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Dear NGI or PRACE country coordinator, HPC or HTC center manager,

The e-FISCAL project (<http://efiscal.eu/>) started Aug 1st with the goal of analysing and modelling the costs of the current European dedicated HTC and HPC computing e-Infrastructures for research. The relevant costs categories will be compared with commercial leased or on-demand offerings as part of the evaluation report produced by the project. The results will help e-Infrastructure providers to develop appropriate sustainability plans that link their services to EU strategic policies supporting innovation and research.

On Wednesday 21st September, during the EGI Technical Forum in Lyon (<http://tf2011.egi.eu/>), the first e-FISCAL workshop will take place between 11am and 12:30pm in the Pasteur room (<http://go.egi.eu/efiscal-workshop-2011>). The workshop program features a short introduction to the e-FISCAL project, the overall plan for the project cost analysis and its expected outputs, along with the presentation of its methodology and its draft questionnaire. Considerable amount of time has been reserved for feedback on the methodology and questionnaire from EGI, PRACE and industrial panellists as well as the audience.

We would welcome and be grateful for the participation of your NGI or HPC/HTC center. This might be through an NGI or PRACE country coordinator, financial expert or accountant, HPC/HTC center manager, or other person involved in the sustainability planning of your organisation. As financial questionnaires are complex, we intend to work closely with you to produce accurate, useful and reliable models and information.

To support your participation, we are able to cover the travel and subsistence costs for one financial expert per NGI or PRACE country. Please contact Fotis Karagiannis <fkara@aueb.gr> for details.

We look forward meeting you in Lyon and working with you in the next 18 months!

Best regards,

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