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| AbstractThis report summarises the activities of the e-ScienceTalk project during the seventh quarter of the project, March to May 2012, including a work package summary, effort figures, metrics for the quarter, issues and plans for the next quarter.  |

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1. PROJECT SUMMARY

Over the last 10 years, the European Commission and governments have invested substantial funds in distributed computing infrastructures. Scientists have access to state-of-the-art computational and data resources located around the world, putting European research into a leading position to address the greatest challenges facing us today, such as climate change, pandemics and sustainable energy. The advent of the European Grid Infrastructure, combined with the blurring of boundaries between grids, clouds, supercomputing networks and volunteer grids, means that a clear consistent source of information aimed at non-experts is now more important than ever, through dissemination projects such as e-ScienceTalk, that cross national boundaries.

**Objectives**:

* e-ScienceTalk will build on the achievements of the GridTalk project in bringing the success stories of Europe’s e-Infrastructure to policy makers in government and business, to the scientific community and to the general public.
* e-ScienceTalk will work with EGI-InSPIRE and other collaborating projects to expand the scope of the existing GridTalk outputs, and to report on the interactions of grids with e-Infrastructures such as cloud computing and supercomputing.
* The project will explore options for the sustainability of e-ScienceTalk’s products.
* e-ScienceTalk will produce a series of reports aimed at policy makers to disseminate key policy issues underpinning grid and e-Infrastructure development in Europe. The project will also coordinate e-concertation activities.
* The GridCafé, GridCast and GridGuide suite of websites will cover new topics and explore novel web technologies; they will integrate closely with GridPP’s Real Time Monitor, combining live views of grid activity with the human aspects of computing.
* The growing weekly publication, International Science Grid This Week (iSGTW) will bring news and events to the existing and potential e-Science community.
1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the seventh quarter of the e-ScienceTalk project, March to May 2012. This document reports on the activities of the seventh quarter in each work package, summarises any issues raised and previews plans for the final quarter of PY2. The management report includes summary effort figures, the expected spending profile for the next period and includes the project metrics for each work package.

The outputs from WP1 Policy, Impact and Sustainability, have been in events, e-ScienceBriefings and GridCasts, producing the seventh e-ScienceBriefing D1.2.7 which covered the topic of visualisations. In Q7, WP2 ran 4 full or mini GridCasts at events in Europe. WP2 also worked on the Real Time Monitor. International Science Grid This Week was sent to just over 8000 subscribers by email by WP3, and increased social media followers. An iSGTW promotional poster was produced in collaboration with WP2 for display at the EGI Community Forum 2012 in Munich, along with GridCast posters for the same meeting. WP3 has continued to publish iSGTW, with 13 issues produced during the quarter.

The e-Science impact reporter at QMUL recruited during Q6, joined the project full time on 27 February. During the interim period, tasks and responsibilities were carried out by the Dissemination Officer (0.8 FTE), and this additional support has continued to the end of May. WP1 continues to work on achieving a good balance of information and contributions from collaborating projects in the e-ScienceBriefings. In WP3, the Asia Pacific Regional editor, Vivian Chang, left the post on 31 May and a new person is being sought at ASGC. EU Editor Jacqui Hayes left CERN at the end of March and CERN is re-recruiting to the EU editor role, and expects the new Editor to be in place at the end of the summer. The Science Writer, Adrian Giordani has been acting as interim EU Editor while the recruitment is ongoing. US Editor Miriam Boon will leave the publication in June. Fermilab are working with US colleagues to seek new funding for the iSGTW US Editor position from the National Science Foundation.

The project management report confirms that all Deliverables and Milestones have been submitted to the EC on time. Efforts are now concentrating on establishing MoUs or collaboration agreements with the ESFRI cluster projects, such as CRISP, ENVRI, BioMedBridges and DASISH. The MoU with CRISP is in negotion shortly after a presentation of e-ScienceTalk services to the CRISP Steering Committee in April 2012. One further MoU was signed with GlobalExcursion, which aims to introduce e-Infrastructures to scientific teaching in European schools. Effort reporting for the seventh quarter is lower than expected, with estimated effort at 76% of the planned effort.

