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## EGI Operations and Relevant Areas

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# Operations - Central & Distributed Teams

- **Central Operations and Coordination**



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- **Distributed Operations**

Resource Centre admins/ops teams coordinating at national/regional level. Some ~3000 service endpoints, 225 cloud/htc resource centres and 30 operations centres

- **Specialized Teams**

Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT), Security Policy management, Technical support, Ticket management, Staged Rollout coordination, Accounting & Monitoring staff

## Operations Activities

- Service delivery in reliable/trusted way
- Requirements gathering
- Definition + maintenance of OLAs
- Service monitoring
- User accounting
- Service Request & Incident Response
- Service/Software Validation, Verification & Distribution
- Documentation & Expertise Retention
- Authentication & Authorization Infrastructure (AAI)
- Evaluation of Security Threats
- External Liaison
- **NEW:** Collaboration Tools (wiki, confluence, jira, indico, mailing lists, SSO etc.)

- Accounting Portal and Repository
  - compute, cloud, and storage usage records
  - accounting records collected through APEL
- Application DB (AppDB)
  - provides information on virtual appliances and application software available in the EGI Infrastructure.
  - integrated with the EGI FedCloud
- ARGO Messaging Service
  - used by Accounting, AppDB, Monitoring, and FedCloud services
- ARGO Monitoring Service
  - monitoring the status of the EGI infrastructure
  - A/R reports
- Collaboration tools
  - EGI.eu website, SSO and DNS; indigo, wiki, jira, confluence, rt, mailman
- EGI Workload (Dirac)
  - cluster of instances to allow the users to submit computational tasks to HTC and Cloud services

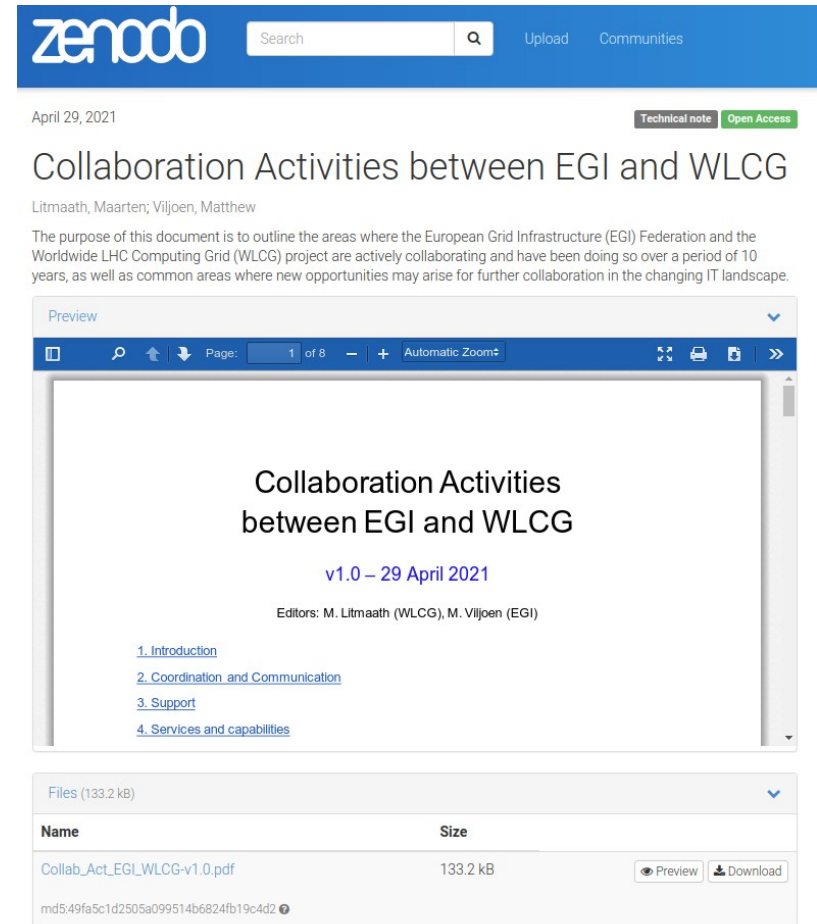
- [Helpdesk - GGUS](#)
  - central point for users support
  - register incidents and service requests
- Helpdesk - Human support
  - 1st and 2nd level support
  - tickets triage, first analysis and assignment
  - analysis of configuration and deployment issues and on suspected software defects
    - suggestions of workarounds, creation of a Known Error DB
- [Marketplace Services](#)
  - EGI Service Portfolio
- Online CA - [RCauth](#)
  - release of temporary X509 certificates
    - token translation
  - Integrated with EGI Check-in
- [Operations Portal](#)
  - Operations and security dashboard, VO management facilities, broadcast tool, Service Order Management Back Office (SOMBO), VAPOR (information system)

