

Annex 5. The WLCG Collaboration

Annex 5.1. The Organizational Structure of the WLCG Collaboration

1. High-level Committees:

- 1.1. Concerning its main technical directions, the WLCG Collaboration shall be governed by the **WLCG Collaboration Board (CB)**. The CB shall be composed of a representative of each Institution or federation of Institutions that is a Member of the WLCG Collaboration, the LCG Project Leader and the Spokespersons of each LHC Experiment, with voting rights; and the CERN Chief Scientific Officer (CSO), and CERN/IT and CERN/PH Department Heads, as ex-officio members without voting rights, as well as a Scientific Secretary without voting rights. The CB elects the **Chairperson of the CB** from among its Members. The CB meets annually and at other times as required.
- 1.2. A standing committee of the CB, the **Overview Board (OB)**, has the role of overseeing the functioning of the WLCG Collaboration and of this MoU in particular. It also acts as a clearing-house for conflicts that may arise within the WLCG Collaboration. The OB shall be chaired by the CERN CSO. Its other members comprise one person appointed by the agency/agencies that funds/fund each of the Tier-1 Centres, the Spokespersons of the LHC Experiments, the LCG Project Leader, the CERN/IT and CERN/PH Department Heads, and a Scientific Secretary. It meets about four times per year.

Both the CB and the OB may co-opt additional non-voting members as they deem necessary. The non-voting members complement the regular members by advising on (e.g.) matters concerning the environment in which the WLCG Collaboration operates or on specialist aspects within their areas of expertise.

2. The **WLCG Management Board (MB)** supervises the work of the WLCG Collaboration. It is chaired by the LCG Project Leader and reports to the OB. The MB organises the work of the WLCG Collaboration as a set of formal activities and projects. It maintains the overall programme of work and all other planning data necessary to ensure the smooth execution of the work of the WLCG Collaboration. It provides quarterly progress and status reports to the OB. The MB endeavours to work by consensus but, if this is not achieved, the LCG Project Leader shall make decisions taking account of the advice of the Board. The MB membership includes the LCG Project Leader, the Technical Heads of the Tier-0 and Tier-1 Centres, the leaders of the major activities and projects managed by the Board, the Computing Coordinator of each LHC Experiment, the Chair of the Grid Deployment Board (GDB), a Scientific Secretary and other members as decided from time to time by the Board.
3. The **Grid Deployment Board (GDB)** is the forum within the WLCG Collaboration where the computing managements of the experiments and the regional computing centres discuss and take, or prepare, the decisions necessary for planning, deploying and operating the WLCG. Its membership includes: as voting members - one person

from each country with a regional computing centre providing resources to an LHC experiment (usually a senior manager from the largest such centre in the country), a representative of each of the experiments; as non-voting members - the Computing Coordinators of the experiments, the LCG Project Leader, and leaders of formal activities and projects of the WLCG Collaboration. The Chair of the GDB is elected by the voting members of the board from amongst their number for a two year term. The GDB may co-opt additional non-voting members as it deems necessary.

4. Concerning all technical matters, the WLCG Collaboration shall be subject to review by the **Large Hadron Collider experiments Committee** (LHCC), which makes recommendations to the **Research Board** (RB).
5. Concerning all resource and legal matters, the WLCG Collaboration shall be subject to the **Computing Resource Review Board** (C-RRB). The C-RRB is chaired by CERN's Chief Scientific Officer. The C-RRB membership comprises a representative of each Funding Agency, with voting rights, and (ex-officio) members of the WLCG Management and CERN Management, without voting rights.
6. The **LCG Project Leader** represents the WLCG Collaboration to the outside and leads it in all day-to-day matters. He/she shall be appointed by the CERN Director General in consultation with the CB.
7. The CB shall ensure, through the establishment of appropriate sub-committees, that **publications, presentations and press releases** made in the name of the WLCG Collaboration conform to such standards, in particular standards regarding fair representation of the technical contributions of the Members of the Collaboration, as it may determine or that may be prescribed by Protocols in force between Members of the Collaboration.