

Consultation meeting on "Global Computing Follow-up" ,
Brussels 12 May 2003 (by invitation only).

Agenda:

10:30 – 10:35	Welcome and Introduction (FET)
10:35 – 12:15	Short position statement (5 min.) of each participant
12:15 – 13:00	Identification of lines of discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:45	Discussions continued (break included)
16:45 – 17:00	Conclusions and future actions

As you may notice, the intention of this meeting is not to be long but intense and focused. There is not a lot of time for discussions in the afternoon, so it is important that the position statements have a common ground that can focus the discussions from the very beginning. In the previous message we sent a possible list of topics to be discussed in the meeting to structure such position statements, and the following points -which are not exclusive- elaborate a bit more that list and could serve as the terms of reference for your opinions and discussions:

- **Need:** Is it a GC-II needed? What has been learned from GC-I? Can it become a more focused effort?
- **Place&Timeliness:** Where does a GC-II fit in relation with current efforts? (eg. GRID, Autonomic Computing, Trusted Computing, Nature-inspired and Complexity-based research..) Is it too late for this kind of “traditional CS” research?
- **Characteristics of the systems:** Is the definition of GC-like systems (<http://www.cordis.lu/ist/fetgc.htm#what>) too abstract for GC-II? Should it include characteristics such as resource awareness and sharing, self-organising/healing properties, etc..?
- **Characteristics of the problems and solutions:** What are the new challenges to be tackled? Must scalability/security/resource&network awareness be at the core of the research called for? How to combine theory and real systems practice? Must the systems prototyping be an integral part of the research effort?
- **Focus:** What should be the research focus/foci of GC-II? What are the most promising lines of work that come from GC-I, but also what are the new lines? What could be expected as a result of GC-II in terms of technologies, solutions, etc.?
- **Implementation:** What are the right instruments to implement the initiative? What would be the ideal number/size/focus for Integrated Projects(IP)? Should IPs compete in approaches for the same goal, or map complementary areas? What would be the role of a Network of Excellence? What are the target research groups/communities?