

20th e-IRG delegates meeting,

Arlanda, Sweden, 30 November, 2009

– Provisional Report –

The 20th e-IRG delegates meeting was held at the Arlanda Airport, Sweden, on 30 November 2009. During this meeting, collaboration opportunities between the e-IRG and other organisations, and the statuses of the different e-IRG documents in preparation (Roadmap, Data Management Task force report, White Paper, etc.) were presented and discussed.

e-IRG liaisons and collaborations with other organisations

Norman Wiseman (JISC) presented to the e-IRG delegates the ERA-NET project **e-Infranet**. The goals of the two initiatives are very well aligned, and in some areas such as green computing or cloud computing, exchange of information will surely benefit both groups. Both parties emphasised the importance of utilising the obvious synergies to the best effect.

Collaboration opportunities arising from the different past and future visits of the e-IRG chair to countries outside Europe (Venezuela, India, China, etc.) were discussed, including the relationship between the e-IRG and some major European research organisations involved in global scientific initiatives. The option of inviting observers from these organisations to future meetings was seen as something to consider.

Kyriakos Baxevanidis (EC) presented the current organisational changes at the European Commission, and the agenda of the next European Union Competitiveness Council of Ministers in Brussels on 3-4 December that shall adopt a series of conclusions on ICT, the post i2010 research agenda in Europe and the European Research Area (ERA). With regard to international collaboration, the US/EU collaboration on science and technology was discussed. A follow-up meeting to earlier contacts with OCI representatives was held, with an MoU to be signed by high-level representatives from the US-Administration and the EC on the agenda.

Issues related to the implementation of ESFRI projects, which for the moment largely depends on funding from the Member States, were also raised. The status of the e-IRG report on e-Infrastructures to be prepared to ESFRI was discussed, together with its relationship to the next e-IRG White Paper. The final report, with a provisional name “Blue Paper”, shall be ready by June 2010. It was noted that the authentication and authorisation work that had already been initiated should be included in the document to be sent to ESFRI.

e-IRG documents under preparation

Matti Heikkurinen (e-IRGSP2) presented the status of the **e-IRG roadmap** draft. The plan for completing the work was approved, with the goal of initiating the public consultation in December and having the final draft version of the document ready for the e-IRG board at the beginning of

February 2010. In addition to general comments, the recommendations of the roadmap were reviewed in detail during the meeting.

Dany Vandromme reported that the **DMTF report** was now ready to be endorsed by the e-IRG plenum. Vandromme proposed positioning the document as a working document and basis for further contributions rather than a final word on the topic. The DMTF report was endorsed by the plenum and Dany Vandromme will create a document describing the next steps related to data management for consideration in the next meeting.

As the final item on the agenda, Patrick Aerts presented the current status of the plans for the future e-IRG support structure (the **e-IRGSP3 project proposal**) and the minor changes brought to it since the previous meeting.

In his closing words, Leif Laaksonen noted that in 2010 the e-IRG will need to elect the new chair. According to the bylaws, the decision needs to be made during the first meeting of the Belgian presidency. A group driving the selection process needs to be selected, representing countries not sending candidates for the election of the chair.