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### EUMEDCONNECT supports EUMEDGRID project

The kick-off meeting for the EUMEDGRID project took place in Malta, on 6th-7th February, to mark the launch of the initiative, which officially began on January 1st 2006. The agenda included a presentation from the EUMEDCONNECT project manager, David West. The EUMEDCONNECT network supports EUMEDGRID, providing the essential underlying infrastructure on top of which the grid applications will run.

The EUMEDGRID project aims to assist the participation of researchers in the Mediterranean region in pan-European and worldwide Grid initiatives, thus expanding and supporting the European Research Area (ERA) in the region. The initiative will establish a Mediterranean grid infrastructure, which can become part of EGEE, which utilises GÉANT2, and be integrated with analogous initiatives in the Balkans, North Europe, Latin America and Far-East Asia.

Led by Consortium GARR (Italy) EUMEDGRID involves project partners from across the Mediterranean region, including Tunisia, Turkey, Syria, Egypt and Malta. DANTE is also a partner in the project, providing networking expertise as the operators of the EUMEDCONNECT network.

EUMEDGRID has been designed to work in synergy with EUMEDCONNECT, and the continuation of the network beyond 2006 is central to the success of the grid initiative. Learn more at [www.eumedgrid.org](http://www.eumedgrid.org)



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