



Nordic political scene

eScience is receiving much attention

Nordic Education Ministers will (likely)

- Request a Nordic Action Plan for eScience
- Establish an eScience Programme within a few years
- Ask Nordforsk to coordinate Nordic eScience

Further work on strategy (long-term)

- Plans for 2011+ do not exist
- Sustainable Nordic eInfrastructure?
- Possibility: Funding agencies (NOS-N) mandate a Working Group to propose next generation Grid infrastructure

NGIs' view

National responsibilities (NGIs):

- User interaction, user support, community building
- resource provisioning

Joint Nordic (regional) responsibility:

- Middleware development and middleware support
- core grid operations for selected user communities (HEP)
- framework for Nordic resource provisioning and sharing/aggregation of resources

Strategy document

- Comments and revisions input to NDGF management
- SB will discuss follow up later today
- Aim to produce some document that the SB can endorse

Short-term issues

- Organisation and management
- Plans for 2008-2010

Organisation and management

- "Improve communication between national activities and NDGF"
 - NGIs' invitation to NDGF management and middleware representative to join in meetings.
- Governance and ToR for NDGF SB is the responsibility of the national funding agencies
- NDGF SB is responsible for management and hosting contract with NORDUnet

Plans for 2008-2010

1. Work with the management to create good, innovative proposals!
 - Possible to redistribute resources and priorities (e.g. national node coordinators, ...)
2. NDGF management will propose to SB
3. SB decides on budget and priorities