The EPIKH Project and the Africa ROC

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- **"Exchange Programme to advance e-Infrastructure Know-How" (EPIKH)**
  - EU FP7- Marie Curie Actions – People - International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)
- **Consortium "numbers":**
  - 23 partners;
  - 18 countries;
  - 4 continents (Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America);
  - 115 persons involved;
  - >650 researcher-months;
  - >500 secondments;

- **Duration: March, 1, 2009 – February, 28, 2013 (48 months)**
- **EC contribution: 1,188,000 €**

The EPIKH Partners

(http://wiki.epikh.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=219&Itemid=228)

No. 1 COMETA	No. 2 MTASZTAKI	No. 3 CIEMAT	No. 4 UTFMS
No. 5 ERI	No. 6 CSIR	No. 7 IHEP	No. 8 CESNET
No. 9 CEFET-RJ	No. 10 ISI	No. 11 JUNET	No. 12 CERIST
No. 13 UTIC	No. 14 PKU	No. 15 SCS-TAU	No. 16 CNRST
No. 17 BUAA	No. 18 CNRS	No. 19 UFRJ	No. 20 UNAM
No. 21 INFN	No. 22 GRNET	No. 23 UCT	

African partners

The EPIKH goals

- **Strategic aims:**
  - Reinforce the impact of e-Infrastructures in scientific research defining and delivering stimulating programme of educational events, including Grid Schools and High Performance Computing courses;
  - Broaden the engagement in e-Science activities and collaborations both geographically and across disciplines.

- **Specific actions:**
  - Spreading the knowledge about the *"Grid Paradigm"* to all potential users: both system administrators and application developers through an extensive training programme;
  - Easing the access of the trained people to the e-Infrastructures existing in the areas of action of the project;
  - Fostering the establishment of scientific collaborations among the countries/continents involved in the project.

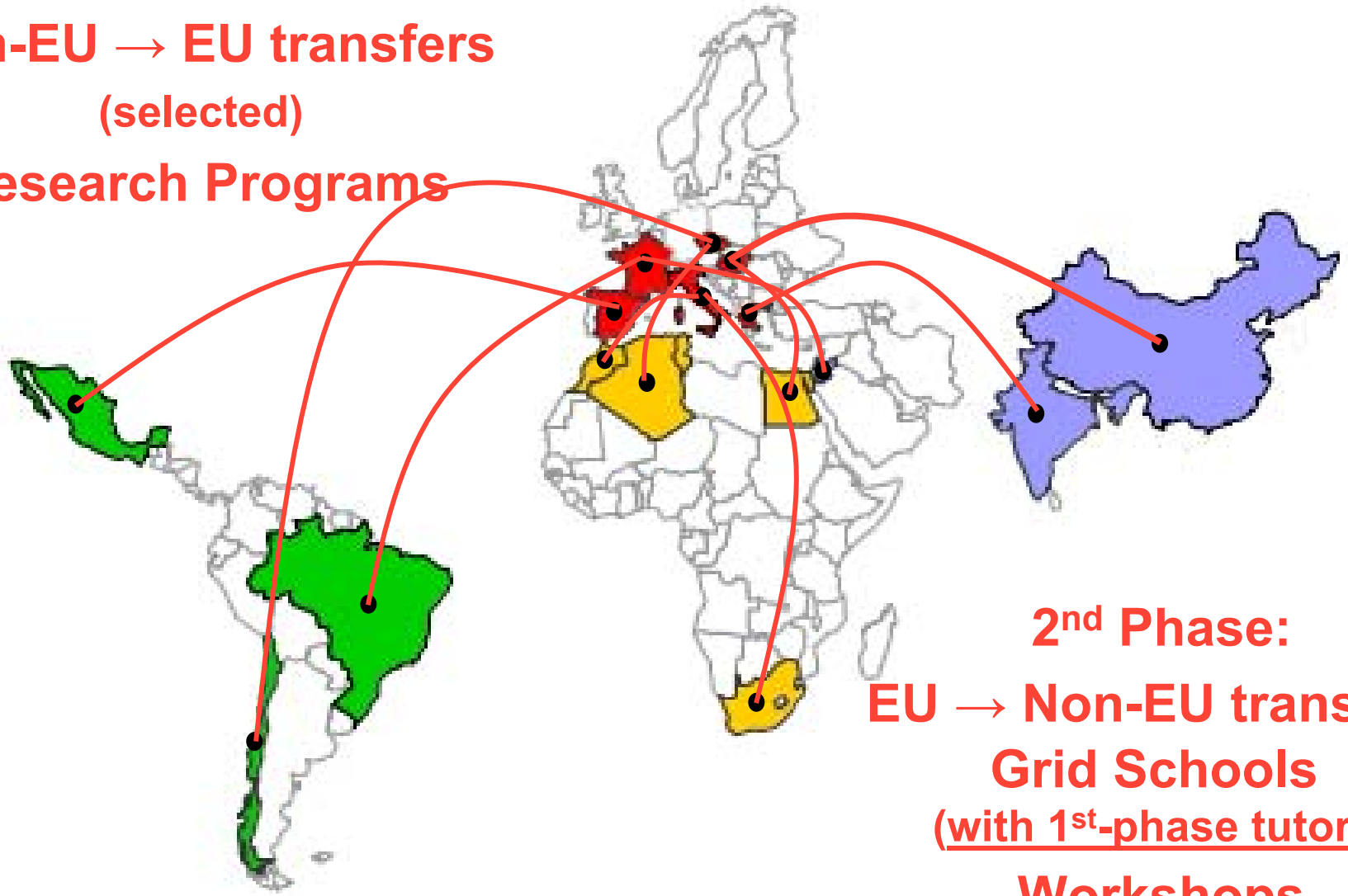
EPIKH secondments' programme
(wiki.epikh.eu)

