4th e-Infrastructures Concertation Meeting Sophia-Antipolis, 5-6 December 2007

The role of Standards in the development and deployment of e-Infrastructures

- Meeting conclusions -







Context

- Concertation with focus on standardisation
- e-Infrastructure projects covering a broad range of technologies, interests and stakeholders (complexity, opportunities)
- Questionnaire supported process
- Examples, best practices and demos (ETSI)



Issues, Recommendations

- Different maturity levels, various needs across communities (data, middleware, networking) BUT need of all infrastructure layers to interoperate and cooperate in the standardisation process
- Challenges concerning standardisation (time/effort, language, value of standards not always clear, overlaps bet. bodies, academic vs commercial interests,...) joining forces, creating critical mass can help!
- Main contribution of e-Infrastructure projects on validation of standards (but also on identification of needs!)
- Testing of standards before use important reinforce effort!
- Reinforce human networking in e-Infrastructure area, link also with other areas (web, mailing-lists, wiki, etc)
- Projects to identify at early stage interest/need on standards, disseminate information on work being done
- Training on standards can facilitate involvement

Actions

- Each project to establish a web-page to disseminate info on standardisation related work, contact persons, issues, needs...
- Reinforce communication tools (mailing lists, wiki,...) for exchange of info among projects; establish a central web-page to disseminate generic info on e-Infrastructure standards-related matters – BELIEF?
- Standard-project matrices: live documents maintained by BELIEF?
- Training (offer by OMII-Europe, ...)
- Next event week of OGF23 (June 2-6, 2008) in Barcelona?
- OGF EUROPE to take a proactive role addressing stakeholders
- Projects to report on follow up actions to this meeting in next progress-reports and reviews

Thank you all for your presence and contributions!