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# Introduction

This document reports on the activities of the seventh quarter in each work package for e-ScienceTalk, covering the e-ScienceBriefings, the GridCafé, GridCast and GridGuide, as well as the Real Time Monitor and International Science Grid This Week. The report also summarises any issues raised or addressed during the seventh quarter, and previews plans for Q8. The management report includes summary effort figures for the quarter and includes the project metrics for each work package.

# main achievements

## Summary

This section summarises the main achievements by each work package during the seventh quarter of the project.

## Work packages

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

E-ScienceTalk launched the seventh e-ScienceBriefing on the topic of visualisation [R1]. This policy document D1.2.7, covered a number of projects and was launched at EGI Community Forum in Munich 2012. The document was also emailed to the EGI dissemination mailing list, as well as the. e-IRG Board members.

The e-ScienceTalk team has also attended a number of policy related events during the quarter, including ICRI2012, a workshop for the ENVRI project, an ESFRI cluster project for the environmental sciences, INET the Global Internet Society event, the CRISP meeting in Crete and the ERF Impact workshop. A GridCast or mini GridCast was also held at 4 events. At these events and others attended by WP2/WP3, copies of the new e-ScienceBriefings from PY2 have been distributed.

WP1 added a ‘Share This’ function to the e-ScienceBriefings page[[1]](#footnote-1) on the e-ScienceTalk website, making it easier for people to share and pass on the briefings and for the project to track how the documents are shared.

### WP2: GridCafé, GridGuide, GridCast

WP2 has worked on e-ScienceTalk’s suite of interactive websites, Gridcafé, GridCast and GridGuide, as well as the main project website and the Real Time Monitor.

During the seventh quarter, the following work was carried out.

**GridCafé**

* The text for the HPC Tower section of the e-ScienceCity website was developed, to be launched in Q8.
* The 3-D pilot of the GridCafé in collaboration with Virtus / New World Grid is now available through the e-ScienceCity website and further graphics from the 3D version are being developed for the People Bay, Communications and News sections.

**GridCast**

* Small GridCasts were held at the HealthGrid’12, ICRI’12 and CRISP events
* A major GridCast was held at the EGI Community Forum 2012 in Munich, 26-30 March.
* The EGI Community Forum GridCast included 31 blog posts, 14 videos and 10 bloggers.

**GridGuide**

* WP4 is working on MoUs with collaborating projects such SAGrid and REUNA to increase the number of non-European sites.

**Real Time Monitor**

* The Imperial team is working with CERN to add Phedex data transfer data to the RTM, with a meeting held at the EGI Community Forum.
* The GridCast team displayed the RTM at events attended by e-ScienceTalk, including the EGI Community Forum in Munich.

### WP3: iSGTW

Weekly issues of iSGTW were produced, 13 in total, including articles, links, images, videos, jobs, events and announcements. The new publication was marketed and promoted at events attended by the e-ScienceTalk team during the quarter, such as ICRI2012, INET and the CRISP event in Crete. Posters were designed in collaboration with WP2, and these were displayed at booths run by EGI and e-ScienceTalk at the EGI Community Forum and HealthGrid’12.

The story ‘Is open hardware creating a more open world?’ was the most popular story for two months in a row during the quarter. CERN re-tweeted the story which drove a lot of traffic to the iSGTW website and led to new followers on Twitter, bringing the number of followers at the end of May to 1071. The number of website subscribers remained constant. In May, the most impactful day was 16th May where iSGTW reached 26,935 people and had 47,833 impressions. The majority of these impressions were driven by @WinWeb on Twitter, a commercial cloud company that drove 10,248 impressions.

The iSGTW web site was moved to a server at QMUL on 17th May with no drop in performance of the web site. The Asia Pacific Regional editor, Vivian Chang, left ASGC in Taipei at the end of May, and a new editor is being sought. The existing communications team at ASGC is supplying stories to iSGTW in the interim. EU Editor Jacqui Hayes left CERN at the end of March and CERN is re-recruiting to the EU editor role, and expects the new Editor to be in place at the end of the summer. The Science Writer, Adrian Giordani has been acting as interim EU Editor while the recruitment is ongoing. US Editor Miriam Boon will leave the publication in June. Fermilab are working with US colleagues to seek new funding for the iSGTW US Editor position from the National Science Foundation.

