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Mapping the Impact of European e-Infrastructure landscape The European e-Infrastructures Observatory

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Need

- 06.2009, Proceedings of Workshop "Role of Research Infrastructures for a Competitive Knowledge Economy", ESFRI: further reflection on impact assessment work of the different stakeholders, allowing hopefully for better management of the facilities as well as more efficient preparation of future actions", elaborating more explicitly that "[...] increased attention to the planning of new large scale facilities has led to requests for studies on the impact of research infrastructures. As well as bringing scientific benefits, funding bodies are increasingly interested to measure and maximise their economic and social benefits from their investment on large scale facilities", and concluding that "although there is some material from impact studies available, this is mainly of an 'anecdotal nature' and time might have come to provide more sophisticated evidence. This might require the definition of new methodologies to measure performance, impact and output of the new major facilities listed in the ESFRI Roadmap".
- 09.2009, Study "Evaluation of pertinence and impact of Community Support for Research Infrastructures in the 6FP", commissioned by DG Research and DG INFSO: "it is recommended that concrete impact measures based on the sound evaluation of existing and potential data sources are developed. This includes establishing a set of indicators for which comparable time-series data can be collected. This will provide more specific and measurable impacts moving away from opinion-based indicators. This will enable impacts to be measured and evaluated more accurately in the





- **2010, Council of the European Union** invited the **Member States** and **stakeholders** to *"further monitor the digital and ICT related performance through indicators and scoreboard".*
- 11.2010, eConcertation meeting, Session on Socio-Economic Evaluation of e·Infrastructures:
 - The e-Infrastructures' impact should be analyzed in parallel both in the macroeconomic and microeconomic domains, e.g., developing methodologies of socio-economic evaluation at each level; finding complementary and proper indicators; using/creating ad hoc and official data sources; and enabling stakeholders and policy makers to access significant quantitative and qualitative macro and micro information and data.
 - All e-Infrastructure projects should develop a common understanding about evaluation and impact assessment, openly discuss the methodology, agree on indicators and data sources and contribute to the build-up of the evaluation framework.
 - Projects should start collecting both qualitative and quantitative information from the start (and often beyond the life of a project), and should know their user base to facilitate impact assessment.
 - The public at large is not aware of the electronic infrastructures, as they don't have access and therefore don't know about it. If one wants to "touch" them the data has to be related to their real world scenario. Impact assessment could have an impact on the public at large if used as a method to foster European pride.



Need

- 02.2012, Workshop on development of impact measures for e-Infrastructures
- A periodic, project-based assessment that can be aggregated at overall Programme level is necessary
 - Proposed approach of RI-Impact can help address that gap and provide a methodological framework for e.Infrastructures projects monitoring
- A holistic approach and supporting tools are still missing, able to
 - monitor e Infrastructures impacts and trends at EU/MS (and beyond) level and reveal interrelations to macroscopic socio-economic indicators
 - utilise "factual", unbiased metrics and data without subjective interpretations
 - apply a validation/curation process to ensure that the utilised data accurately represent the e•Infrastructures status quo
 - take into account owners, users, and sponsors of e Infrastructures at both EU and National level
 - cover regions beyond EU with the same monitoring framework thus allowing for cross comparisons of EU e. Infrastructures to international ones



Initiatives

- Development and maintenance of international databases and repositories for e.Infrastructures-related components
 - GEANT/TERENA compendium
 - e-IRG knowledge base
 - CEENGINE knowledge base
 - EuroRIs-Net+ knowledge repository
 - EGI.eu databases
 - TOP500 supercomputers, etc
- Carrying out of surveys and assessments
 - RI-IMPACT study
 - ERINA+ assessment
 - e-FISCAL study, etc
- and other initiatives



e-nventory vision

Establish the European e Infrastructures Observatory

- an online, single-entry-point platform
- offering interactive, user-driven visualisation tools, and
- an extensive set of benchmarking indicators
- geographically addressing Europe in order to:
 - facilitate multidimensional and polymorphic monitoring and analysis
 - support fact-based policy and learning, and
 - disseminate achievements of e-Infrastructures in Europe and beyond



Current status

- Offers 7 intuitive, interactive and user-friendly visualisation tools based on best practices in visualisation and representation techniques
- Features a core set of more than 45 benchmarking indicators that are the baseline for monitoring e-Infrastructures development progress, usage, impact and investments
- Provides access to more than **10.000** individual figures and other related data and benchmarks
- Consolidates more than 18 months of stakeholders' feedback and consensus on the structure and functionality of a world-class e•Infrastructures Observatory



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 - A targeted dissemination activity took place in November 2011, through a campaign that addressed more than 160 global champions in the field of e⁻Infrastructures, includind e-IRG members
- Fellow projects and initiatives such as

Feedback and consensus



Numerical indicators

- **Performance/Capacity** (What are we getting for what we pay?)
 - Networking infrastructure:
 - NREN typical backbone capacity, direct IP connection to GEANT, IP access capacity
 - Supercomputing infrastructure:
 - National supercomputers maximum performance, peak performance, number of cores, number of processors, in the top500 list
 - Grid infrastructure:
 - NGI maximum performance, number of cores, number of processors, installed disk capacity, Number of Grid sites connected to the NGI
- Usage/Utilisation (How many users are utilising/accessing it?)
 - Usage:
 - NREN IP traffic from external networks, NREN backbone congestion index, National supercomputers core hours, NGI core hours, NGI number of jobs
 - Users:
 - Researchers, R&D personnel, Teaching staff in tertiary education, Teaching staff in secondary education, Students in tertiary education, Students in secondary education
- **Cost/Budget** (How much are we paying for it?)
 - NREN budget National supercomputers cost of ownership NGI budget



