

# The global access point to e-Infrastructure

BELIEF-II is a project funded by the European Commission under the FP7 capacities programme. Kicked-off in April 2008, the project will span over 24 months with the aim of supporting e-Infrastructure projects in order to maximise synergies between research, scientific and industrial communities in specific application areas.

Building on the successes achieved in its first phase, BELIEF-II has the strategic objective of coordinating the communication of the results achieved by all the e-Infrastructure projects, thanks to the organisation of networking activities and to the promotion of the worldwide initiatives which could be of great interest for the future potential users.

As coordinator of the International e-Infrastructure communication BELIEF-II will:

- Make sure e-Infrastructure projects work in synergy with one another advancing in the same direction of the national initiatives so as to foment fruitful interaction and mutual cooperation;
- Reinforce relevance of e-Infrastructures worldwide, thus helping sustain their successful development and exploitation globally;
- Develop stronger co-operation links with emerging economies, specifically in Latin America, India and South Africa.



In order to achieve these goals, the project will provide a communication platform that will, at the same time, allow the e-



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Infrastructure projects to manage their contents, communicate their activities to the users and to the public, and have a unique access point to find out more about e-Infrastructures. The new networking platform was launched in August 2008 and, is empowered by the Digital Library, which will soon make it THE one-stop-shop for global e-Infrastructures community.

Interactions and synergies will be supported also by a series of high profiled international events that will be organised during the project's life span:

- 2 eConcertation meetings - To work together on common directions
- 2 brainstorming workshops - Tackling creatively the major issues emerging from eConcertation
- 3 international symposia gathering major decision-makers, top researchers, scientific policymakers and industrial organisations and focusing on a future framework for a common

agenda for e-Infrastructure research in the world. These symposia will be organised, respectively, first in January 2009 in India, the second in July 2009, Brazil and the third one will take place in December 2009 at Cape Town, South Africa. Please mark these dates in your diary!

Join the BELIEF Community, be part of the future of e-Infrastructure!

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#### i4d is Media Partner with the BELIEF-II project

- Distance Learning/Education and training as an e-Infrastructures application is the theme of the first emagazine called Zero-In
- Interested stake holders may contribute their experiences in the community
- Interested members may get involved in the three face-to-face symposia to be held in India, Brazil, South Africa in the year 2009

More information about the project can be obtained from the project website:  
<http://www.beliefproject.org>