

## TC 33 Meeting Minutes

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### 33.1 Minutes

The status of the action points of the previous TC:

**Action 22.4.3 JB get Cisco gurus to try to repair the CEs remotely, upgrade the software, and recommend to ExCo what should be done.**

Ongoing. Still waiting for upgrade and report of CEs by DESY staff.

**Action 22.5.2: HF report on the need to change all the remaining BUCs**

Awaits decision on Silk2 provider

**Action 22.15.1: PK provide status report on VoIP using Cisco phones**

Nothing yet

**Action 24.1.1: RJ will find out how the CEs can be configured to run both as Cache Engines, and as Distance Education servers.**

Awaits 22.4.3

**Action 30.2.1: SB will provide the conditions of Russian providers (in writing) before the next Silk TC.**

Not done. Fax has been sent to DESY (HF)

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Not done

**Action 30.4.2: RJ will coordinate TC to discuss CE problems.**

Awaits 30.4.1

**Action 30.5.1: RJ will coordinate preparations of SB9 meeting.**

Ongoing

**Action 31.2.1: PK send letter to Necati.**

Done

**Action 31.2.2: PK will contact Japarov about bandwidth increase for KAZRENA.**

Done

**Action 31.4.1: All will comment on draft of Silk Board minutes**

Done

**Action 31.4.2: RJ will check flight schedules to Tashkent**

Done

**Action 31.4.3: RJ will contact OSI for funding of SB9 meeting**

Not done

**Action 31.6: JB organise next Silk ExCo for Wednesday April 13, 9.00 hrs (CET), 8.00 hrs (BST)**

Done

### **33.2 Silk Board 9 meeting**

It is agreed that the next Silk Board meeting will take place from Tuesday May 31 (noon) to Thursday June 2 (noon). It will still be a puzzle to have the extra meetings at moments when enough people are available.

### **33.3 EurasiaSat offer**

Boris Japarov has requested extra (Eurasiasat) bandwidth for KAZRENA, not only for the current Silk period but also for the coming years. It is not quite clear how he plans to finance this extra bandwidth. It seems that he wants 50% from Silk and plans to finance the remaining 50% from NATO NIGs. This is clearly not going to fly. For one NATO will probably not fund the remaining 50%. And even if he gets other external funding he will use up twice his share of subsidised bandwidth of Central Asia. Further discussion of this issue will wait until he has discussed this with HF.

### **33.4 Caucasian alternatives**

It is becoming clear that in Silk2 the Caucasian countries will have a different provider than the Central Asian countries. The difference in price per megabit is too large to be able to be combined in one contract. Various strategies for the Caucasian region were discussed. It seems that a Russian provider is offering the most favorable tariffs. This might give rise to mixed feelings from NATO as main donor of Silk.

### **33.5 Central Asia alternatives**

In Central Asia there are also various alternatives, two of them Russian. Here the difference with the current offer from EurasiaSat is not as large as in the Caucasian region.

### **33.6 Status Content Engines**

Due to illness of Lavrov the intended upgrade of the CEs has not taken place. The plan is to have some CEs upgraded before April 16. After that the TC with Cisco can take place.

### **33.7 Next TC Meeting**

Next TC: Wednesday April 20, 14.00 hrs (CET), 13.00 hrs (BST)

## **ACTION Items**

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