



Press release

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PRACE is expanding its training offer with four PRACE Training Centres

PRACE has selected four members to set up PRACE Training Centres (PTCs) - IT4Innovations, Czech Republic; GRNET, Greece; ICHEC, Ireland; and SURFsara, Netherlands – to complement the already existing 6 PRACE Advanced Training Centres (PATCs). The new centres will expand the geographical coverage as well as the width of the PRACE Training offer.

PRACE Advanced Training Centres (PATCs) were established in 2012 to coordinate and carry out state-of-the-art training and education activities that enable the European research community to utilise the computational infrastructure available through PRACE. Since their beginning, over 7 000 people have participated in nearly 1 000 course days.

The six PATCs are the following:

- CSC – IT Center for Science Ltd (Finland)
- Maison de la Simulation (France)
- Gauss Centre for Supercomputing (Germany)
- CINECA – Consorzio Interuniversitario (Italy)
- Barcelona Supercomputing Center (Spain)
- EPCC at the University of Edinburgh (UK)

PATC training is highly appreciated by participants (with an average score of 8.4/10), and the PATCs have established themselves as key drivers of European high-performance computing education.

To complement the PATC network and to widen the reach of PRACE training across Europe, PRACE has now selected four PRACE Training Centres (PTCs):

- IT4I - IT4Innovations National Supercomputing Center (Czech Republic)
- GRNET - Greek Research and Technology Network (Greece)
- ICHEC - Irish Centre for High-End Computing (Ireland)
- SURFsara (The Netherlands)

The PTCs will work in close collaboration with the PATCs and will each provide 2-3 training events per year. Similar to PATCs, the PTC courses are free of charge and open to all researchers from academia and industry. The courses are announced in the PRACE Events website <https://events.prace-ri.eu/>.

Jussi Enkovaara, leader of the PRACE Fifth Implementation Project Training work package (WP4) stated: “*The PATCs have been huge success story and with PTCs, PRACE can bring up-to-date HPC skills to an even larger group of researchers. This is great opportunity for further improving the impact of European computational science.*”

PTC training events are due to begin in the 2017-2018 academic year.

About PRACE



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The Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE) is an international non-profit association with its seat in Brussels. The PRACE Research Infrastructure provides a persistent world-class high performance computing service for scientists and researchers from academia and industry in Europe. The computer systems and their operations accessible through PRACE are provided and funded by 5 PRACE members (BSC representing Spain, CINECA representing Italy, CSCS representing Switzerland, GCS representing Germany and GENCI representing France). The Implementation Phase of PRACE receives funding from the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under grant agreement RI-312763 and from the EU's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme (2014-2020) under grant agreements 653838 and 730913. For more information, see www.prace-ri.eu

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