

Revised FOCUS Mandate

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Background:

FOCUS's mandate is changed following the formation of the LHC Computing Grid Project Structure.

Working assumptions made to determine the revised mandate:

- a. FOCUS's main role is to look at the implementation, defining, running, and ultimately phasing out of *services*.
- b. As previously, it is primarily concerned with IT services run on the CERN site.
- c. COCOTIME maintains control over resources.
- d. HEPCCC retains responsibility for providing 'a forum in which the Directors responsible for Computing at the major European Institutes ... are able to discuss the organisation, co-ordination and optimisation of computing in terms both of money and personnel'.

Terms of Reference:

1. FOCUS will normally meet four times a year as a forum for bringing together CERN IT providers and users to define and oversee:- the commissioning, operation, prioritisation and decommissioning of *services*; the services concerned are primarily those on the CERN site;
2. it facilitates the agreement of clear definitions of service requirement and provision, and monitors quality of delivery;
3. FOCUS concentrates on generic IT activities which have wider relevance than the LHC experiments alone, relate to non-LHC experiments, or disseminate developments from the LHC experiments to other areas;
4. FOCUS reports to the Research Sector Management, and in particular to the Director for Technology Transfer and Scientific Computing;
5. FOCUS plans and operates across a medium range timescale, typically two years;
6. its mandate will be reconsidered at the end of 2002.