Meeting minutes

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Meeting date: 1/12/2010, 9am
Participants:

- Spanish NGI: Ignacio Blanquer

- vlemed VO, Dutch NGI: Silvia Olabarriaga

- HealthGrid: Yannick Legré (also for the biomed VO), Samuel Keuchkerian

- biomed VO: Tristan Glatard

- German life-science user community: Dagmar Krefting

Excused:

- EGI-Inspire, French NGI, biomed VO: Johan Montagnat

- vlemed VO: Mark Santcross

- Swiss NGI: Heinz Stockinger

- eNMR: Alexandre Bonvin

Next phone conf: 5/01/2010, 9am

1 Meeting agenda

- News

- User representation

- Coordination

- Technicals

- Training

- Dissemination

2 News

- Yannick to circulate the current list of mailing list members. Non VRC members to be removed from this list. They could register to the HealthGrid contact-all mailing list to be kept informed.

3 Representation

- Report from the EGI User Community Board

  - what are the constraints to become a VRC? support from NGI (i.e. have supporting resources) and from VOs (i.e. represent some users).

  - why become a VRC? technical requirements may reach middleware developpers since VRCs are members of the EGI User Community Board ; the EGI dissemination tools can be used by VRCs

  - 8 to 9 workshops to be organized by the UCB in 2011 to discuss the middleware requirements of the UCB

  - quaterly UCB meetings

  - Mark (via email): Although there was not much news, it was good to be present. It's clear that signing the MoU is beneficial to us.

  - Silvia: is the complete list of requirements available? Yes, here[1] (also linked on the wiki, under the "technicals" section).

  - Dagmar: who are the UCB members? VRCs + EGI-Inspire (SA3, i.e. Stewe Brewer and Gergely Sipos)

  - Samuel: what about resource negotiation between VRCs and the NGIs? VRCs are supposed to directly negotiate resources and OLAs with NGIs. EGI may provide some advice on that (for instance in the form of contact information, OLA templates).

  - Ignacio: NA3 also provides core resources for emerging VOs (VOMS, LFC, WMS).

- follow-up on the MoU establishment

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[1] https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Requirements_gathering_details

– Yannick: shall we reach a more formal agreement between VRC members before negotiating with EGI? Silvia: maybe it's time to establish the VRC a bit more formally. → (following the discussion) we would like to keep paper work as light as possible. It is proposed that HealthGrid receives a mandate for the MoU negotiation with EGI in the name of the LSGC. VRC members should vote on that in the doodle[2].

4   Coordination

- VO management portal

  – requirements (see DB schema circulated by Yannick on the mailing list after the last meeting) were sent to the EGI and discussed with SA3. These may overlap with the new operations portal being developped at CC-IN2P3. It is also in the tasks of HealthGrid to develop dashboards in EGI. These may be related to CERN's dashboards.

  – Ignacio: there is a big dashboard development task in EGI. But it may not really be easily configured by VOs.

  – Silvia: what are the relations between all these dashboards? There are two different portals: (i) operation portals (e.g. Nagios box, CERN's dashboards) that are used to monitor jobs and resources ; (ii) VO management portals that allows to manage users and applications.

  – Samuel: these two should be merged in a single, VRC portal. If not merged then at least strongly linked.

  – Tristan: what is the development timeline in EGI for these portals. Samuel: it should start in the coming months.

5   Technical

- redundant VOMS server in biomed: no update from HealthGrid on that. Once deployed we should produce a cookbook explaining how to reproduce that. The Dutch NGI may be ok to host redundant VOMSes for VOs in case there is a clear documentation on that.

- SE storage size reporting through lcg-infosites: Mark (via email): I've updated the Wiki with some information about vlemed. In general, all sites report the space except the DCache at Sara.

- monitoring Nagios box

  – SE probes are now in production for the biomed shifters. Application-specific probes can now be envisaged (but will be monitored by applications).

  – Silvia: vlemed could be interested in having a Nagios box as well. Tristan to liaise with the French NGI to check if two VOs could be configured in a single Nagios box or if two separate instances should be set up.

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[2]http://doodle.com/9t7vsnrf95tagmim

- Ignacio: the Spanish NGI also has application probes (e.g. for MPI, piloting). NA3 is currently trying to analyse the different probes available.
- Dagmar: D-Grid also uses Nagios for GWES and gsi-DICOM monitoring.
- we could list available probes from the various VOs on the wiki ($\rightarrow$ Tristan)

- VO operations survey: no progress yet (Tristan)

6 Training

- Training event was proposed by LSGC at the EGI UF in Vilnius (still to be approved). Content is still open. The SHIWA EU project is interested in training on its workflow platform. Other potential interests should be posted to Johan.

- Training material: HealthGrid uploaded site admin training material on the wiki page and linked to material from the French NGI. More is coming.

- Review of training requirements and offers will be resumed in January (Silvia).

7 Dissemination

- It was mentionned that we should be able to provide real services before entering into a large dissemination phase. Communities that already have experience with grids should be priviledged first.

8 AoB

- Name change to be implemented on the wiki (HealthGrid)

- Silvia: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody ! ;-)