

IDGF International Desktop Grid Federation

Desktop Grids for EGI/NGI User Communities

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EDGI project



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Prelude - what do people at home and SME's think about desktop grid computing

Survey of EDGeS project, 2008

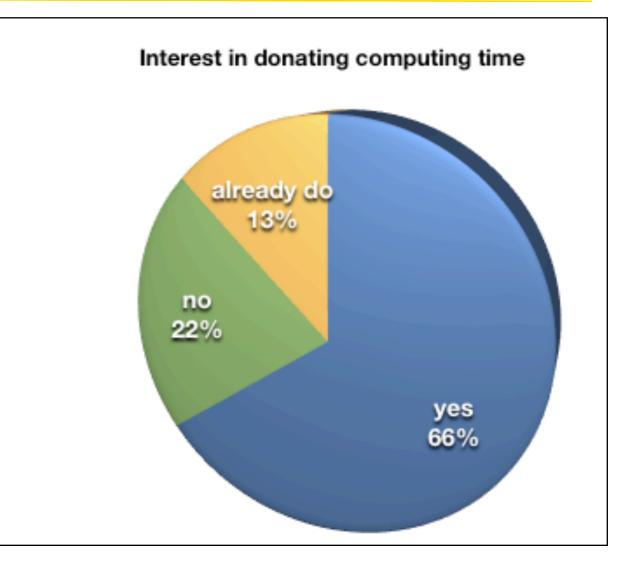
Questionnaires all across Europe

- Get an idea of the interest in people and SMEs to donate computing time for science to a Grid
- Get an idea of the interest in running a Grid inside an SME



Are people interested in donating computing time?

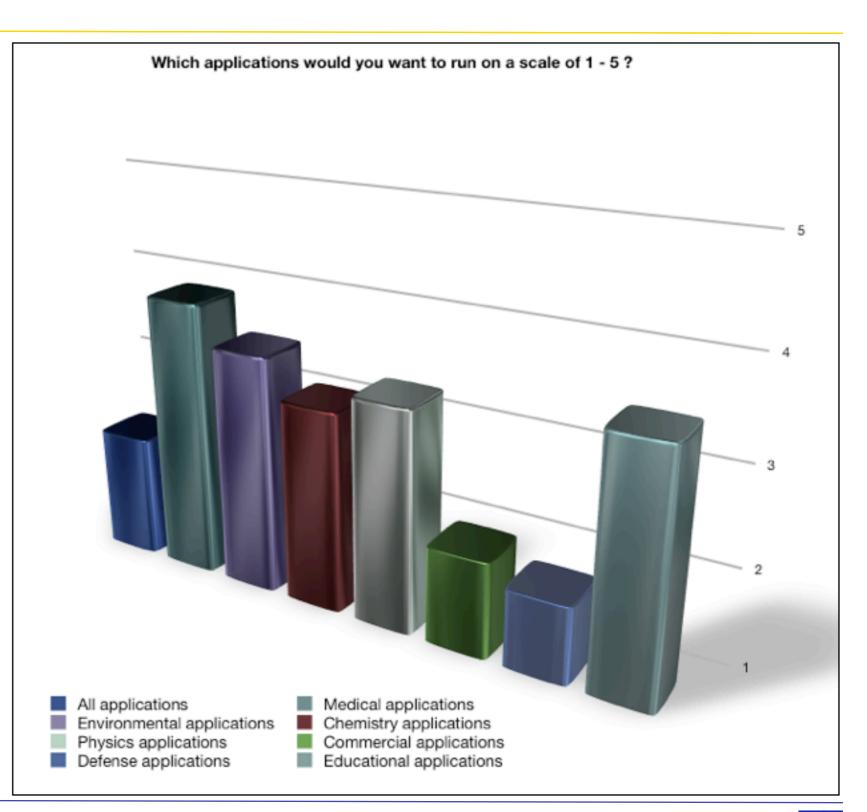
 Short answer: Yes, they are
Of course, there is more needed to actually let them participate







Which applications?







Survey - Conclusions

- > Overall: there is interest in Desktop Grid computing in Europe.
- However, that people are willing to change their current practice and say that they want to participate in Grid efforts does not mean that they are actually going to do that.
- > Need to generate trust in the organisation that manages the Grid.
- People want to donate computing time for scientific applications, especially medical applications. They do not like to donate computing time to commercial or defense applications.
- > People want feedback on the application they are running.
- No clear technical barriers perceived by the respondents: so this does not need much attention.
- Overall the respondents were rather positive about donating computing time for a Grid or about running applications on a Grid.



