

# Federated Cloud image lifecycle management

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- How to register a Virtual Appliance
- How to upload VM image lists either using the AppDB Web interface or the VMcaster tool
- Publishing an image list
- 'Propose' images to be included into a VO-wide image bundle
- Subscribing to an image list and select an image
- Blocking an identity and blocking an image
- Integrating resources with the federated cloud

## Wider impact and conclusions

The proposed training session could be characterized as of significant importance for the EGI Virtual Appliance marketplace (AppDB) and for the EGI fedCloud infrastructure as a whole.

- Users and communities will have the chance to be familiar with the EGI Virtual Appliance marketplace (AppDB) and be able to submit, update and publish their Virtual Machine Images either through the AppDB portal or the vmcaster command line tool.
- Resource Providers and communities will learn how they could subscribe to the produced image lists by using the vmcatcher command line tool, in order to download and keep up-to-date the virtual machines images of interest.
- VO managers will experience the way they should select the corresponding images in order to include them into the VO-specific image list for being further used by the EGI fedCloud infrastructure (Resource providers)
- Finally, we are planning to allocate a considerable segment of time, for an open discussion with the audience.

## URL(s) for further info

<https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Fedcloud-tf:WorkGroups:Scenario8:AppDB-VA-Marketplace>  
<https://github.com/hepex-virtualisation/vmcaster>  
<https://github.com/hepex-virtualisation/vmcatcher>  
<https://appdb.egi.eu/>

## Description of work

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