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The Working Group on the Global VLBI Alliance (GVA), of very recent creation, facilitates the flow of information between VLBI networks. A first meeting of representatives demonstrated the involvement of the European VLBI Network (EVN), the East Asian VLBI Network (EAVN), the Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA), and the southern hemisphere Long Baseline Array (LBA). In the meeting, aspects on strategy, technical developments, and best practices on logistics, operations, and user support were shared.

In the future, the GVA is expected to promote, propose and coordinate common observational campaigns with these VLBI networks, as well as provide a single point of contact that will allow collaborations with other complementary instruments. The GVA will also facilitate that adequate information and support is provided to the users.