

New e-IRG White Paper 2008

The first public version of the e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG) White Paper 2008 has been released and is now entering its consultation phase. The document invites policy makers, service providers and user communities to join in the discussion concerning the near future of e-Infrastructures.

“The purpose of the e-IRG White Paper is to present key e-Infrastructure areas and topics requiring policy actions, and to propose related recommendations at the national and EU levels”, says Fotis Karagiannis, editor of the White Paper 2008. “In this way, the e-IRG fosters the sustainability and innovation of the European multi-layer e-Infrastructure.”

The e-IRG White Paper is a key document for the e-IRG mission, which is “to pave the way towards a general-purpose European e-Infrastructure”.

Seven topics have been selected and are examined in the document: Grid and cloud computing, Security, Education and training, Global collaboration, Sustainability of the computing-related e-Infrastructure, Remote instrumentation, and Virtualisation.

These hot topics were chosen after several rounds of consultation with experts belonging to the e-Infrastructure community, and were presented to the e-IRG delegates at the e-IRG workshop in April 2008, in Zurich. The present version of the White Paper will remain open to comments until the 6th of March 2009.

Please visit the e-IRG website www.e-irg.eu to access the e-IRG White Paper 2008, and to join in the discussion.