



22nd e-IRG delegates meeting

Brussels, Belgium, 15th October 2010

–Summary Report –

The 22nd e-IRG delegates meeting was held in Brussels, Belgium, on 15th October 2010. During this meeting, collaboration opportunities between the e-IRG and other organizations, and the statuses of the different e-IRG policy papers and actions in preparation, as well as national initiatives were presented and discussed.

e-IRG liaison and collaboration with other organisations

A general discussion took place on the involvement of other organisations/stakeholders into the preparation of the various e-IRG policy papers. It was noted that access to the Blue Paper was slightly more restricted than for other documents (e.g. no public consultation was available for the Blue Paper). This was due to the special nature of the Blue Paper which originated from an ESFRI request. As such, it was decided that the decision to make the document public was left to ESFRI.

Developing collaboration between e-IRG and other major e-Infrastructure initiatives was seen as crucial by the delegates. The plenum agreed that the important thing was to ensure an efficient flow of information. The use of the e-IRG workshops and the possibility of inviting large initiatives to present and arrange smaller parallel, possibly private, sessions with the delegates were seen as a viable option. It was noted that the arrangements and marketing of the workshops would need more investments in the future for this to work – also the timing and the themes of the workshops should be known earlier in advance. As a conclusion the plenum decided to proceed with a workshop-based approach, combined with focused interaction with the major e-Infrastructure initiatives. The next e-IRG workshop will take place in Budapest, Hungary, in March 2011. Emphasis will be put on Future Internet, Public-Private Partnership and regional matters.

The presence of the Indian delegation during the Brussels workshop was seen as a clear indication that Indian representatives are willing to invest in collaboration with e-IRG. To handle such high-level contacts more efficiently in the future, options of assigning a task force or creation of an inventory of e-IRG contact points (based on specific expertise) were discussed. Leveraging global links in the community was also mentioned, e.g. through EGI and GEANT that engage in global collaboration that is not limited to just networking but encompasses also broader activities. After the discussion the plenum decided to proceed with both surveying the possible e-IRG contact points (in collaboration with e-IRGSP2 & e-IRGSP3) and by appointing a liaison committee.

The e-IRG presence in various events was also discussed, as well as the work of the support project and the migration from e-IRGSP2 to e-IRGSP3. Rossend Llubra reported on some contacts established by e-IRGSP2 and projects related to the FIRE initiative, such as the FIRESTATION project. The plenum concluded that links with FIRE initiative were important and encouraged e-IRGSP2 to study collaboration opportunities further.

News from the European Commission and Member States

Bernhard Fabianek, EC project officer, GEANT and Networking, briefly presented the European Commission's Innovation Union flagship Initiative and the innovation partnerships scheme which is part of the Initiative, and the coming FP8. The positioning of e-Infrastructures as an analogous entity with other Research Infrastructures was discussed, in particular.

Serkan Orcan (e-IRG delegate for Turkey) reported that the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey has approved the establishment of a National Science e-infrastructure advisory board, to be chaired by the e-IRG delegates. The board will have a broad membership and start its operations in the beginning of 2011. **Gudmund Høst** (e-IRG delegate for Norway) reported that a Nordic e-Infrastructure action plan has been published and that Norway is also publishing a report on scientific argument for e-Infrastructure. It was decided to include this information in the e-IRG Knowledge Base as soon as possible. **Sverker Holmgren** (e-IRG delegate for Sweden) told the plenum that the Swedish national RI roadmap is being updated, and that SNIC was asked to provide e-Infrastructure-related content. The document is to be completed in early 2011. **René Belsø** (e-IRG delegate for Denmark) told that Denmark was in the same process, schedule roughly half a year behind the one of Swedish RI roadmap.

e-IRG Policy Papers and follow-up actions

Blue Paper and follow-up

It was decided that e-IRG delegates should approach their national ESFRI contacts to ensure a wide dissemination of the e-IRG Blue Paper among ESFRI delegates and discuss opportunities for future collaborations.

White Paper

Writing responsibilities were allocated during the meeting, with a “champion” and various additional contributors. It was also decided that the topics should be expanded based on the feedback received during the workshop.

Topics	Champion	Contributors
Research Networking topics (more specific ideas required)	The Netherlands	Croatia, Poland
Authentication-Authorization	Switzerland	AAI team countries: Denmark, Germany, Spain, Sweden
Energy and Green IT	Poland	Denmark, Germany, Spain, Sweden
HPC software / Exascale computing (merged with Exascale)	Spain	The Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Poland
e-Infrastructure governance / Legal-Financial issues (Main topic)	Germany – The Netherlands	Spain, France, Denmark
e-Infrastructure services (software, hardware, clouds)	Hungary	Norway, Poland
Cooperation with industry/Public Private Partnership	Belgium	The Netherlands (on PRACE related issues)
e-Infrastructure services for scientific data	Poland	Norway, UK

The final version of the White Paper should be published early next year, by 15th February 2011.

Blue Paper on Data Management

Norbert Meyer presented the status of the follow-up work to the Data Management Task Force Report (DMTF). The goal is to publish the paper after the June 2011 delegates meeting. The DMTF mailing list had been activated, including links with TERENA TF – Storage and CoreGrii network, DCI data management projects. The document is intended to contain five chapters:

1. Data e-infrastructure
2. Reliability
3. Metadata
4. Unified access
5. Security (AAI –identification & access control, incident handling)

A focused approach that avoids repeating work already done was seen as important in order to produce a timely paper that will be seen as relevant. Adding governance as a topic and the option of presenting ideas on how to turn the High Level Expert Group's vision into reality were mentioned. It was noted that security in the context of data is a very broad area. Another challenge was to deal with contributions that could be seen as coming from parties with vested interest in certain outcomes.

The schedule of the Blue Paper on Data Management document was discussed, as well as the possibility to link it to the next e-IRG workshop in March 2011.