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Lower environmental, higher scientific impact

The EGI perspective on green computing

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Given Computing – Needs and opportunities

Lowering the environmental impact of EGI and its partner RIs is both a societal and an ethical responsibility - BUT we have to do it without jeopardising scientific excellence

- We cannot lower it if we don't measure it!
 - i. Understanding where we are Done in EGI-ACE project between 2022–23
 - Green computing practices at sites (metrics, policies, roles, processes)
 - Software efficiency practices

ii. Initial action plan, broadened by our colleagues from SLICES, SoBigData, EBRAINS

- OUR ACTION PLAN to be implemented in the GreenDIGIT project between 2024-2026:
 - i. Capturing and spreading good practices:
 - Webinars, tutorials, support workshops
 - Not only EGI, but within partner Research Infrastructures too
 - ii. Metrics and reporting framework for resource providers
 - Ability to collect, combine and report impact numbers to and when they are needed iii.Awareness raising
 - Displaying environmental impact of actions to the users iv.Offering the choice
 - Alternative scheduling approaches for workload management (e.g. delaying, re-routing jobs)
 - Research topics: Env. impact aware resource brokering algorithms (choosing compute sites); Smart local job schedulers; , Compute-storage trade-off