

IT EC Meeting, 21/05/2010 513-R-068

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Present:

Bob Jones (chair), Florida Estrella Cainglet (minutes), Jamie Shiers (part-time), Tim Smith, Catherine Gater, Alberto Di Meglio, Massimo Lamanna, Svetlomidir Stavrev, Kate Kahle, Angela Goehring-Crinon (part-time), Dita Mocova, Pascale Pessy

Objective of the meeting: Update on the status of recently completed and recently launched projects and proposals; news about upcoming EC calls.

-Introduction (Bob)

Bob gave an overview of the recently completed projects, including the budget and effort expenditure, review schedule and personnel.

ETICS 2 review update (Alberto): Pending finalisation of the management report, final payment will follow.

-Update on EGI InSPIRE SA3 (Jamie)

EGI-InSPIRE started 1st of May. Significant overhead & many adhoc meetings in Amsterdam. CERN is SA3 leader; task leader of 'Applications' and LHC VOs. Jamie flagged the unclear responsibilities for deliverables & milestones, as well as the management of SA3/Task 2 'Shared services' which CERN is leading. CERN people in EGI-InSPIRE: Jamie, Maria, Julia, Massimo + new hires.

We need to clarify who is responsible at CERN for activities JRA1 and SA1.

Consortium Agreement: Input from Angela and Dita sent to NIKHEF. Issues raised include governance model, relationship with EGI.eu and financial provisions.

-Update on OpenAire & D4Science-II & BlogForever(Tim)

D4Science-II started in Oct09, overlapping 3 months with D4Science. CERN is SA1 leader. Personnel all hired + TECH to be hired in the current round. D4Science-II has recently started working in earnest, 6 months into the project. Two issues raised: change in governance model with the inclusion of one of the five user communities in the PMB and the refactoring of the gCube code. Next step is the submission of D4Science-III in Nov'10.

OpenAIRE started Dec09. CERN is task leader of SA5 Orphan Service repository. Orphan repository is ready and available, although currently unused waiting for the M6 integration layer to be released by the project. Another CSA bid is planned soon (previous submission was unsuccessful).

BlogForever submitted in April'10 as STREP.

-Update on GridTalk & eScienceTalk (Catherine)

GridTalk extended by 4 months until Aug'10. CERN is leading WP3 iSGTW. Next steps – date & final review, final project deliverables and handover from Dan Drollette to new editor in Dec'10.

e-ScienceTalk – aiming to start Sep'10, final DoW uploaded in NEF. 1st draft of consortium agreement circulated, based on the GridTalk CA. Coordination for this project has moved from CERN to EGI.eu as agreed with IT management and will continue to be led by Catherine Gater. CERN responsibilities – iSGTW editor and Science Writer. Next step: sign A forms, finalise CA and GA, recruit Science Writer.

-Update on EMI (Alberto)

EMI started May'10 for 3 years. DoW submitted, CA under discussion, 2 unsigned Form As, GA expected mid June. CERN leads NA1 and SA2 activities; leads the 'Infrastructure Service' technical area; leads

various tasks. Governance model of EMI is complex with 26 partners involved in 3 middleware collaborations; ongoing discussion on the responsibilities of ECB and CB. EMI people are from IT-DI (NA1) and IT-GT (SA2, JRA1) plus new hires handled by IT-GT. Next steps: Security and Kick-off @ CERN in May'10, QA plan, User support plan, collaboration programs, SLAs with EGI. Clarification on the declaration of CERN effort for people working in EMI – not everyone who is expected to contribute to EMI is included in the list presented by Alberto. Alberto raised concern about visibility of EMI within CERN. Massimo suggested approaching community coordinators and Kate suggested a short article in CERN courier and possibly CNL.

-Update on EnviroGrids, ULICE, PARTNER (Massimo)

Envirogrids recently had its project conference; CERN-led deliverables are under control; fellow being renewed; good synergies with group's activities GANGA and Dashboard.

PARTNER – 4 fellows hosted in IT-ES; deliverables under control; looking for good synergies with the rest of the group.

ULICE – started; fellow to be hired in the next round.

GRIDIMOB proposal submitted Apr10; CERN is not leading any WP; very competitive call.

New call: November call on eScience environments; some interest in GANGA extension

We should take this opportunity to collect feedback about the preparation & negotiation process – what worked and what did not.

Is there something better we could do for the next round of submissions/proposals?

-Important to know why ROSCOE was not funded

-New proposals should be innovative to be successful

-New proposals should build on existing projects / results rather than continuously propose alternatives

-Define a reasonable time scale for accommodating new proposals e.g. CERN IT deadline for receiving request for participation

-Web based procedure/form (similar to EGEE LoS <http://collaborating.eu-egee.org/index.php?id=163>) to request CERN IT participation

-Shift in EC focus – calls focusing on societal problems, industry-led group, low carbon economy, etc.

-Need freedom to choose trusted partners (easier when CERN is the coordinator)

-If CERN is the coordinator, CERN should have rules for participation e.g. min FTE per task/partner to avoid fragmentation and excessive overheads.

Upcoming EC calls (Svet)

Svet presented the opportunities for CERN IT under FP7 2011 WP.

INFRA-2011-1.2.1: e-Science environments

INFRA-2011-1.2.2: Data infrastructures for e-Science

INFRA-2011-3.4: Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures

ICT Challenge 1 - Pervasive and Trusted Network and Service Infrastructures

ICT Challenge 4 - Technologies for Digital Content and Languages

ICT Challenge 5 - ICT for Health, Ageing Well, Inclusion and Governance

ICT Challenge 8 - ICT for learning and access to cultural resources

ICT International Cooperation measures

Marie Curie Programme Initial Training Networks (ITN)

Marie Curie Programme Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)

AOB and future meetings

End of summer in preparation for the autumn call.