

# Scientific Review Committee

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- Context
- Purpose and Responsibilities
- Composition and Membership
- Decision Making and Right to Appeal
- Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality
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- PRACE - The Access Committee
- XSEDE - XSEDE Resource Allocation Committee (XRAC)
- **EGI - ?**
- [Demonstrating Excellent European Science on EGI's shared resources](#) report endorsed by EGI Council:
  - Establishment of a '**Scientific Review Committee**' (SRC) to manage the review of resource requests that will be assigned to EGI's pooled resources

- The Scientific Review Committee (SRC) **assess the scientific and technical merit** of the proposal being requested via the **Federated Resource Allocation process**.
- Allocate available resources to qualified proposals so as to best meet the **objectives of the project's researchers** and **EGI's objectives**.

The SRC's responsibility will be to review the scientific merit of the project requesting resource allocations if this is:

- 1. a new resource request not affiliated with an existing peer reviewed activity** (e.g. an FP7 or H2020 research project, recognised research infrastructure, etc.)
  - at least two SRC reviewers will be appointed for assessment
- 2. a new resource request affiliated with an existing peer reviewed activity**
  - assessment will be taken directly by the SRC Chair
- 3. a request to extend or renew an existing resource allocation**
  - peer-reviewed publications and their scientific impact recorded in EGI's Scientific Publications repository.

- **Experts from the NGIs** may be requested to provide their technical expertise.
- Consideration:
  - **For Compute Resources**
    - Is it clear from the description and methodology that the choice of applications, methods, algorithms and techniques to be employed will accomplish the stated scientific objectives?
  - **For Storage Requests**
    - Is it clear from the description and methodology that the projected data usage, access methods, algorithms and techniques to be employed will accomplish the stated scientific objectives?

- The SRC will be composed of **voting and non-voting members**.
- **The voting members** will include:
  - 5 Scientific Advisors
  - 5 Resource Provider Representatives
  - Chair
- **Non-voting members** will include:
  - EGI.eu Director
  - Technical Secretary

## Scientific Advisors

- Appointed to the position for **two years**
- Invited to remain in the SRC for unrestricted number of terms
- **A short list for advisors** prepared by the EGI.eu Executive Board for adoption by the EGI Council

## Resource Provider Representatives

- **Each participant and associate participant of EGI.eu** is entitled to nominate one voting member of SRC.
- From these nominations **a short list** will be prepared by the EGI.eu EB for adoption by the EGI Council.

## Chair

- The term of office of the Chair is defined at **two years**
- The Chair is appointed by the **EGI.eu Executive Board**



- Members of the Committee treated as **individual experts** who do not formally represent any organisation/constituency
- **Experts from the NGIs** may be requested to provide their advice.
- The member list of the Committee **publicly available** on the SRC web/wiki page
- **New members** proposed by the Committee and send for adoption to EGI.eu Executive Board and the EGI Council

- The decision-making process is based on **consensus**
- **A voting process** starts:
  - if consensus cannot be reached **in a reasonable time**
  - or **if at least 1/3 of voting members** of the Committee call for a vote
- A decision **adopted** if **more than 2/3 of the voting members** vote for the proposed decision
- If the Committee's decision is adopted by majority vote, **minority positions** will be recorded and reported

- **Formal letter of appeal** on the decision of the SRC to the **EGI.eu Executive Board** within **15 working days** after receiving decision.
- **The EGI.eu Executive Board** will after consultation with the Committee Chair analyse the requestor's reasons for complaint
- The EGI.eu EB will send a **formal reply** to the applicant **within 30 working days** from receiving the appeal.

- **Members** of the Committee **report** to the Chair and/or EGI.eu Director any circumstances that affect **the member's impartiality**.
- **Keep confidential all information** that has been marked as confidential by the Committee.
- In case of **breach of confidentiality by a member** or **conflicting interest**, the **EGI.eu Executive Board** may decide to dismiss this person (temporarily) from his position.

- The Committee will produce an **annual report** to the **EGI Council**
- Upon **request from the EGI Council**, the Committee will provide more detailed information on the activities at any time.

- **SRC Terms of Reference**  
<http://go.egi.eu/SRC-TOR>
- Your comments are welcome **until 15<sup>th</sup> February** to [policy@egi.eu](mailto:policy@egi.eu)
- Establishment of **Federated Resource Allocation Model** and procedure
- Approval by the **EGI Council**

# THANK YOU!



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