

Resource Allocation Report

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- No new user requests and resource pools since the last report
- Some pools expired

- **Idea**
 - Stop asking sites to offer resources - identify obstacles preventing sites/NGIs to participate in EGI Resource Allocation
- **Communication**
 - Announced on 21.08 and 11.09 on NOC-managers and to all sites
 - Deadline (extended) 17.09
- **Survey online (with responses)**
 - https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/RA_policy_survey

- Q1: What is the **resource allocation policy** document at your NGI/site and who defines it? (document specifying who can be supported, to what amount of resources, etc.)
- Q2: Are there any specific requirements regarding **who** (what scientific domain etc.) **can apply** for resources? (including foreign scientists)
- Q3: Are there any requirements for **accounting of used resources** e.g. acknowledgements in publications.
- Q4: Who is in charge to **make decisions** about resource allocation requests at your site/NGI? (Site Manager)
- Q5: What **system** your site/NGI uses **for handling resource allocation** requests? (face to face/paper/web/other)
- Q6: What is the frequency of submitting/handling the requests and how long does it take to handle it? (on-demand/weekly/monthly/yearly/other)
- Q7: Is it possible to share current resource allocation at your site/NGI? (i.e. how many core/CPU hours are given to customers)
- Q8: What **main obstacles** do you see to include your resources in EGI Resource Allocation process?

- **Statistics**
 - 7 out of 38 NGIs responded (Serbia, BiH, Switzerland, France, Poland, Turkey, Canada)
 - 1 site (DESY-HH/NGI_DE)
- **Sites regulate resource allocations independently**
 - Site manager is entitled to make decisions
 - Exception: NGI_TR (operations centre decides)
 - NGI_FR (draft of central policy)
- **No restrictions on who can apply for resources**
 - Foreign scientists are welcome
 - NGI_PL (applicant must collaborate with Polish science)

- No dedicated system for handling allocation requests
 - Face2face contact or personal e-mail
 - Exception: NGI_PL (web based system)
- Main obstacles to participate to Resource Allocation in EGI
 - Resources are dedicated (6 responses)
 - Funding/payment/scientific partnership required to offer resources
 - Resources are saturated (1 response)

- Resource allocation policy is controlled at **site level**, not NGI
 - some exceptions exists
- Resource allocation process is rather at **basic level**
 - No dedicated tools used, basic means like f2f meeting or e-mail to a person
- Majority of sites are **dedicated to scientific domain** or host funded resources
 - Not all sites/NGIs request acknowledgements in publications → other way of “payment” for used resources (?)
- It is unlikely to significantly extend resource pool for new EGI customers without **funding** or other **clear profits** for participating sites
 - Getting just another customer is not always desired