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Dear <salutation\_name>

As you know, development of Grid as a next generation paradigm for the Information Society is advancing very well in Europe. Science has been the driver of this development which will eventually benefit all of society and have considerable economic impact, as the Internet and the World Wide Web did in the past. A substantial part of the future progress in the field of Grid Infrastructures will depend not so much on technologies, but on organizational aspects. This issue has been the subject of discussion over the past year in forums in the various European countries as well as in pan-European workshops, such as those of the "e-Infrastructure Reflection Group". In mid-2005, CERN has put forward a document outlining possible ideas for a "European Grid Organization".

Organizational aspects often take time to develop, and this is foreseen to be the case for Grid Infrastructures which must span from a local to a global level in a coherent manner. In order to maintain a good rate of progress while ensuring proper feedback across all scales, we are organizing a series of meetings across Europe bringing together Grid users, providers and policy makers from the national and international level. I have the pleasure to invite you to the meeting for France, Portugal and Spain, to be held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 afternoon. The meeting will be attended, in addition, by representatives from CERN and the EU.

I look forward to seeing you in Barcelona.

Best regards,

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