This BOF attracted over 130 people. In the first part of this event, an overview of the European HPC eco-system was presented. Then, the US and Japan HPC eco-system representatives provided a summary of the developments in their regions. The conclusions from the panel discussion in the second part of the BOF are:

- We need to learn to collaborate within Europe first.
- We should communicate with other regions in relation to some focal areas
- We should identify a number of global tools
- Collaboration is a personal thing – some projects might need help with making the first contact. Such personal links are developed over a length of time.
- User Groups are a good way for making contacts and initiating collaboration

Questions raised:

- Europe should resolve the way it treats IPR – it is difficult to collaborate in the face of such a stringent regulation
- We should take advantage of the Belmont forum
- Benchmarking/Standard interfaces is where we should collaborate
- Communication/Being updated on what is happening in other regions is key
- We need to urgently agree on our Programming Models

The next steps will include, passing this feedback to the European Commission and the projects, who are coordinating the European HPC strategy with a view to identify actions, supporting the international collaboration activities of the European HPC projects.