

Developing the New EGI Strategy - Survey for the EGI Council

Introduction and Purpose

We are revising the overall EGI strategy to lead our activities over the next 5-10 years and have drafted an overarching Open Science Commons vision and related policy paper. Now we are identifying the challenges and the shifts that EGI will have to face and what the role of EGI and the related strategic goals would be.

We are developing the new EGI strategy iteratively, to progressively include the viewpoint of the EGI.eu staff, the EGI.eu Executive Board, the EGI Council and key representatives of the user communities and technology providers.

With this survey, we wish to collect the viewpoint of the members of the EGI Council. The goal is to scope the major shifts that we need to make to succeed in responding to the demands from the ERA. Your input will be used to draft the EGI strategy to be discussed in a dedicated workshop (presumably in February 2015).

1. Your contact info

Name	<input type="text"/>
NGI/EIRO	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>

Current situation: What works and what could be better?

We are looking at the strategy for EGI. From your perspective, as an NGI/EIRO:

2. What works well? (please, highlight the top 3 capabilities and the perceived benefits)

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2nd Capability	<input type="text"/>
3rd Capability	<input type="text"/>

3. What could be better or needs fixing? (please, highlight the 3 capabilities, the perceived constraints/barriers/pains and how you would address them)

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Looking forward

Looking forward over the next 5-10 years

4. What major challenges does EGI face?

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5. What has to change to address those challenges?

6. What stops that happening today?

NGI/EIRO Perspective

As an NGI/EIRO, what would most help you....

7. To support your research communities

8. To get the best from the Federation as a whole

User Perspective

The perspective of your users....

9. What are their needs?

10. What do they want from the EGI Federation?

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11. How do you/they anticipate their needs to change over the next 5 years

Strategy and approach shift

We see a number of shifts of emphasis in our strategy and approach (please comment on each)

12. Area: Overall policy context

Shift From:

We operate in a context where policies from EU and Member States have different level of maturity and alignment with regards to e-Infrastructures and Research infrastructures roadmaps.

Shift To:

We co-lead the development of a consistent set of coherent policies across MS and EU. We are a trusted source of policy inputs for the EU/MS.

13. Area: Our communities

Shift From:

We serve mainly large and highly-skilled research communities.

Shift To:

We serve many diverse communities from small to large, from highly skilled to basic.

We include SMEs in the innovation chain.

We enable RIs to create their research environments using a generic cloud infrastructure with added value building blocks.

14. Area: Our products/services

Shift From:

We propose the Grid paradigm to large research collaborations.

Shift To:

We propose a number of services, from technical to human, that can be combined to build solutions supporting the full digital research process.

We develop solutions to solve specific needs.

15. Area: EGI Providers

Shift From:

We rely on EGI to share our resources across selected research communities for services "free at point of delivery" supported by grants for CAPEX. We have a strategy defined by few that is not properly adopted and reflected at national level.

Shift To:

We rely on EGI to offer our services for the core users supported by grants for CAPEX while finding opportunities to support other research groups through grants for OPEX. We have an established process for strategy development that is open, stimulate conversations and commitment.

16. Area: Engagement

Shift From:

We promote technical features of our services.

We have scattered and diverse access policies at national level.

Shift To:

We communicate value and benefits.

We have harmonised access policies at EU level.

17. Area: How we are organised

Shift From:

We run the production infrastructure based on projects.

Shift To:

We have a sustainable organisation with stable long-term funding.

We introduce innovation with dedicated projects.

18. Given all the issues discussed above, what could EGI, as a federation, do that would bring the greatest value to you and to your research communities?