## Issues and mitigation

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

One issue foreseen for WP1 is:

* To ensure a good balance of information and contributions from collaborating projects in the e-ScienceBriefings.

WP1 is working to mitigate this issue through developing collaborations and MoUs and by liaising with the policy teams in projects such as EGI-InSPIRE and e-IRG. WP1 is exploring dissemination opportunities with projects such as ENVRI, BioMedBridges, CRISP and Discover the Cosmos.

### WP2: Gridcafé, GridGuide, Gridcast

For WP2, the following issues have been reported in previous quarters:

* Adding Russian, Chinese and other non-Roman languages to the GridCafé database.
* Displaying jobs from other, non-gLite sources in the RTM.

In order to support adding Russian, Chinese and other non-Roman translations of the GridCafé, separate html sites will continue to be needed, as these are not supported by the content management system.

The RTM is exploring adding additional types of data to the interface including Phedex data transfers.

### WP3: iSGTW

In WP3, the following issue has been reported in previous quarters:

* Staff shortage due to the departure of US Editor Miriam Boon, Asia Pacific Editor Vivian Chang and EU Editor Jacqui Hayes during the quarter.

The EU Science Writer will act as interim EU Editor while CERN re-recruits. Fermilab will supplement the OSG funding to keep US Editor on board while CERN is recruiting, and will seek future funding from an alternative source. ASGC is seeking to recruit a new editor at 0.5FTE and in the meantime is supplying stories using existing staff.

## Plans for the next quarter

This section outlines for the plans for each work package during the next quarter, March 2012 to May 2012.

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

During Q8, an eighth e-ScienceBriefing will be produced and circulated covering the topic of ‘Open science and open data’ (D1.2.8). This policy briefing will explore projects such as the movement towards open data and the support for open publishing that is envisaged from Horizon2020. The briefing will be distributed at events attended by the e-ScienceTalk project and also by email, with the launch taking place at XSEDE’12.

WP1 is collating data from the questionnaire soliciting feedback from e-ScienceBriefings subscribers, and this will be reported during the final quarter in D4.4 *Annual Report on Feedback and Metrics*. An e-ScienceTalk Twitter strategy has been developed to engage our readers in conversations and will continue to be implemented in Q8.

WP1 will also work towards innovation in the content of the e-ScienceBriefings, and ideas for future briefings include future computing and knowledge transfer to industry. WP1 will continue to identify policy related events (e-IRG workshop, Copenhagen) to attend and distribute materials, and to demonstrate the GridGuide and Real Time Monitor.

### WP2: Gridcafé, GridGuide, Gridcast

For WP2, a number of developments are planned for the eighth quarter.

* **GridCafé**
	+ Progress the Russian translation for the GridCafé.
	+ Launch the HPC Tower area of the e-ScienceCity website.
	+ Complete the People Bay, Communications and News areas of the 3D website and e-ScienceCity.
	+ Work on a marketing strategy for e-ScienceCity for the final year of the project to boost traffic to the new areas of the site outside GridCafé.
	+ Gather feedback on the e-ScienceCity website and feed this back into the development process.
* **GridCast**
	+ Small GridCasts are planned for ISC’12 and the Helix-Nebula kick off.
	+ Major GridCast for the GISELA-CHAIN conference, Mexico City, 27-29 June 2012 and XSEDE’12, Chicago in August.
* **GridGuide**
	+ Liaise with EGI.eu and the National Grid Initiatives to include them on the site to increase the number of sites featured.
* **RTM**
	+ Work with CERN to publish Phedex traffic website as an additional layer.
	+ Streamline the user interface to increase the usability of the RTM.
	+ Monitor the impact of the upgrade of WorldWind 1.4, including upgrading the graphics.