1st Phase:

Non-EU → EU transfers

(selected)

Research Programs



2nd Phase:

EU → Non-EU transfers

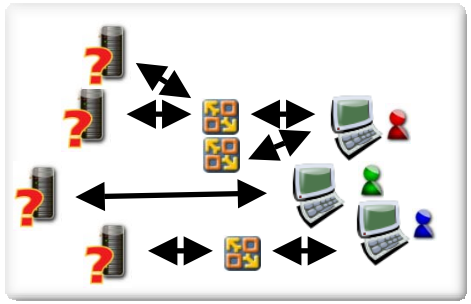
Grid Schools

(with 1st-phase tutors)

Workshops

EPIKH Schools (1/2)

1-week tutorials for site administrators (with remote installations)



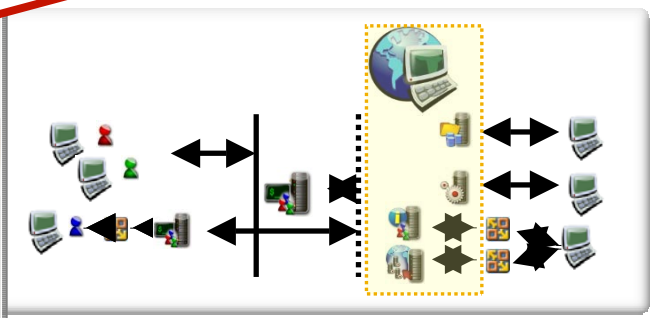
EPIKH Schools (2/2)

Grid Schools

2 entire weeks devoted to applications' "gridification"

call for applications widely open

A total of 8 Grid & HPC schools and related thematic workshops foreseen in Africa in the period 3/2009 - 2/2013!

