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This edition brings you news of an innovative partnership with PRACE, the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe, which gives researchers access to world-class data infrastructure and storage. Kimmo Koski calls for trust between researchers and technology providers, our roving reporter catches up with Carl Johan Håkansson to find out more about B2SHARE and we explore Augusto Burgueño's vision for e-infrastructures in Europe.

EUDAT teams up with PRACE to support science

The 11th PRACE Call for Proposals for Project Access includes a pilot with EUDAT offering the possibility to couple EUDAT storage capacity to PRACE HPC resources. EUDAT will guarantee data storage, up to 1PB (approx 150TB per pilot) for at least 24 months after the end of the PRACE grant, free of charge. Data deposited onto EUDAT resources will be available through different interfaces, including GridFTP, and maintained close to PRACE facilities to support further usage and transmission.

The deadline for applications is 18 March 2015. Read more about this exciting new collaboration on the [EUDAT website](#).

Europe needs trust between researchers and e-infrastructure providers - Kimmo Koski

In this article, Kimmo Koski, Managing Director of CSC - IT Center for Science and EUDAT Coordinator, warns of the potentially enormous waste of resources should different research infrastructures each develop their own information and communication technology (ICT) systems. To avoid this, he emphasizes the need for trust between researchers and e-infrastructure providers and provides practical advice on how they can work together for their mutual benefit. Read the full article in the [news section of the EUDAT website](#).

To B2SHARE or not to B2SHARE? Everything you need to get you started

Last month, EUDAT's roving reporter caught up with B2SHARE product manager Carl Johan Håkansson to find out about B2SHARE. In this interview he explains B2SHARE's importance for researchers wishing to share data, sets out what kinds of data it might be used for and at what stage, and demonstrates why it offers a reliable, sustainable solution for data sharing. An essential introduction to B2SHARE, as well as the purpose and principles behind sharing research data, the interview is available to read on the [EUDAT website](#).

Augusto Burgueño sets out his vision for e-infrastructures in Europe

A year ago, Augusto Burgueño Arjona was appointed **e-Infrastructures** Head of Unit within DG CONNECT at the European Commission. This unit is responsible for funding ICT-based infrastructures and services that cut across a broad range of user disciplines, including EUDAT. In December 2014, Augusto launched a personal blog where he shares his personal views on research e-Infrastructures to encourage discussion, stimulate debate and receive feedback. Find out more on the [EUDAT website](#).

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