### WP3: iSGTW

For the next quarter, as well as publishing weekly issues of the publication itself, iSGTW will continue to build its Twitter and Facebook following. iSGTW will continue to build on the connections with XSEDE through a media partnership of the XSEDE’12 event in Chicago and also reach out to PRACE, having met with the PRACE Director at ICRI’12 in Copenhagen and with a further meeting planned at the PRACE Day which is part of ISC’12 in Hamburg. The US partners will continue to seek a new source of funding for a US-based editor, submitting a proposal for funding to NSF, and CERN will continue the re-recruitment process for the EU editor, who is expected to join the project in the summer. iSGTW will also aim to increase subscriptions by following up media partnerships with organisers of events outside the existing readership areas, such as ISC Cloud’12 in Mannheim. An Advisory Board meeting to follow up on recruitment issues is planned for 4 June 2012.

# Consortium management

## Summary

This section outlines the consortium management activities during the quarter, carried out by WP4 the management work package.

## WP4: Management

### Project management

The weekly project team meetings continued during the seventh quarter. A PMB telcon meeting was held on 13 March to review project level issues, including sustainability of e-ScienceTalk products and services, and funding for iSGTW.

Collaboration efforts have continued to concentrate on establishing MoUs or collaboration agreements with the ESFRI cluster projects, including CRISP, ENVRI, BioMedBridges and DASISH. The Project Manager presented e-ScienceTalk’s services to the Steering Committee for CRISP, the physics ESFRI.cluster project at its meeting in Crete in April. An MoU is currently being drafted and is expected to be signed in Q8. One further MoU was signed with GlobalExcursion, which aims to introduce e-Infrastructures to scientific teaching in European schools.

### Milestones and Deliverables

**Table 1: Quarter 7 Deliverables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Del. no.**  | **Deliverable name** | **WP no.** | **Nature** | **Due (PM)** | **Delivery date****(PM)** | **Status** |
| D1.2.7 | e-ScienceBriefings  | 1, 2 | R | 20 | 20 | Completed |

**Table 2: Quarter 7 Milestones**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Milestone number** | **Milestone name** | **WP no.** | **Due (PM)**  | **Delivery date (PM)** | **Status** |
| MS10.7 | PMB meetings | 4 | 19 | 19 | Completed |

**Table 3: Quarter 8 Deliverables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Del. no.**  | **Deliverable name** | **WP no.** | **Nature** | **Due (PM)** | **Delivery date****(PM)** | **Status** |
| D1.2.8 | e-ScienceBriefings  | 1, 2 | R | 23 |  | In progress |
| D1.4 | Annual impact and sustainability report on e-ScienceTalk products | 1 | R | 23 |  | In progress |
| D2.3 | Annual upgraded version of RTM | 2 | O | 23 |  | In progress |
| D3.5 | Report on survey of iSGTW readers and annual metrics | 3 | R | 24 |  | In progress |
| D4.4 | Annual report on feedback and metrics | 4 | R | 24 |  | In progress |

**Table 4: Quarter 8 Milestones**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Milestone number** | **Milestone name** | **WP no.** | **Due (PM)**  | **Delivery date (PM)** | **Status** |
| MS4 | GridCasts | 2 | 22 |  | In progress |
| MS10.8 | PMB meetings | 4 | 22 |  | In progress |
| MS7 | Posters and marketing materials | 3, 2 | 23 |  | In progress |
| MS14 | Dissemination materials | 4 | 24 |  | In progress |

### Consumption of effort

A summary of the effort consumption by each partner in each work package is included below. Unfunded effort is included where relevant. A summary of the percentage effort delivered in Q7 is included at the end of this section.

#### Overall effort figures per work package

**Table 5: Overall effort achieved in Q7 in PMs (view 1)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Work package** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Total** | **Year plan** | **Linear Q plan** | **Y1 achieved** | **Q5 % achieved** | **Q6 % achieved** | **Q7 % achieved** |
| WP1 | 1.75 | 1.39 | 1.00 | 4.14 | 46 | **4.2** | **92%** | 104% | 50% | 99% |
| WP2 | 1.56 | 1.22 | 1.19 | 3.97 | 64 | **5.8** | **75%** | 90% | 61% | 68% |
| WP3 | 2.25 | 0.75 | 0.72 | 3.72 | 52 | **4.7** | **121%** | 122% | 78% | 79% |
| WP4-M | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.39 | 1.25 | 17 | **1.5** | **113%** | 111% | 71% | 83% |
| WP2-UNF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | **0.7** | **0%** | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| WP4-UNF | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.18 | 5 | **0.5** | **18%** | 40% | 12% | 36% |
| **Total** | **6.04** | **3.86** | **3.36** | **13.26** | **192** | **17.5** | **90%** | **98%** | **60%** | **76%** |

