Presentation

From Grid Technologies (in 6th of IST RTD 2002-2006) to knowledge Utility

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Abstract

An overview of the Strategic Objective on Advanced Grid Technologies, Systems and Services under the IST (Information Society Technologies) thematic priority of the 6th European RTD Framework Programme (2002-2006) will be provided. The evolution and progress since the 5th Framework Programme will be sketched. The presentation will include a brief description of the portfolio of 12 new projects - with a total EU funding of 52 million € - that were launched in the 2nd half of 2004. Latest strategic planning activities with regard to the Strategic Objective - particularly in the context of the European Research Area - will be covered in relative details. The related topics (S.O. 2.5.4) of the IST Work Programme 2005-2006 - as specified for Call 5 - will be addressed in an exhaustive manner. Future perspectives for the 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) regarding the ICT technology pillar on/ Software, Grids, Security and Dependability/ as laid out in the Commission proposal of April 2005 will be outlined on a high level. A question and answer time will follow the presentation.