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The EGEE Project
Security Coordination Group

Cc: Steven Newhouse, Technical Director

Dear EGEE Security Coordination Group, dear Steven Newhouse:

Greetings on behalf of the European Policy Management Authority for Grid Authentication in e-Science (EUGridPMA). We write to you in response to your request for information on the attitude of the EUGridPMA towards the evolution of EGEE project towards the European Grid Infrastructure (EGI).

The IGTF and the EUGridPMA establish common policies and guidelines for authentication management authorities that provide identity assertions to people, network systems and services for use in research and academic e-Infrastructure and grids. It ensures compliance to this these guidelines amongst the participating CAs by peer review, by implementing audit mechanisms, and the promotion of current best practices. It implements these goals by accrediting authorities according to these guide lines, aiming to serve the largest possible community with a small number of stable Authorities that are operated as a long-term commitment. In particular, these commitments are not bound or limited by specific projects such as EGEE.

The EUGridPMA aims to accredit a single Authority per country or large region. In several cases, these authorities have direct support from their national ministry (usually of research and education), whilst others are associated with an (emerging) national grid initiative, or are the de-facto centre of grid authentication in their country. At this point in time, the EUGridPMA covers 25 of the 27 EU member states (all except for Luxemburg and Malta) with a national or regional CA as well as 17 other countries in and around Europe and Africa.
In all cases, the national authorities are committed to support the entire research and educational community in their country, even though they may be funded and operated by more narrowly-scoped organisations. In several cases, multiple countries have joined forces

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and together use the services of a regional Authority, such as the NorduGrid CA (serving Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland) and the BalticGrid CA (serving Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). The authorities serve all people resident in a country, foremost including any guests and temporary visitors that reside in a country for a longer or shorter period of time.

The EUGridPMA, in its communication to the EGI Design Study Project (EGI-DS) on July 8th, 2008, already asserted its intent to encourage and to engage in a fruitful collaboration with the EGI-DS project, the NGIs, and the future EGI organisation

The EUGridPMA already supports large scale Relying Parties on a national, European, and global basis, including EGEE, DEISA, the Open Science Grid. The EUGridPMA and its Members are willing and able to support the EGI infrastructure on the same basis as such support is currently given to its Relying Parties.

The EUGridPMA looks forward to a fruitful collaboration with the EGI organisation throughout the transition phase from EGEE and beyond, and would welcome EGI as a major Relying Party to the PMA. In accordance with the Charter, the EUGridPMA continues to expect that, like today, individual National Grid Initiatives will be represented through the Accredited Authority in their country.

With Kind Regards,

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Chair of the EUGridPMA.