Highlights, surprises and common next steps

- Highlights:
    - Integration: global approach, alignment of national agendas
    - e-Infrastructure driven by (global) user communities, ESFRI, barriers of entry
    - New arrival of data and metadata

- Surprising details, possible weak signals or future topics
    - Innovation as context for research, extending e-Infra user base
    - "Single" (on operations level)
        - sign on, representative for e-Infra service providers, legal entities in Europe,...
    - Going towards the background?
        - VO: option rather than requirement? New user communities, new structures
        - Legal issues? Now encapsulated to specific topics
        - "Ecosystem", usability, standards and industry mentioned quite infrequently
            - Exception: HPC service starting a new industry (instead of just serve and engage)

- Often mentioned next steps
    - Engaging with the users in new ways: the policy level (governance, funding), joint analysis of requirements
    - Plan on how to deal with broadening technology palettes (Cloud, multi-middleware, dark fiber) and simplify user experience - and be sustainable!
        - Are these three issues tackled together - within and across organisations?

Madrid workshop - closing thoughts

- A big thank you for the Spanish presidency for making the "Workshop Impossible" possible!
  - And for all the speakers, participants, Global Plaza team and support staff!
- We started many interesting discussions today - very concentrated, rich experience
  - Implementation of EGI, PRACE
  - Strong input from e-Science and e-Infrastructures in Europe and other regions
  - Growing awareness of e-Infrastructure: council conclusions, national roadmaps
- We need to continue the discussions!
  - Workshop in October 2010, Brussels to be announced soon
  - Open consultation of documents
  - Update list (sign-up on the e-IRG website)
  - e-IRG secretariat: secretariat@e-irg.eu
  - And most importantly: **please fill in the workshop questionnaire**!