



## **Media Invite: Annual European Grid Forum**

*Amsterdam, Friday 2 September 2011*

Over 18,000 researchers use the European grid to get their work done and from the 19th to the 23rd of September the European Grid Infrastructure will host its annual meeting in Lyon to showcase the technical innovations the grid has enabled.

Currently the European Grid Infrastructure (EGI) supports users from all areas of academia. The annual Technical Forum hosted by EGI is an opportunity for these researchers to present their work and meet with the people providing the computing resources. With the technical forum co-located with other related events the week will cover a wide range of topics with input from across Europe and the rest of the world. This meeting is a chance to see cutting edge ICT being used by researchers across Europe. It is also an opportunity to meet with the people behind one of the technologies helping support research at all levels around the globe.

The EGI Technical forum is co-located with 5 related events. They are the Open Grid Forum (19-23 Sept.), Grid 2011 (21-23 Sept.), GlobusEUROPE (19 Sept.), the French Grid Day (19 Sept.) and the 9th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting, (22-23 Sept.). They will run joint sessions throughout the week and include contributions from leaders in the ICT field.

Registration is free for press. If you are interested in attending or want more information about EGI please contact the Dissemination team on [press@egi.eu](mailto:press@egi.eu)

More details about the Technical forum and the other events running alongside it can be found at <http://tf2011.egi.eu/>

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### **Notes for editors:**

The **EGI Technical Forum 2011** (<http://tf2011.egi.eu/>) is organised by EGI.eu, the Computing Centre of the National Institute of Nuclear Physics and Particle Physics (CC-IN2P3) and France Grilles, the French National Grid Initiative.

The **European Grid Infrastructure (EGI)** ([www.egi.eu](http://www.egi.eu)) is a federation of resource providers set up to deliver sustainable, integrated and secure computing services to European researchers and their international partners.

**EGI.eu** is an organisation established in February 2010 to coordinate and manage the infrastructure (EGI) on behalf of its participants: National Grid Initiatives (NGIs) and European Intergovernmental Research Organisations (EIROs).

**EGI-InSPIRE** (EGI-Integrated Sustainable Pan-European Infrastructure for Research in Europe) is a four-year project involving 50 partners in over 40 countries. The project is co-funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme (contract number: RI-261323) to help lay down the EGI operational and support processes, as well as to build a sustainable e-Infrastructure, independent from project cycles. By the time EGI-InSPIRE finishes in 2014, EGI will be a sustainable and dependable provider of computing resources for European scientists and researchers.



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