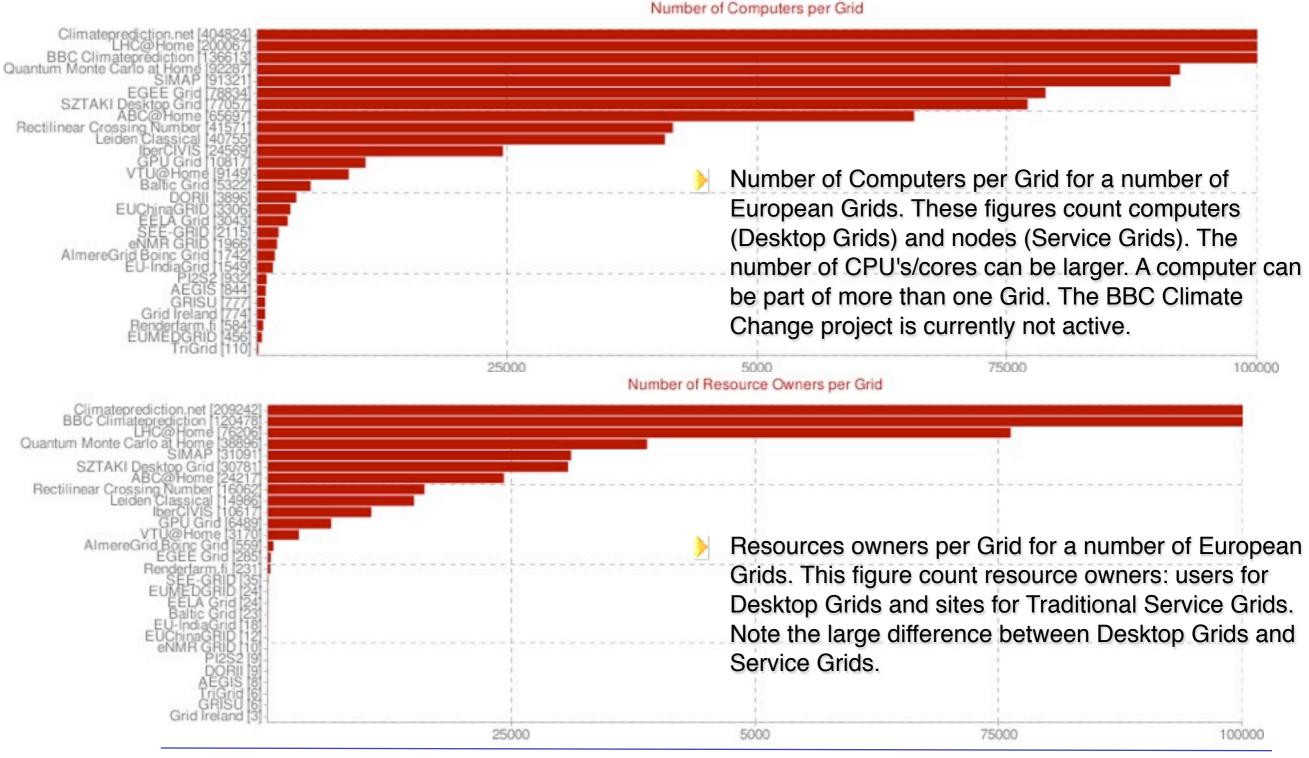


- OK, people want to donate computing time to science. But what is the capacity of a Desktop grid?
- Can be considerable: tens of thousands or more computers
- - And also you can consider installing a local Desktop Grid at your institute university
 - So enough capacity available for your scientific project or your scientific users
 - But how and when to use it?





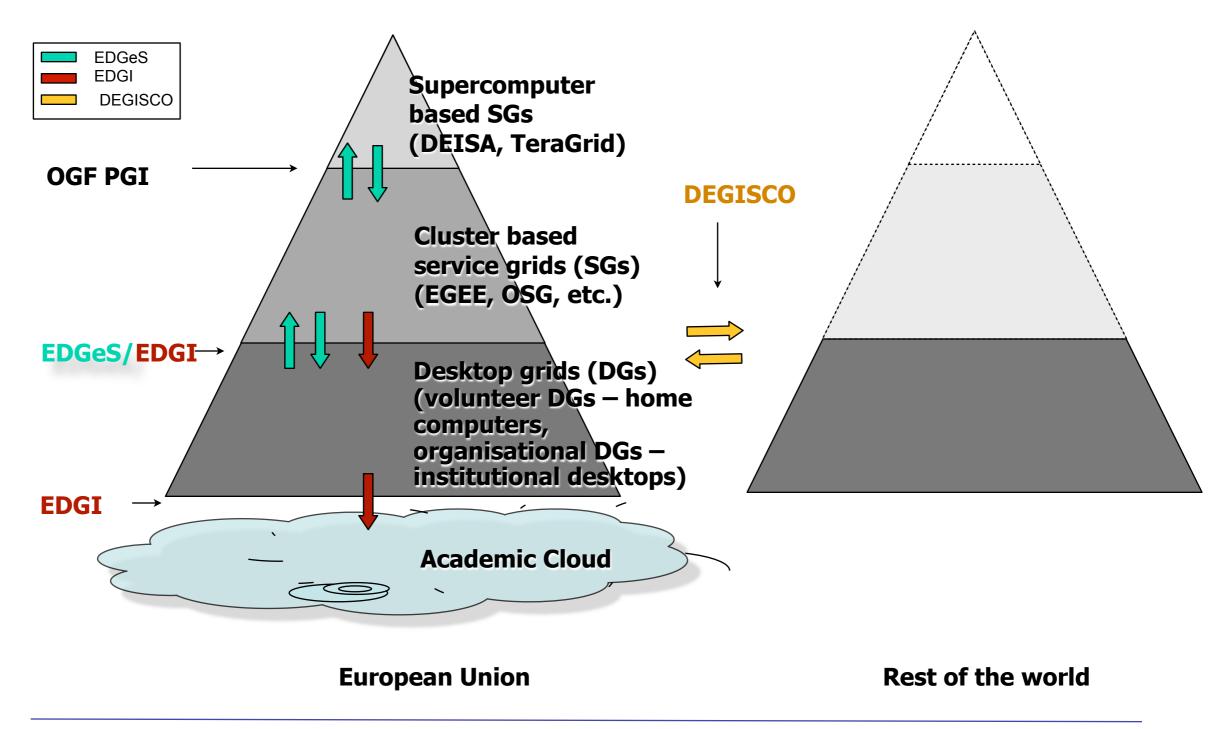
Importance of Desktop Grids for Science: http://knowledgebase.e-irg.eu