#### Overall, the effort figures for Q7 are at 76% for the quarter, lower than for Q5 but an improvement in terms of reporting compared to Q6. Again, this is partly due to non-reported effort in WP2. WP1 is on track with the planned effort, at 99% for the quarter, now that the Grid Impact Reporter has joined the team at QMUL. WP3 is also lower than planned at 79% due to the departure of the EU Editor at the end of March..

#### Overall effort figures per partner

**Table 6: Overall effort achieved in Q7 in PMs (view 2)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Partner** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Total** | **Year plan** | **Linear Q plan** | **Y1% achieved** | **Q5 % achieved** | **Q6 % achieved** | **Q7% achieved** |
| **CERN** | 2.33 | 1.00 | 0.78 | 4.11 | 67 | **6.1** | **90%** | 105% | 78% | 67% |
| **APO** | 1.13 | 0.83 | 0.89 | 2.85 | 34 | **3.1** | **110%** | 87% | 61% | 92% |
| **QMUL** | 2.13 | 1.58 | 1.31 | 5.02 | 47 | **4.3** | **80%** | 107% | 60% | 117% |
| **IMPERIAL** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | **2.4** | **80%** | 70% | 3% | 0% |
| **EGI.eu** | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.39 | 1.24 | 18 | **1.6** | **110%** | 112% | 71% | 78% |
| **Total** | **6.00** | **3.85** | **3.37** | **13.22** | **192** | **17.5** | **90%** | **98%** | **60%** | **76%** |

Q6 represents 27% of the elapsed time of the project. The total overall effort figures for the seventh quarter are at 76% of expected for the project as a whole. CERN effort is lower compared to the plan this quarter due to the departure of the EU Editor at the end of March. APO’s effort in Q7 is increased compared to Q6 at 92%. QMUL effort is higher than planned due to the additional support from the Dissemination Officer during the handover period with the new Grid Impact Reporter. Imperial effort is unreported during this quarter but the work has been provided according to the plan. EGI.eu effort is slightly lower than planned.

### Overall financial status

The expenditure for the second year of the project is expected to follow the profile outlined below. Financing will be distributed to partners at the end of Year 1 based on the accepted Form C costs.

**Table 7: Expected expenditure profile Year 2**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Partner** | **WP1** | **WP2** | **WP3** | **WP4** | **Total** | **2nd Year** |
| EGI.eu |  |  |  | 187,694 | 187,694 | 68,252 |
| QMUL | 223,513 | 56,858 | 40,627 |  | 320,998 | 116,727 |
| APO | 28,088 | 154,882 | 28,088 |  | 211,057 | 76,748 |
| Imperial |  | 114,181 |  |  | 114,181 | 41,520 |
| CERN | 69,164 | 77,562 | 319,344 |  | 466,070 | 169,480 |
| **Total** | **320,764** | **403,485** | **388,057** | **187,694** | **1,300,000** | **472,727** |

**Table 8: Estimated Personnel expenditure Q7**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Work package** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Cumul Direct** | **Cumul Indirect** | **Cumul Eligible** | **Q7****Estimated****Funding** |
| WP1  | 7,710 | 6,110 | 4,385 | 18,204 | 3,641 | 21,845 | **19,479** |
| WP2  | 7,557 | 6,204 | 5,875 | 19,636 | 3,927 | 23,563 | **21,010** |
| WP3  | 13,054 | 4,066 | 4,166 | 21,287 | 4,257 | 25,544 | **22,777** |
| WP4-M  | 3,407 | 3,643 | 3,302 | 10,351 | 2,070 | 12,422 | **11,076** |
| WP2-UNF  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **n/a** |
| WP4-UNF  | 233 | 233 | 233 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **n/a** |
| **Total**  | **31,961** | **20,256** | **17,961** | **70,178** | **14,036** | **84,214** | **74,341** |

In line with the under spending of the person months planned, the costs of the personnel are lower than the projected estimates. The partners have spent in total 74keuro during the quarter; 129keuros were (linearly) forecast over a 3-month period.

