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Grid user and application support: Towards sustainable user communities and services

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**Abstract:**

Year 2010 marks the conclusion of the EGEE series of projects. Throughout the 6 years of the project's total duration it succeeded to attract and federate a significant number of scientific communities, shaping the way they exploit Grid technologies, providing them with training services as well as offering them daily operational and application-level support. With the upcoming transition to the EGI (European Grid Initiative) model these user communities are now reforming following the overall reorganization of the grid support services in Europe. This talk will give an overview picture of the current situation and the road that lead as here. It will also present how the European Grid landscape is shaping in the coming months and how the Grid community is moving not only to a sustainable European Grid infrastructure but also to sustainable user communities and Grid support services.