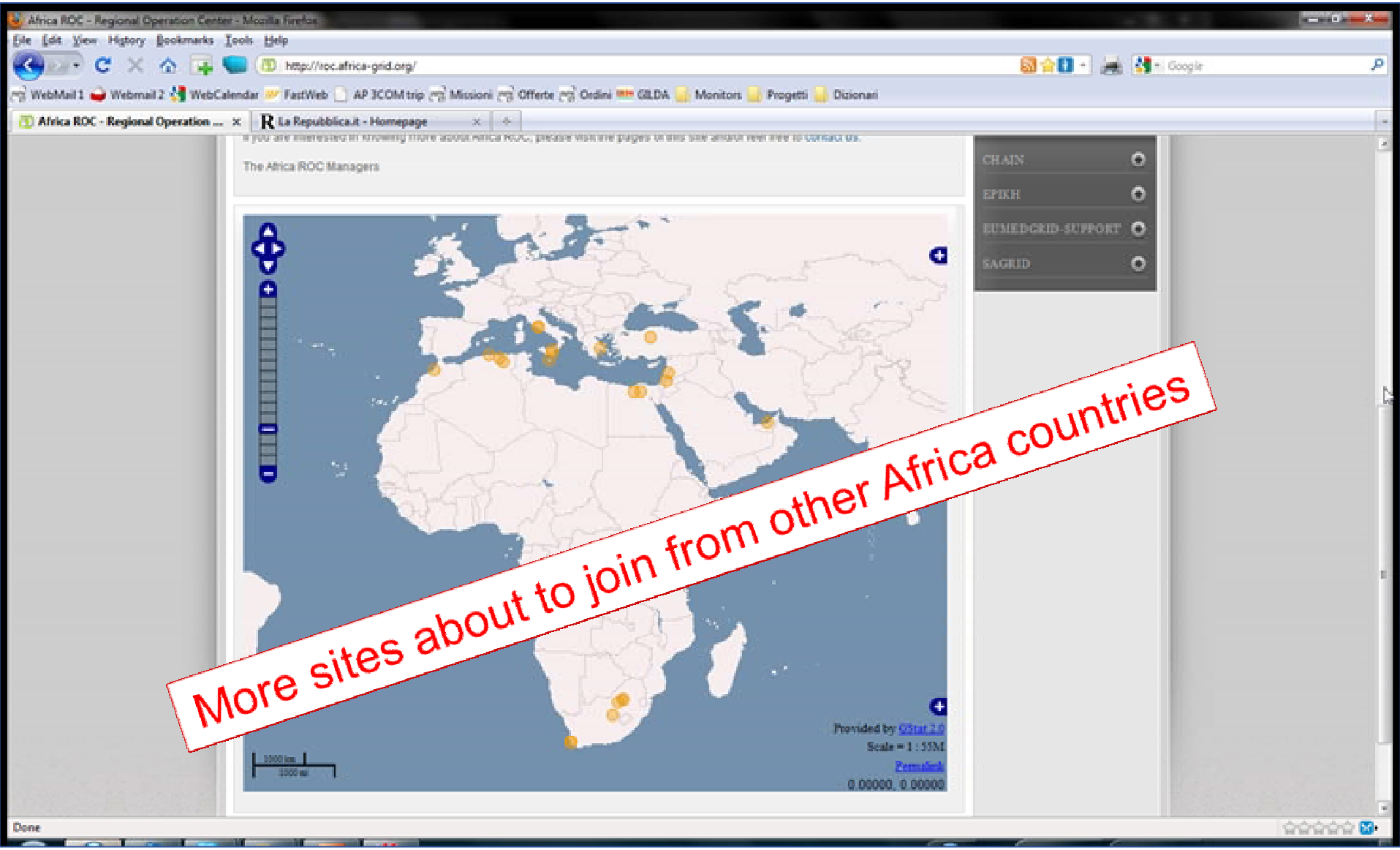


Mission and "sponsors" of Africa ROC (http://roc.africa-grid.org)

- The Africa Regional Operation Centre (Africa ROC) has been created as a coordination and support point for all sites in the Continent wanting to participate in the stimulating and challenging endeavour of creating a common Grid infrastructure;

- Africa ROC is supported by many projects and initiatives:

The Resource Centres participating



The Services provided

- **Africa ROC currently offers the following services:**
  - User Pages;
    - User support:
    - Instructions about how to join;
    - Documentation;
  - Site Manager Pages:
    - Site installation and troubleshooting procedures;
  - Virtual Organisations supported:
    - Information on the Virtual Organisations authorized to use the e-Infrastructure;
  - Grid Services list:
    - List of available Grid services (User Interfaces, Computing Elements, Storage Elements, etc.);
  - Monitors of the e-Infrastructure:
    - GStat;
    - Real Time Monitor.

Summary and conclusions

- **EPIKH can represent for young brilliant scientists and technologists a unique occasion to learn and adopt the Grid paradigm through stimulating research programmes;**
- **EPIKH can offer free technical support for anyone willing to organize local training events on Grid computing:**
  - It can be undergraduate courses, M.Sc. courses, Ph.D. curricula, tutorials, Grid Schools, etc.;
- **Thanks to EPIKH, large projects → NGIs → campuses can easily setup Grid infrastructures and deploy on them scientific applications;**

- **EPIKH is complementing the training activities of several EU projects ensuring coherence of action and increasing impact.**

Useful information

Web page	Address
Home page	www.epikh.eu
Wiki pages	wiki.epikh.eu
Events	agenda.epikh.eu
Documents	documents.epikh.eu
GILDA training infrastructure	https://gilda.ct.infn.it
Training material	https://grid.ct.infn.it/twiki/bin/view/GILDA/WebHome
Open call for grants	http://wiki.epikh.eu/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=108