- Security coordination and security tools
  - Security policies and procedures
  - middleware risk assessment
  - security incidents, vulnerabilities handling
  - security monitoring
- [Configuration Database - GOCDB](#)
  - infrastructure topology source
- Services for the AAI
  - AAI platform - [EGI Check-in](#)
  - Attribute management ([PERUN](#))
  - VOMS catch-all server
- [Unified \(and Cloud\) Middleware Distribution - UMD and CMD](#)
  - infrastructure supporting the UMD release process
  - quality assurance, staged rollout
  - middleware release

- EGI Infrastructure oversight
  - monitor the overall status of services, resource centres, and NGIs
  - measure the fulfilment of agreed service level targets
  - problems follow-up
  - technical support to NGI Operators, Resource Centre administrators, and user communities
  
- Coordination of activities with the Operations Management Board and the User Community Board
  - procedures and policies
  - new technologies
  - technical roadmap of EGI Core Services and requirements gathering

- Coordination of regional activities
- Support to users and resource centres
  - provide help in resolutions to operational incidents and problems
  - escalating these to higher-level teams in case of need for specialized support
- Manage the Resource Centre OLA with respective Resource Centres
  - the services provided by respective Resource Centres are in compliance with the OLA
  - report violations
  - enforcement of the related procedures and policies
- proactively check the status of the Resource Centres, and monitor the progress of open tickets
- Security
  - interface between EGI Central Security and Incident Response Team and the Resource Centre Security officers
  - overview the security incidents and vulnerability issues occurred to their sites
- Be a member of Operations Management Board
  - attend OMB and other operations meeting when needed
- Ensure the accuracy of the information in GOCDB

- Whitepaper outlining technical cooperation areas:  
<https://zenodo.org/record/4717751>
- Services of mutual benefit  
*GOCDDB, Accounting, Helpdesk, Availability & Monitoring, Ops Portal, EGI AAI, SW Distribution & Support, Security*
- Forums, Events and Dissemination  
*Conferences, workshops and technical groups*
- Service evolution  
*AAI move from X509, GCF support for Globus legacy, CVMFS*
- EOSC and HPC
- Environmental Impact and Green Computing



The screenshot shows a Zenodo record page for a technical note titled "Collaboration Activities between EGI and WLCG". The page includes a search bar, navigation links for "Upload" and "Communities", and a date of "April 29, 2021". The authors listed are "Litmaath, Maarten; Viljoen, Matthew". A brief description states: "The purpose of this document is to outline the areas where the European Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Federation and the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) project are actively collaborating and have been doing so over a period of 10 years, as well as common areas where new opportunities may arise for further collaboration in the changing IT landscape." Below the description is a preview of the document, which shows the title "Collaboration Activities between EGI and WLCG", the version "v1.0 - 29 April 2021", and the editors "M. Litmaath (WLCG), M. Viljoen (EGI)". A table of contents is visible, listing: 1. Introduction, 2. Coordination and Communication, 3. Support, and 4. Services and capabilities. At the bottom, a file list shows "Collab\_Act\_EGI\_WLCG-v1.0.pdf" with a size of 133.2 kB and a download link.



- Lithuania achieves CERN Associate Member state status in 2017  
<https://home.cern/news/news/cern/lithuania-becomes-associate-member-state-cern>
- Lithuanian activity within CMS collaboration:
  - the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences  
 (contact: Andrius Bernotas)
  - Vilnius University  
 (contacts: Aurelius Rinkevicius, Andrius Juodagalvis)
- Summer school with students working at CERN IT department

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