Where Desktop Grids fit in









- Support to use Desktop Grids by NGIs/EGI is provided by the International Desktop Grid Federation (IDGF)
- IDGF provides a number of services
- Your institute, organisation, company and you can become member of IDGF
- Help connecting Desktop Grids into the EGI infrastructure is an important goal
- So integrating Desktop Grids into EGI infrastructure





Providing services for its members

IDGF is a member organisation

- You can become member, your organisation can, your company can, so do it
- IDGF provides services to its members. Services aimed at improving cooperation between those involved in Desktop Grids:
 - Member administration, including interest group and chapter management
 - Dissemination services
 - News service
 - Discussion fora
 - Support services
 - Meetings and event organisation





Know other members and their area of expertise

Member administration, including interest group and chapter management

> There are several interest groups that one can join.

Two chapters: European and International

Dissemination services

Tell what you do, know what others do. Share experiences. Joint campaigns

News service

Blog, RSS/Atom, Twitter

News for and from members

Discussion fora





Create material for citizens that works

If it does: translate and reuse in other countries

In IDGF already: French, Dutch, Hungarian, Russian, Chinese, Danish, Portugese, Spanish, and even English speakers



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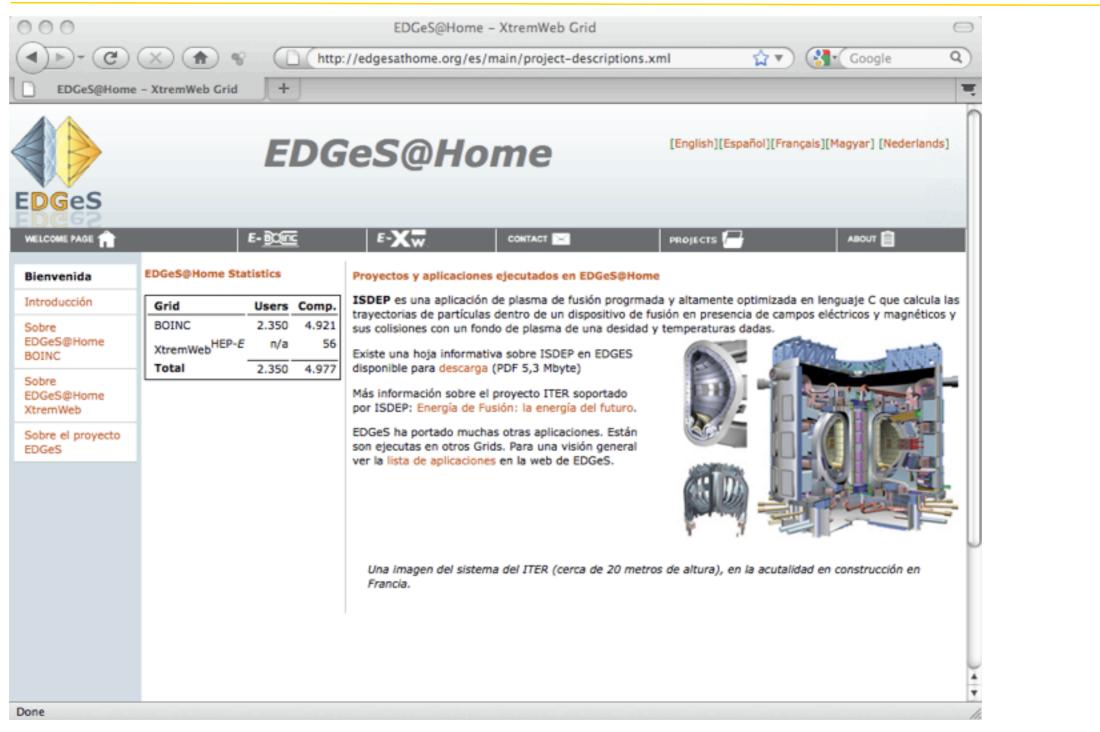




