



EGI / NGI Sustainability and Business Models Workshop

EGI Technical Forum – 20 Sept 2011 – Lyon, France

Questionnaire



Please complete this form during the session and give to the session chair at the end.

We value your feedback on the topics being discussed.

Name:	Organisation:
Email:	Country:

1. Which view point do you represent?

- User Community
 EIRO
 NGI
 Resource Centre
 Technology Provider
 Funding Agency
 EGI.eu

Other, please specify _____

2. What are the value propositions for the following provider to consumer relationships? Please tick and/or provide others

- Technology Provider to the User Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Custom open source software and support <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	- NGIs to User Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform interface to negotiate access to national computing resources <input type="checkbox"/> Provide user support and consulting <input type="checkbox"/>
- Technology Provider to the EGI Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Custom open source software and support <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	- NGIs to Resource Centres <input type="checkbox"/> Cost effective coordination of operations, dissemination, policy and event organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Provide single, stronger voice at a national gov't level <input type="checkbox"/>
- EGI.eu to NGIs/EIROs <input type="checkbox"/> Cost effective coordination of operations, dissemination, policy and event organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiates with technology providers on their behalf <input type="checkbox"/> Provide single, stronger voice at an EC level <input type="checkbox"/>	- Resource Centres to User Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Cost effective access to own commodity computing resources <input type="checkbox"/> Access to own custom high-performance computing resources <input type="checkbox"/>
- EGI.eu to User Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Gather requirements and feed into technology providers <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	- EGI Collaboration to User Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform access to data & computing resources across Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Provide convenient collaboration tools to share applications, best practices, and training material <input type="checkbox"/> Enables new and more efficient ways of conducting in-silico science <input type="checkbox"/>

3. If your organisation is part of EGI Collaboration, how dependent is it on EC funding for providing grid services?

- 0 = Not Critical - Do not depend on EC funding
 1 = Somewhat - Supports some activities / Alleviates certain burdens
 2 = Neutral – Would have some impact but services would continue with limited effect on users
 3 = Critical – Severe impact on the ability to provide services
 4 = Very Critical - Would not exist without EC funding
 Don't know

4. EGI Business Models are ultimately dependent on strategy. What is the best way to determine this strategy?

5. Sustainability of EGI depends critically on sustainability of the NGIs and EGI.eu. What do you feel is the most significant issue that needs to be tackled?

6. What can we learn from actual experiences of other e-Infrastructure providers?

7. What process should be followed to evolve the EGI service portfolio?

8. If your organisation is part of the EGI Collaboration, would it be willing to continue to contribute and provide services to EGI if it received no EC funding?

- Yes No Depends (Explain)

Comments

9. With the EC funding expecting to decrease for maintenance and operations, how do you think that revenue streams for grid services should be restructured? (Choose all that apply)

- Direct charge of services to consumers
 Direct charge of services to consumer's employing institutions
 Direct charge of services to consumer's NGI/EIRO
 In-kind payments within the EGI community
 NGI/EIRO subscriptions to EGI.eu to pay the service providers to deliver free services to end-users
 Structural Funds on an NGI level
 Other, please specify

Comments

10. If usage-based pricing mechanisms are applied, who do you envision could be billed? (Choose most viable option)

- Individual end-user
 Employing institution of end-user
 EIRO/NGI related to the end-user's employing institution
 Other, please specify

Comments

11. What are the benefits and drawbacks of centralised payment of grid services compared to direct payment from users, who are also paid through research money coming ultimately from the same source?

Workshop Feedback

1. a.) Which session did you attend?

- 1st - 14:00-15:30 2nd - 16:00-17:30 Both

b.) How useful was the overall workshop?

- Excellent Useful OK Not Useful

2. How useful was the provided survey analysis report?

- Very Informative Useful OK Not Useful Did not read it

3. Do you feel you have a better understanding of Business Models thanks to your participation in the session?

- Definitely Yes Yes No Definitely No

4. Will you recommend that your organisation start to define a structured business model?

- Yes (within the next 6 months) Yes (in 1-2 yrs.) Maybe (needs more investigation/support) No Other

Why or why not?

5. What questions do you feel still need to be answered moving forward?

6. Would you like to:

- Be added to the policy-discuss mailing list to continue the business models and sustainability discussion
 Be an active member in a dedicated group to shape the EGI Sustainability Plan

--Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire--