



European Grid Initiative Policy Board (EGI PB)

Bylaws

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I. Preamble

The EGI Policy Board (EGI PB) represents and puts together all the National Grid Initiatives (NGI´s) in Europe in order to follow the European Grid Initiative (EGI) and to endorse, in close cooperation with the Management Board (MB) of the EGI Design Study (EGI_DS) project, the entire process of designing and implementing the future European Grid infrastructure.

The EGI PB acts also as advisory board for EGI_DS, putting together, with the representatives of the NGI´s, all the stakeholders of the future European Grid infrastructure, representatives of related projects, pan-European research institutions and other relevant instances, thus following the expressed recommendations of the project's EU evaluation panel.

Upon its actions, the EGI PB will always take into account that the interaction with the project management is crucial for the success of the European Grid infrastructure. This relation is a means for the PB to influence the direction of the project and the outcome of the design study.

Finally, the EGI PB is the intermediate forum to prepare and implement the set-up of the future EGI Council, which is the governing body of the European Grid infrastructure.

II. Mandate

The responsibilities of the EGI PB for the full duration of EGI_DS, are, in interaction with the management, to:

- a) discuss and support the EGI functionality,
- b) discuss and support the governance model,
- c) discuss and support the site selection process,
- d) discuss and outline the approval of costing share and funding, size, and legal issues,
- e) respond to all relevant issues and solicitations for advice submitted and presented by the MB of EGI_DS,

and, finally, at the end of the project,

- f) to endorse the entire process of designing the European Grid Infrastructure.

III. Membership

There are three categories of members of the EGI PB:

1. Full native members of the EGI PB

- a) The full native members of the PB are representatives of the NGIs in Europe, up to two per country.
- b) They exert the right of ONE non transferable vote per country.



- c) They are appointed
 - by the NGIs where they exist as legal bodies
 - by the NGIs where they exist as National Coordinating Units officially appointed by government entities: Ministries, Ministerial Science Policy bodies, Public Science Funding Agencies
 - directly by Ministries, Ministerial Science Policy bodies, Public Science Funding Agencies

2. Associated members

- a) Associated Members are International and Intergovernmental infrastructures, agencies and coordinating institutions with a legal status with one representative per organisation.
- b) Associated Members should apply or be invited to acquire the member status, effective after 2/3 majority voting by the PB.
- c) Associated members have no voting rights.

3. Observers

- a) Observers are representatives of non-permanent non-legal entities relevant to the purpose of EGI, namely international projects.
- b) Observers should apply or be invited to acquire the member status, effective after 2/3 majority voting by the PB.
- c) Observers have no voting rights.

4. Invited participants and experts

- a) Experts can be invited on a case by case basis, depending on the matters to be discussed.
- b) NGI´s delegations and the Management Board are entitled to add no more than 2 experts for each PB meeting.
- c) The EGI_DS Management Board and Work Package Leaders (WPL) are always invited to participate or be represented at the PB meetings

IV. Chairman

- a) The Chairman of the PB is elected by the Board.
- b) Only full members can nominate candidates.
- c) Nominees have to be full members of the PB.
- d) The election is made by successive eliminations till only one candidate remains.
- e) The remaining candidate is elected if he/she can obtain 3/4 of the votes of all the NGIs participating in the vote.
- f) If the remaining candidate can't achieve the required majority, the entire process is repeated with new nominations.
- g) The elected Chairman can propose a Vice-Chairman and a Notetaker to be confirmed by the Board by simple majority.

V. Voting procedure

- a) The PB aims at achieving consensus on all the matters submitted to discussion.
- b) Whereas a formal vote takes place decision is adopted by simple majority except:
 - The election of the Chairman where a majority of 3/4 of the voters is needed
 - The acceptance of Associated Members and Observers where a majority of 2/3 is needed

VI. Meetings

- a) The PB meets regularly in coincidence with the EGI Workshops.
- b) The PB meets extraordinarily by the initiative of the Chairman under request from 1/3 of the native members or the EGI_DS Project Director.

VII. Duration

The EGI PB will exist for the full duration of the EGI_DS project.