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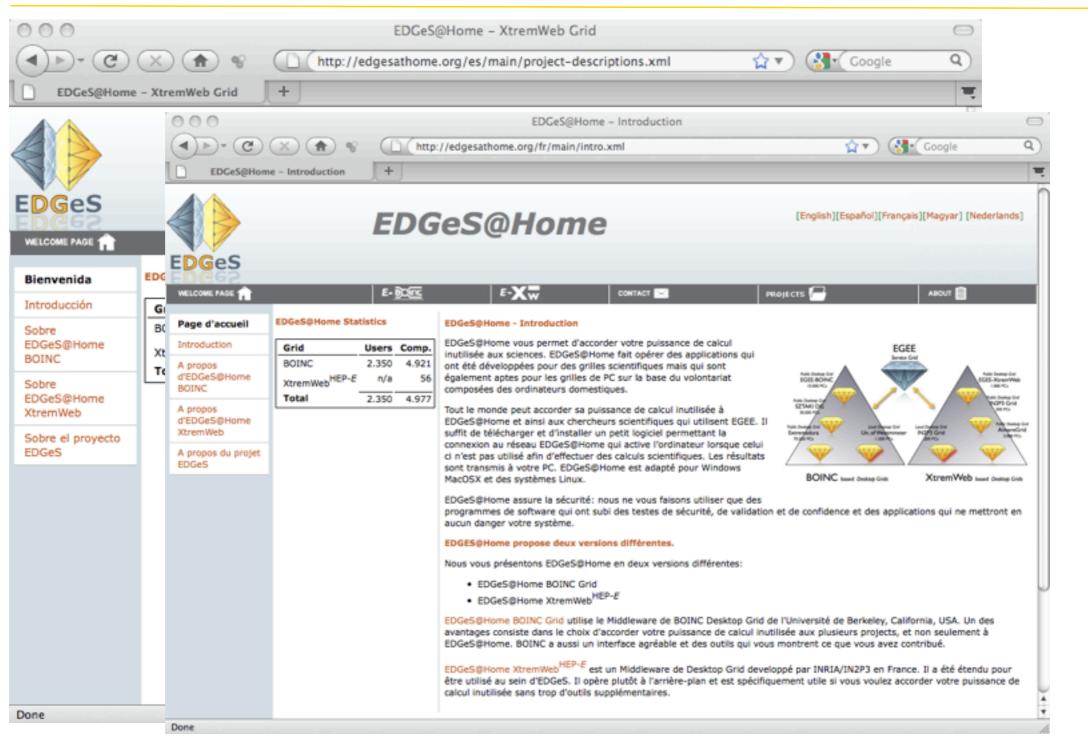