### WP4: Management issues and mitigation

For WP4, a number of issues were monitored in Q7:

* High travel costs for some work packages and uneven spending of travel budgets during PY1.
* Identification of a new funding steam for the US Editor post, together with a new host institution
* Recruitment to the EU Editor post and coverage of the resulting shortfall in effort over the summer period.
* Identification of funding for the costs of day to day maintenance of the iSGTW website by Xenomedia, once Fermilab funding ceases.

Travel costs have continued to be mitigated as much as possible in Q7 by planning and booking travel as early as possible. Two e-ScienceTalk team members benefited from free press registrations at the EGI Community Forum in March in Munich, due to iSGTW’s media partnership with the event.

The project manager is continuing to work with the US colleagues at OSG to resolve the funding issues, liaising with CERN on the recruitment for the new EU Editor. Funds have been from existing e-ScienceTalk project funds to cover freelance support for iSGTW and for web support after September 2012. Discussion on support for iSGTW took place between Kostas Glinos, DG-INFSO and Alan Blatecky, NSF during the ICRI’12 event in Copenhagen.

### WP4: Plans for the next quarter

The project manager is working with the US colleagues at OSG and Indiana University on a proposal for NSF funding, and has met via telcon with the dissemination team leader of Indiana University. The project manager will also attend the XSEDE’12 event in Chicago to meet the management team on the US side. A further PMB meeting will be held on 8 June 2012 and work is underway on the end of year deliverables for Q8 including preparation of the end of year costs. A meeting is planned at ISC’12 with Tabor Communications to discuss media partnerships for ISC Cloud’12 and with the PRACE Director at the PRACE workshop to discuss support for iSGTW.

# project metrics

Project metrics have been revised in D4.3 *Annual report on feedback and metrics* [R2]. The revised metrics are now being tracked and are summarised for each work package below. Project level metrics are indicated in bold type.

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

**Table 11: Metrics for Work Package 1**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** |
| **1.1** | **Projects covered** | **In the e-ScienceBriefings** | **19** | **18** | **19** |
| **1.2** | **Reports and briefings published** | **In print or by email** | **1** | **1** | **1** |
| **1.3** | **Countries where reports or briefings are distributed** | **In print or by email** | **27** | **27** | **32** |
| 1.4 | Policy articles published | In print or online | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 1.5 | Printed policy reports circulated per briefing | To policy makers | 600 | 140 | 100 |
| 1.6 | Policy events organised | Number organised | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1.7 | Attendees at e-ScienceTalk organised policy events | Number of delegates | 151 | 0 | 0 |
| 1.8 | Policy events attended by e-ScienceTalk | Number attended, physically or virtually | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 1.9 | Delegates at policy events attended by e-ScienceTalk | Number of delegates at events attended. | 100 | 160 | 300 |
| 1.10 | Downloads of policy documents | Measured from the e-ScienceTalk web site | 2098 | 3.055 | 4,359 |

### WP2: Gridcafé, GridGuide, Gridcast

**Table 12: Metrics for Work Package 2**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** |
| **2.1** | **Sites on GridGuide** | **Number of sites included** | **40** | **57** | **57** |
| **2.2** | **Bloggers contributing to GridCasts** | **Average number of bloggers on GridCast** | **5** | **5** | **5** |
| **2.3** | **GridCasts per year** | **Including major and mini GridCasts** | **3** | **4** | **4** |
| 2.4 | New areas of GridCafé | Covering topics other than grid computing | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2.5 | Change in unique visitors to the GridCafé website | From Google Analytics | 2384 | 2064 (-14%) | 2511 (+18%) |
| 2.6 | Ratio of page views to visitors for the GridCafé website | From Google Analytics | 1,46 | 3.3 | 4.61 |
| 2.7 | Number of bloggers for GridCast | Total number of bloggers | 14 | 12 | 12 |
| 2.8 | Blog entries on GridCast | Total number | 45 | 45 | 53 |
| 2.9 | Podcasts on GridCasts | Total number | 10 | 7 | 13 |
| 2.10 | Unique visitors to the GridCast (% new) | From Google Analytics | 69% | 77.59% | 72.9% |
| 2.11 | Length of time spent on the GridCast | From Google Analytics | 1:33 | 1:20 | 1:35 |
| 2.12 | EU sites on GridGuide | European based sites | 28 | 36 | 36 |
| 2.13 | Non-EU sites on GridGuide | Non-European located sites | 12 | 21 | 21 |
| 2.14 | Unique visitors to the GridGuide | From Google Analytics | 385 | 389 | 420 |
| 2.15 | Page views of the GridGuide | From Google Analytics | 625 | 614 | 637 |
| 2.16 | GridGuide sites on RTM | Total number | 34 | 34 | 59 |
| 2.17 | Countries in the RTM | Total number[[2]](#footnote-2) | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| 2.18 | Numbers of delegates at events demo-ing the RTM | Including events attended by collaborating projects demo-ing the RTM | 10,540 | 0 | 890 |