Numerical indicators

- Other indicators
 - Scientific Impact:
 - Patent applications, Publications, Citations
 - Digital Agenda:
 - Fixed broadband penetration, Mobile broadband penetration, Regular internet users, Population who have never used the internet, Fixed broadband internet connection charge, Fixed broadband internet monthly subscription, International commercial internet bandwidth
 - Horizon 2020:
 - Gross domestic expenditure on R&D, Total unemployment rate
- Supporting:
 - Gross domestic product, Gross domestic product per capita, Gross enrolment ratio, Population, Surface area



Non-numerical indicators

- Stakeholders Mapping: 43 NRENs, 41 NGIs, 59 Supercomputing centres and 4 Pan-European coordinating entities with information provided in 7 attributes (country, logotype, full name, abbreviation, website, address, description)
- Pan-European Networks : GEANT network backbone links and Cross-border fibre connections
- Chronology: establishment of NRENs, NGIs, Supercomputers, major projects, other milestones.





Observatory

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The observatory is becoming public

(www.e-observatory.eu)





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European e-Infrastructures Observatory some remarks – food for thought



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Networking, Supercomputing & DCI





NREN IP traffic from external networks (Terabytes)





Usage vs. Users vs. Budget





Surroundings (1/4)

Population who have never used the internet





Surroundings (2/4) Patent applications





Surroundings (3/4)

Gross domestic expenditure on R&D



Surroundings (4/4) Publications vs. GDP

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European e-Infrastructures Observatory

Future goal

• The European e-Infrastructures Observatory aspires to

- be enjoyed by all e Infrastructures stakeholders and assist them with a solid tool for monitoring the development progress, usage, impact and investments-drawn;
- expand to emerging themes of e-Infrastructures across the European Union and global regions of interest to the EU;
- become an online collaboration platform, a virtual library of e•Infrastructures champions and components, bringing closer
 e•Infrastructures stakeholders and supporting community-building;
- empower international cooperation of e.Infrastructure organisations and individuals;
- become a unique dissemination platform of European success stories and new initiatives.

The challenges

- A periodic, project-based assessment that can be aggregated at overall EU Programme level.
- A holistic approach for consistently applying data validation/curation in order to ensure that the collected data accurately represent the e-Infrastructures status quo.
- A set of data points that would enable to cover regions beyond EU with the same monitoring framework thus allowing for cross-comparisons of EU e-Infrastructures to international ones.
- A set of indicators and benchmarks to monitor **emerging e**·**Infrastructures** such as data infrastructures, cloud, as well as other areas of interest.
- A universal framework for monitoring e-Infrastructures impacts and trends at EU/MS (and beyond) level and revealing interrelations to macroscopic socio-economic indicators by utilising "factual", unbiased metrics and data without subjective interpretations.
- A collaboration framework that would be able to accommodate the views of owners, users, and sponsors of e.Infrastructures at both EU and National level.

The challenges

- on the **networking** side
- on the **grid** computing side
- on the **supercomputing** side
- on other emerging e-Infrastructures

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Stakeholders Endorsement

The Roadmap

- The Commission and e-Infrastructure policy bodies shall explore possibilities how to support a holistic framework for monitoring e-Infrastructures development, capitalising on and expanding the results of the European e-Infrastructures Observatory, to:
 - Cover global regions of interest where significant e.Infrastructures actions are taking place and/or international cooperation initiatives have been supported by the EU;
 - Address emerging e-Infrastructures and related initiatives that will be key enablers of the European Digital Agenda 2020, such as data infrastructures, cloud computing and broadband access initiatives;
 - Standardise and automate data harvesting and repository processes, in an manner interoperable with existing data repositories, in order to support updating as new data becomes available at the data source;
 - Deploy novel visualisation tools and techniques for representing the development of new e·Infrastructures themes, revealing Pan-European as well as Trans-Continental collaborations and impacts of e·Infrastructures that are key enabling pillars of international e·Science.

The Roadmap

- The Commission should facilitate consultation and consensus processes at a global level towards the establishment of a global e.Infrastructures Observatory via the engagement of international e.Infrastructures experts, representing both regions of interest as well as themes of interest.
- Running flagship e·Infrastructure initiatives/projects should strengthen the collection and aggregation of data values for selected indicators, through a systematic and well-defined framework, for each of the e·Infrastructure fields (networking, DCI, HPC, etc.) by the organisations/structures that coordinate the respective initiatives (e.g. DANTE/TERENA, EGI.eu, PRACE AISBL, etc); wherever possible this process should build up a time series including past events.
- The Commission and National Governments should pursue a holistic approach for consistently applying data validation/curation to ensure that the collected data accurately represent the e-Infrastructures status quo.

The Roadmap

- The Commission should ensure that future flagship e.Infrastructure initiatives/projects incorporate appropriate monitoring and assessment procedures according to relevant indicators suitable for the long-term e.Infrastructures assessment and benchmarking, which if not in the project proposal should be incorporated into projects at the project negotiation phase.
- The Commission should pursue, in close cooperation with National Governments, its efforts to support the maintenance and update of a European e.Infrastructures Observatory to keep up-to-date with the ongoing developments in this field at international level.
- Major e-Infrastructure stakeholders should facilitate, in close cooperation with pan-European coordinating organizations and national bodies, the collection of indicators in two emerging, important aspects of the development of European e-Infrastructures: sustainability and human capacity of e-Infrastructures. In neither case is there any information gathered consistently at present, if at all.

Call you to

- Use the European e-Infrastructures Observatory and provide feedback
 - <u>www.e-observatory.eu</u>
- Provide feedback on the Copenhagen e-Infrastructures
 Observatory White Paper Towards a European strategy for an e-Infrastructures Observatory
 - tbd

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