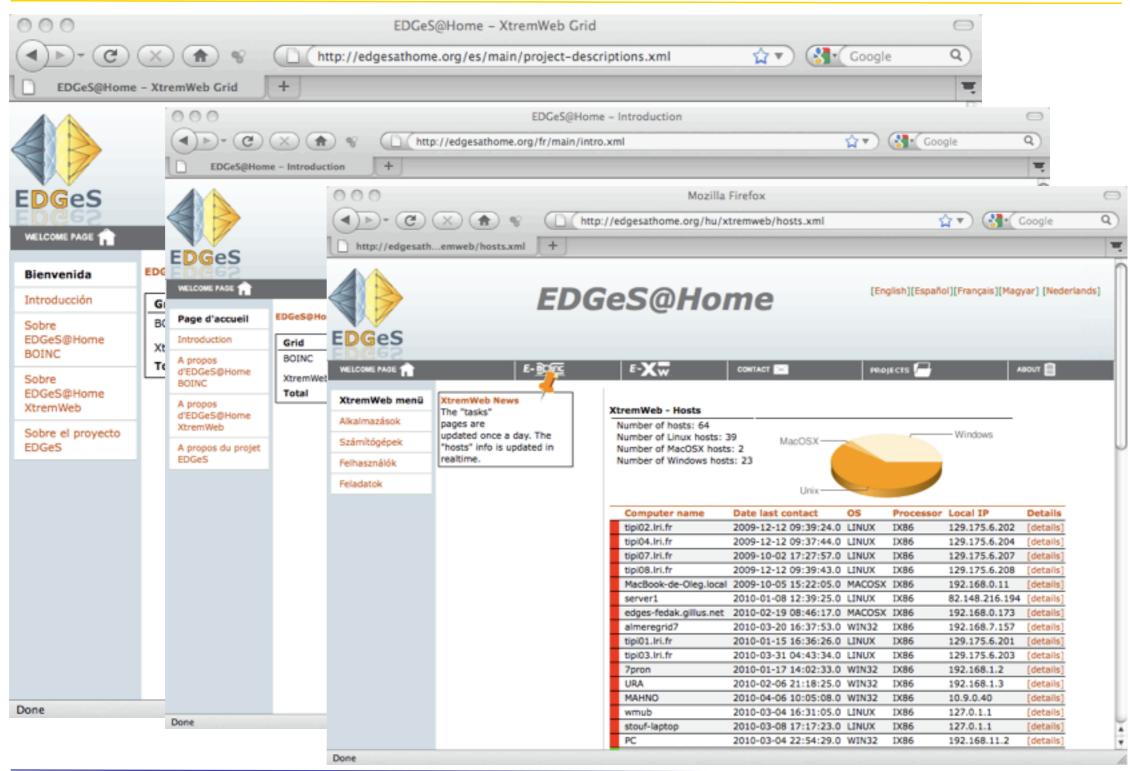
















Good message

With EDGeS@Home you can help solve the world's energy crisis

Donate unused computing time to fusion research

Program ISDEP of Spanisch scientists

Good initial coverage

Fusion communication departments

Press, radio

Available in local languages, local press releases

But...

Also lessons learned





Educate, train, support

Support services:

- Expert support for Desktop Grid operators
- Expert support for application developers

Call for Operators and Developers (through EDGI) with financial support for 2 x 2 small projects.

- Open later this month
- Connected Cloud/Desktop Grid/Service Grid infrastructure

Meetings and event organisation:

- Tutorials on Desktop Grids and integration into the standard scientific e-Infrastructure
- About one each month already
- Next one: This afternoon, Amsterdam, EGITF





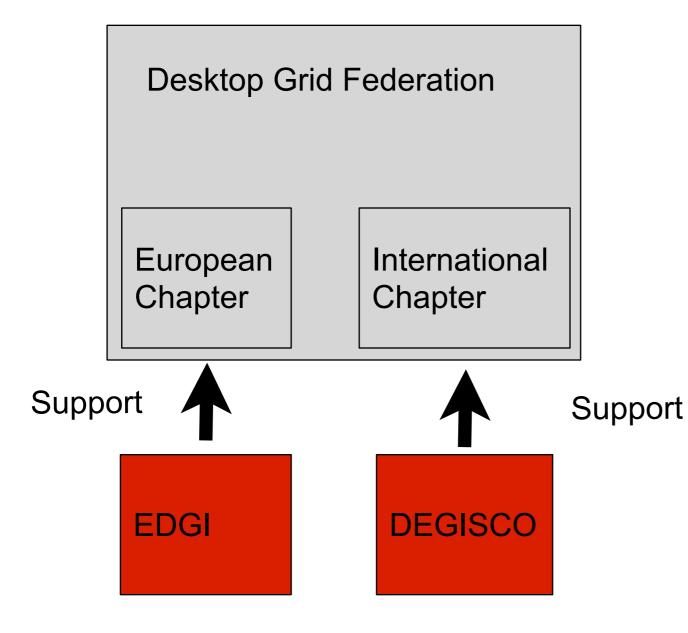
An existing infrastructure connecting gLite with BOINC, XtremWeb and OurGrid desktop grids

- About 24 applications have already been ported
- As part of the EDGeS project
- More about this in the next presentations





