EGEE
Enabling Grids for
E-science in Europe

Meeting Object: **NA3 partner meeting and initial planning**

Editor: **John Murison, 17 NeSC**

Meeting Date: **10am CET, 23rd February, 2004**
Meeting Place: **Telephone Conference Call**

Attendees:	**2 GUP**	**Dieter Kranzlmueller**
	4 CESNET	**Jan Kmunicek**
	8 MTA SZTAKI	**Ferenc Vajda**
	11 ICM	**Wojciech Wislicki**
	17 NeSC	**John Murison (chair)**
	17 NeSC	**Malcolm Atkinson**
	28 FZK	**Rüdiger Berlich**
	34 KU NATFAX	**Michael Grønager**
	52 TAU	**David Horn**
	53 ICI	**Gabriel Niaju**

Apologies:	**51 GRNET**	**Ognjen Prnjat**

Absent:

Distribution: **NA3 Partners**
Information

AGENDA

1. Welcome. Participants to introduce themselves, and say something about their institutions.

2. Discussion

3. Next Conference Call

AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE CALL

1. Welcome. Each participant was asked to introduce himself or herself, and say something about their institution. This was done in (approximately) the order in which partner organisations are numbered in the Technical Annex.

4 CESNET Jan Kmunicek

Jan Kmunicek described NA3 work in terms of 'inboard' and 'outboard' activities, and with respect to outboard (i.e. concerned with disseminating use of the Grid to those outside the EGEE project) emphasised the importance of synchronising ('binding') the NA3 work with that of NA4. He felt that courses should offer an infrastructure to NA4. He also noted that the Czech trainers would be well able to present material in English.

8 MTA SZTAKI Ferenc Vajda

Ferenc Vajda noted that MTA SZTAKI had participated in EDG and GridLab. They were the leading partner in the Central European Region. He raised the possibility of hosting a summer school in September. Using English as the teaching language would not be a problem.

28 FZK Rüdiger Berlich

Rüdiger Berlich described FZK (Karlsruhe), and noted that it had AccessGrid facilities (up to 30 people). They could provide a translation service for outward courses. He felt that June 2004 would be slightly too early for FZK to host their first EGEE courses, however.

34 KU NATFAX Michael Grønager

Michael Grønager introduced the set-up in Copenhagen. He worked for a company which ran supercomputers, although they also did some teaching. (Michael would be the main teacher for EGEE courses.) They had facilities for up to 50 attendees. He was interested in presenting advanced technical courses, starting after the summer.

52 TAU David Horn

David Horn noted that TAU was coordinating the Israeli Grid collaboration; also that he specialized in HEP and Computer Science. He wished EGEE material to be in English (although some might be translated by them into Hebrew). He felt that EGEE tutorials could be taught by them starting in October. He would be pleased to organise outward-facing meetings: there was a market for these in Israel.

53 ICI Gabriel Niaju

Gabriel Niaju felt that for EGEE training to be a success, with so many partners and groups it was essential for the training activity to be tightly focussed, on EGEE and its requirements. He said that his organisation specialised in web publishing devoted to training. He noted that they were involved in an Oracle cooperation initiative.

11 ICM Wojciech Wislicki

Wojciech Wislicki said that ICM were interested in hosting training workshops. They would like to focus on the public relations aspects of dissemination, with articles in magazines. They were mainly concerned with commerce and industry. They would be able to start training after the Autumn.

2. Discussion

Rüdiger Berlich raised the question of EGEE training material beng made available to commercial people. (This might become an issue, particularly in outward facing activities.) The view was taken that there was no objection to this so long as the EGEE project was given proper acknowledgement as the source of the material.

David Horn noted that TAU had a collaboration agreement with Oracle (as did 53 ICI). Perhaps such an agreement could be negotiated for the whole of EGEE.

Ferenc Vajda raised the question of internal training for EGEE participants. It was noted that the importance of such training was stressed in the EGEE project documents, and that induction courses for new EGEE staff were planned for the start of the project.

Jan Kmunicek again raised the issue of how NA3 work could be synchronised with NA4, in particular with the specific subject areas being covered by NA4 activities. It wasa noted that NeSC, the lead site for NA3, had been given an NA4 liaison post with this very issue in mind.

3. Next Conference Call

Next conference call: Monday 15th March 14:00 CET

(see http://agenda.cern.ch/fullAgenda.php?ida=a041039 for details.)