

CETIC launches EU's 6th Research Framework Programme Project Qualoss as Co-ordinator

Charleroi, 7 September 2006 – Today CETIC, the Centre of Excellence in Information and Communication Technologies, officially launched the Qualoss project. CETIC co-ordinates this 6th European Research Framework Programme Project and organized, in the presence of all partners involved, the kick-off meeting of Qualoss in Charleroi this week. At the press conference, CETIC also presented GridTrust, another European 6th Framework Programme Project co-ordinated by CETIC, which was launched just before summer.

CETIC, created in 2001, is very active in the European Research Area and co-ordinates two 6th European Research Framework Programme Projects in this respect, Qualoss and GridTrust.

Qualoss (Quality of Open Source Software), involving academic and business partners from Belgium, France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, aims at developing a method for measuring evolvability and robustness of free and open source software components. The expected outcome of the Qualoss project is making it possible for an organization to measure easily whether a selected free and open source software-based project will be evolvable and robust and to what degree. Qualoss's objective is to develop quality models on evolvability of free and open source software, which will help companies estimate whether the level of support provided by a free and open source software community is sufficient.

The kick-off meeting of Qualoss took place this week in Charleroi and was organized by CETIC.

GridTrust aims at developing the technology to manage trust and security for the Next Generation Grids (NGG). CETIC, co-ordinator of GridTrust, proposes a vertical approach tackling issues of Trust, Security and Privacy from the requirement level down to the application, middleware and foundation levels, hereby emphasizing on models and tools to assist in reasoning about trust and security properties along the NGG architecture. GridTrust was launched early June and partners from Belgium, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom are involved.



Commenting CETIC's active role in GridTrust and Qualoss, CETIC's Managing Director Pierre Guisset says that "CETIC's involvement in this kind of international projects demonstrates its position as a qualified partner for large European and local companies as well as research centres. Herewith we reinforce the international implication of the Walloon Region at the European level".

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