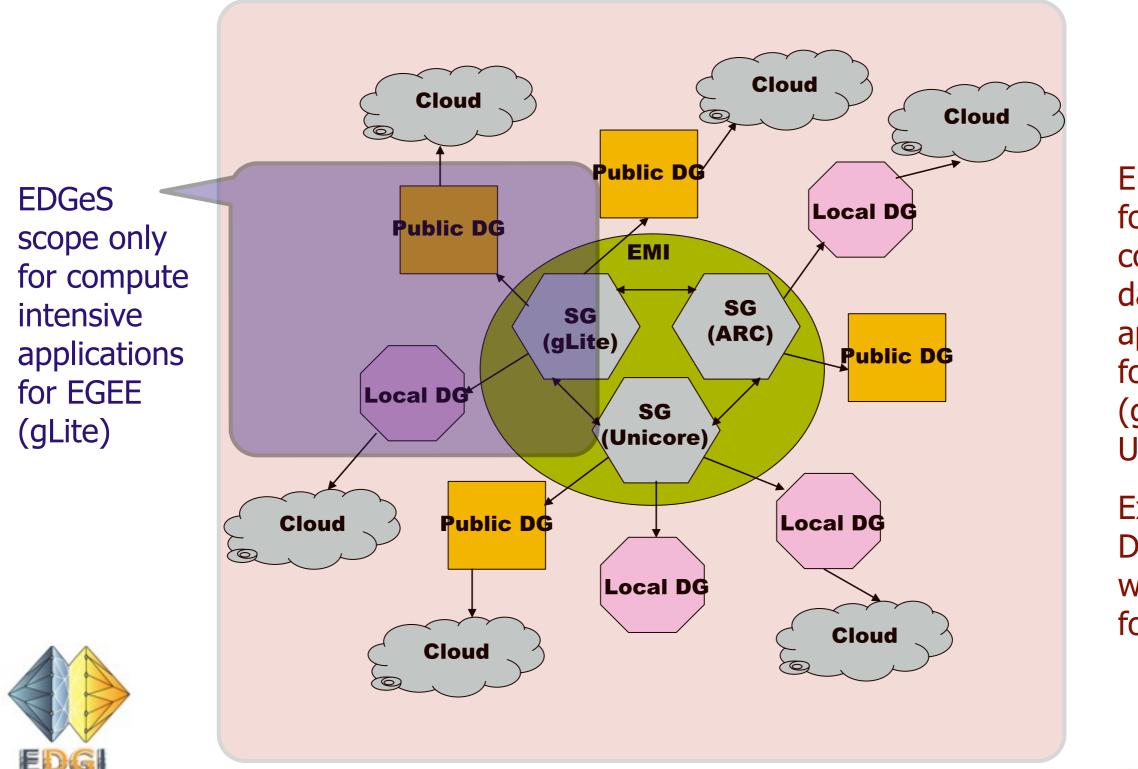
Support by EDGI & DEGISCO



- Desktop Grid Federation entity independent of the projects
- Membership organisation
- Partners of DEGISCO and EDGI are members of the Federation (about 20 organisations)
- All activities of the Federation either "supported by EDGI" or "supported by DEGISCO" when appropriate and for reporting in the projects
- Work in progress: choose legal vehicle if any, develop bylaws, etc.



Scope of the EDGI project



EDGI scope for both compute and data intensive applications for EMI/EGI (gLite, ARC, Unicore)

Extend Desktop Grids with Clouds for QoS



- "Expand European DCIs into ICPC countries by supporting the creation of new Desktop Grids for e-Science in those countries and in Europe and by connecting them using the EDGeS bridge technology. Support applications on this expanded infrastructure, disseminate, promote and provide training about this expanded infrastructure and its usage".
- European e-Infrastructure EDGeS connects 100.000 Desktop Grid computers with 150.000 core EGEE and other service Grids, including EELA2, SEE-Grid
- Goal of DEGISCO:
 - Connect non-EU countries (ICPC countries in Europe, Asia and Latin-America) to this European infrastructure
 - Help them to set-up local Desktop Grids





