

Memorandum of Understanding

on establishing of

Academic and Educational Grid Initiative of Serbia - AEGIS

The University of Belgrade and the Institute of Physics Belgrade, hereafter referred to as the parties, are jointly establishing the Academic and Educational Grid Initiative of Serbia – AEGIS.

Motivation:

This initiative is undertaken in response to the growing need of Serbia's academic and educational community for high performance computing resources, and taking into account the existing capacities of the parties in terms of computing and human resources, as well as their experience in operating and using Grid infrastructure. It is a continuation of successful ongoing collaboration following the AEGIS Inauguration Meeting held on April 14, 2005.

The **objectives** of AEGIS are to:

- Coordinate efforts to further develop academic and educational high performance computing facilities (e.g. computing nodes, storage, instruments, and visualization resources) and help to integrate them into AEGIS infrastructure;
- Organize dissemination and training activities and help to develop and deploy applications that will benefit from the use of AEGIS infrastructure;
- Coordinate fund raising efforts to improve AEGIS infrastructure and human resources;
- Facilitate wider participation of AEGIS members in national and international Grid projects;
- Help create a national GRID development policy, and support its positioning within an overall National research agenda.

Enlargement:

The Parties welcome the association of new members to AEGIS MoU among the interested and competent institutions based on their experience and capacity to promote and fulfill the AEGIS MoU objectives.

Duration:

The parties will actively promote the aforementioned AEGIS objectives throughout the duration of this MoU, which is 5 (five) years.

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