Above will be part of the recommended process in the future?
- **Process and the Support team likely a major contributing factor in the success**
  - Extremely tight schedule
  - End result met generally with approval.

- **Organized in Den Haag, November 22nd-23rd 2004.**
  - Combined with the EGEE-2 project conference.
- **Participation from broad range of projects**
  - Over 200 Grid developers present in the event
  - EGEE adopted the role of a host:
    - Pre-event questionnaires asking for input
    - Session chair duties shared with other projects
  - Influenced the contents of the deliverable "European Grid project Synergy Roadmap"
- **Follow-up activity ongoing**
  - Invitation to join in the technical working groups sent out on January 21st
  - Groups are open
    - Participation is not limited to EU-funded or "European" projects.

- **Slightly isolated activity from the rest of the project**
  - Result of the quick ramp-up needed leading to the eIRG and Concertation events -> focus on external contacts
  - Mitigation plans: closer contact with other networking activities, broadening the contact interface of the NA5 with other activities
    - Lateral contacts between NA5 and other networking activities (NA2/NA4 initiated)
- **Nature of the activity creates certain level of uncertainty**
  - Scheduling of the eIRG and concertation meetings and matching them with deliverables can be a challenge
  - The role and structure of both of the above is likely to evolve.
- **Scoping issues as a forum host and participant**
  - Which are the forums EGEE should get involved?
  - To what degree?
  - There is a wide array of European fora, with varying timescales and sized.

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- **Important deliverables, milestones and steps for the next 9 months**
  - Deliverables
    - Progress report on International Cooperation Activities (Terena taking the lead), PM12
    - Next version of the eIRG White Paper, PM15
    - European Grid Project Synergy report, PM18
  - Steps
    - Support for the launch of the cross-project Working Groups
      - *Technical support, facilitation*
    - Facilitation in the Grid and Grid and Networking infrastructure concertation events.

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- **EGEE has engaged on broad range of policy-level discussions**
  - Provides a service for the eIRG
  - Supports concertation activity with the whole Grid and networking infrastructures area
- **There are very few structural challenges remaining**
  - Sustainability of the eIRG support?
  - Defining the extent of involvement in the research oriented collaboration.
- **Most of the issues manageable in evolutionary manner**
  - Closer integration of the policy level networking activities with the main EGEE focus has been initiated.
  - Supporting the cross-project interaction and its consolidation
    - The role of the eIRG important in these efforts.