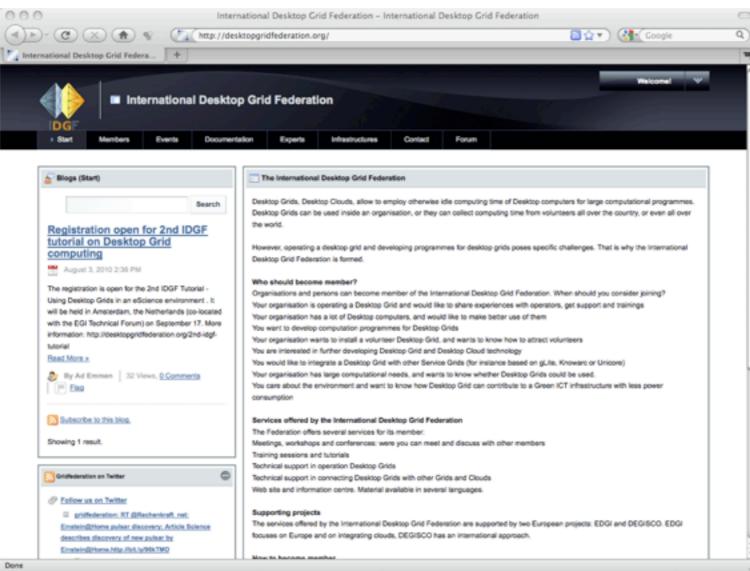


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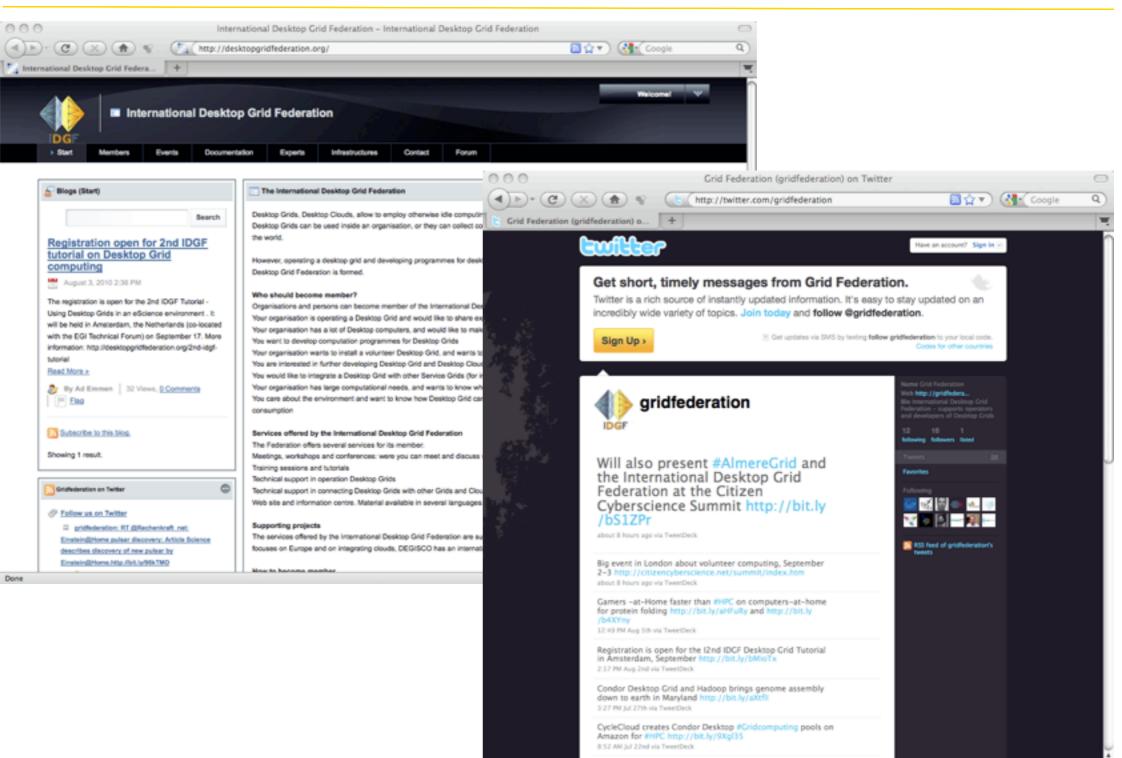
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DECISCO and EPIKH projects to collaborate on Desktop Grid

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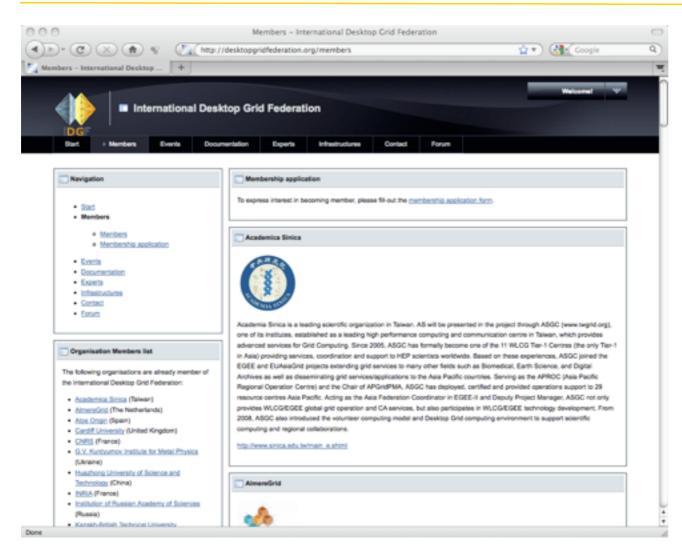


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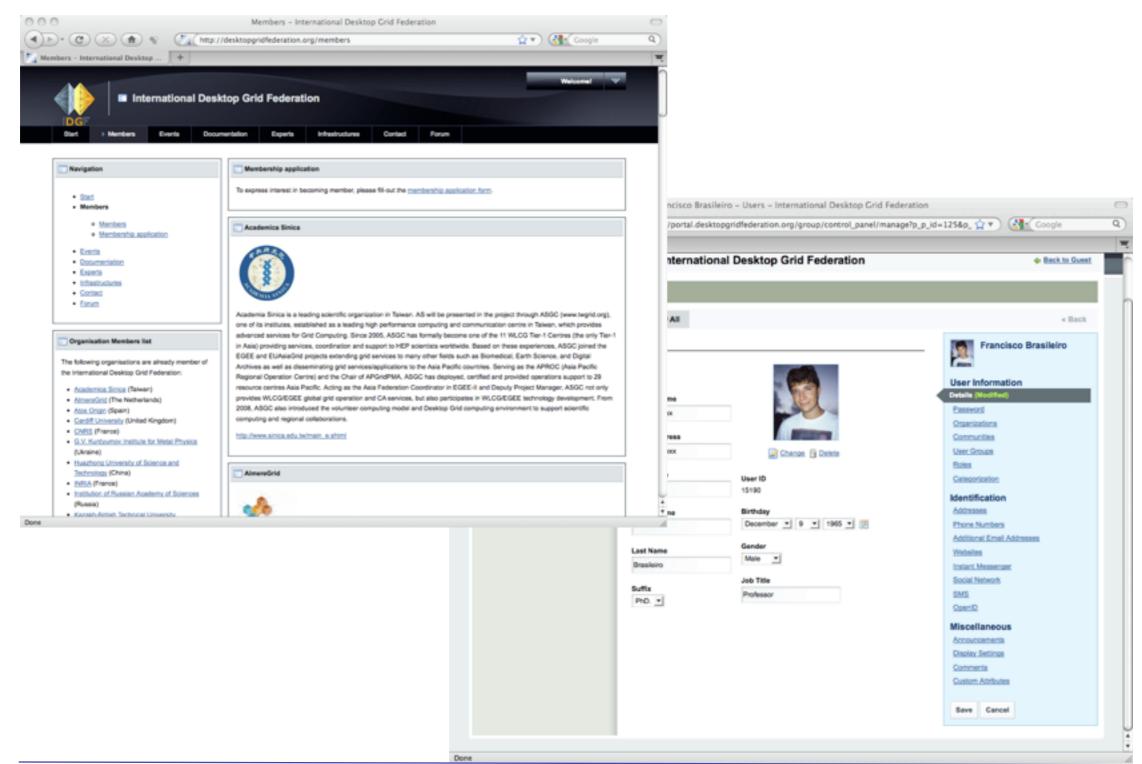