### WP3: iSGTW/Digital Scientist

**Table 13: Metrics for Work Package 3**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** |
| **3.1** | **iSGTW subscribers** | **Registered in the database** | **8,190** | **8,162** | **8,173** |
| **3.2** | **Articles on European projects** | **Based on EU funded projects** | **28** | **27** | **30** |
| **3.3** | **Projects in the iSGTW/GridCafé resources section** | **Total number** | **134** | **134** | **134** |
| **3.4** | **iSGTW printed materials distributed** | **At events attended by e-ScienceTalk or by collaborating projects** | **560** | **600** | **610** |
| 3.5 | Issues published | Issued by email to subscribers each week and posted on the website | 13 | 11 | 13 |
| 3.6 | US articles published | Based on US projects | 34 | 28 | 36 |
| 3.7 | Worldwide articles published | Based on non US or EU projects | 9 | 4 | 11 |
| 3.8 | Unique visitors to the website | From Google Analytics | 43,273 | 43,228 | 46,665 |
| 3.9 | Page views of the website | From Google Analytics | 80,050 | 77,736 | 89,626 |
| 3.10 | Countries or territories visiting the iSGTW website | From Google Analytics | 166 | 173 | 165 |
| 3.11 | Marketing materials distributed | In print or by email or at events | 560 | 600 | 610 |
| 3.12 | Survey responses | Through Zoomerang survey tool | No Survey Issued | No Survey Issued | No Survey Issued |
| 3.13 | Social media subscribers | On Twitter and Facebook | 1,093 | 1,410 | 1,623 |
| 3.14 | Time spent on the site per visit | From Google Analytics | 1 minute and 37 seconds | 1 minute and 31 seconds | 1 minute and 38 seconds |
| 3.15 | Stories shared on social media | Via all social media channels | Not collected | Not collected | No collected |

### WP4: Management

**Table 14: Metrics for Work Package 4**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q5** | **Q6** | **Q7** |
| 4.1 | Deliverables submitted | By email and online | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 4.2 | Milestones agreed | By email and online | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| 4.3 | Late Deliverable and Milestones | Submitted or agreed after the date agreed with the EC | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 4.4 | e-ScienceTalk materials produced | Included printed materials, pens, banners etc | 0 | 1 poster | 0 |
| 4.5 | Unique visitors to the e-ScienceTalk website | From Google Analytics | 533 | 633 | 543 |
| 4.6 | Referrals from the e-ScienceTalk website to other e-ScienceTalk sites | From Google Analytics | 0 | 189 | 233 |
| 4.7 | Media releases issued | Issued via Alphagalileo and by email | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 4.8 | Press cuttings | Measured by Google Alerts | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 4.9 | Events attended | By e-ScienceTalk project team | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| 4.10 | Social media subscribers | On Twitter | 1559 | 1663 | 1778 |
| 4.11 | Media partnerships at events | Number of events with e-ScienceTalk as media partners | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 4.12 | Number of MoUs signed | With collaborating projects | 2 | 2 | 1 |

# conclusion

The seventh quarter for e-ScienceTalk has seen a range of outreach activities and launches. Expenditure of costs and effort are slightly below planned for the quarter and will be adjusted in the final quarter for PY2. All Deliverables and Milestones have been completed and submitted on time during the quarter.

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