



Revising the EGI strategy towards 2025 Survey for the EGI Council

1. Introduction and Purpose

The [current EGI strategy](#) was approved in May 2015 after a long consultation process that led to a major revision with new vision and mission statements, 4 strategic goals, 5 strategic themes and 31 major strategic objectives. The implementation update of this strategy is summarised in [this report \(Feb 2016\)](#) with more details in [this live document \(Oct 2016\)](#).

According to the agreed strategy development process, the EGI strategy is expected to be revised on a 2-year basis, therefore the update should take place during 2017. This action also well aligns with the changed policy landscape and the need to consider the EGI ambitions in the context of the European Open Science Cloud.

With this survey, we wish to collect the viewpoint of the members of the EGI Council. Your input will be used to propose changes to the EGI strategy that will be discussed during the EGI Council meeting scheduled for June 28-30 2017. The revised EGI strategy is expected to be proposed for adoption at the EGI Council in Autumn 2017.

Note for NGIs: please, provide one answer per country representing the agreed viewpoint of the NGI members

Important dates:

- Survey for the EGI Council: 2 May 2017 - 31 May 2017 5PM CEST
- EGI Council meeting to discuss the strategy revision: 28-30 June 2017
- EGI Council meeting to adopt the EGI strategy: Autumn 2017

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1. Your contact info

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



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2. Current situation: What works and what could be better?

2. During 2016, we have finalised a [document highlighting the values of being an EGI participant](#). Given your experience within EGI, could you please rank first the benefits that are most relevant to you? (1: most relevant - 10: less relevant)

	No interest	Low	Medium	High	Essential
Influence European-level policy on e-Infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve your transfer of innovation to the private sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Influence EGI strategy to better support your international users	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve access to H2020 funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Explore innovative revenue generation models	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve the skills of your personnel through accessing community knowledge, expertise and training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access common tools, services and processes to operate a federated infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote your services to a wider user base	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve your access to requirements from ESFRIs and emerging user communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connect your local users with international collaborations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What could we improve in order to better deliver on the above benefits?

4. Are there any other benefits that you would like to receive by being part of EGI?



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3. Specific topics: Positioning within the European Open Science Cloud

5. What is the role you foresee for the EGI Federation in the context of the European Open Science Cloud?

6. What are the specific responsibilities that the EGI Foundation should undertake?

7. What are the specific responsibilities that you want to retain as an EGI participant (NGI/EIRO/ERIC)? (E.g.: coordination of local/regional/national service operations, outreach to local or international user communities, promotion of the local/regional/national infrastructure)

8. The new EOSC policy is reinforcing the need for more integrated and easy to access services and better coordination of efforts towards international user groups. How do you foresee the evolution of EGI in relationship to the other e-Infrastructures? (E.g. GEANT, EUDAT, OpenAIRE)

- Keep completely independent legal entities with informal coordination
- Keep separate legal entities, with overarching lightweight legal coordination body
- Merge of legal entities (potentially with different business units)
- Other (please specify)



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4. Specific topics: federation-enabling services: governance vs. business models

One of the open questions for EGI is how to ensure that federation-enabling services can be sustained also by consumers who do not want to be part of the EGI governance. For instance:

- There are cases of countries without an NGI, but having resource providers interested in federating with EGI
- The EOSC-hub project proposal submitted under the call EINFRA-12.a includes stakeholders from EGI, EUDAT and more thematic initiatives and some of the core services from EGI will also be used by EUDAT and thematic providers; there are also cases of other resource providers that are interested in using the EGI internal services, nevertheless they are not linked to an NGI.

9. How do you suggest to deal with resource providers based in a country with an active NGI of which they are not yet part, and wanting to consume federation-enabling services from the [EGI internal service portfolio](#)?

- The resource provider can be temporarily federated by paying a yearly fee for a maximum of X years; within this timeframe, the resource provider needs to join the NGI
- The resource provider must complete the NGI affiliation before it can be federated to EGI
- Split current membership fees into 'service fee' and 'governance fee'; the national organisation would pay the governance fee, each resource provider would pay a service fee
- Other (please specify)

10. If you are an NGI, how do you foresee the evolution of the national representativity in the EGI governance in a scenario where resource providers aim to consume EGI federation-enabling services but are either affiliated to other initiatives or are independent?



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5. Specific topics: Evolution of the EGI infrastructure

11. The demand for services is shifting towards cloud-like provisioning. On the other side, the capacity available through the EGI Federated Cloud did not grow much as expected over the last two years. What are the barriers or obstacles that have limited the evolution of the capacity linked to the EGI Federated Cloud?

- Lack of resources: my NGI/EIRO does not have enough capacity to serve new users
- Lack of incentives: my NGI/EIRO has available capacity but there is no perceived value in offering it via EGI
- Technical barriers: it is complicated to offer the cloud capacity via the EGI Federated Cloud
- Other (please specify)

12. How is your local/regional/national e-Infrastructure evolving in the next 5 years? Are you anticipating capital investments to increase the capacity and/or the capabilities offered? For what types of services are you focusing the investments (e.g. cloud, HTC)?

13. Do you plan to procure capacity from commercial providers and offer to your user communities?

14. What types of access policies do you foresee to adopt?

	Currently supported	Planned for the future
Policy-based	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Market-based	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Excellence-based	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wide-access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

15. Please, provide more details about who can apply to access the capacity federated within EGI and under what conditions, in particular clarify if there is any restriction with the disciplines supported, geographical scope and what is the business model, i.e. who pays for what



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6. Looking forward towards 2025

16. What major challenges does the EGI Federation face?

17. What has to change to address those challenges?

18. What stops that happening today?