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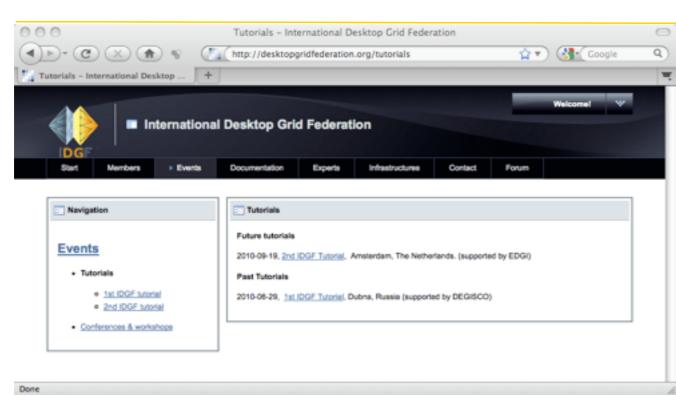


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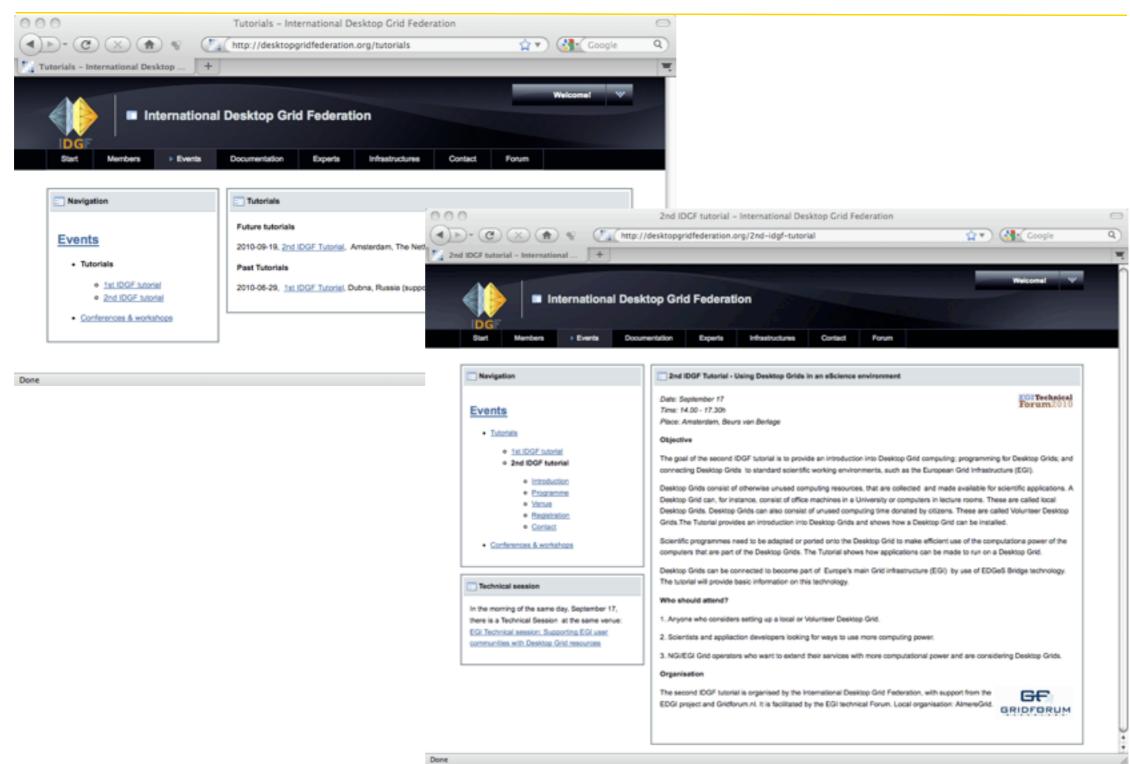


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