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Abstract

Part of e-ScienceTalk's mandate is to engage policymakers with e-Infrastructure policy and to raise their awareness to the issues and benefits of this. This report outlines the intended strategy by which e-ScienceTalk will engage with policymakers over its lifetime, outlining the dissemination tools, outreach products and project collaborations that e-ScienceTalk will galvanise to this end. In doing this, e-ScienceTalk aims to highlight the importance of e-infrastructure-related policy issues to a wider audience.

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VI. 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 under a new name of The Digital Scientist.

VII. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The e-ScienceTalk project aims to coordinate e-Infrastructure reporting across Europe, bringing these success stories to an audience of scientists, the general public, high school and university students and policy makers.

This document details how e-ScienceTalk will engage with the final audience on this list – policy makers in government and business, not just in Europe but also in the wider world. Following the success of this activity in the GridTalk project, e-ScienceTalk hopes to build upon and increase communication about how investment into e-Infrastructures is helping researchers to communicate, share and carry out their work.

The e-ScienceTalk project has identified three main ways in which it can broadcast this message to policy and key decision makers in the e-Infrastructure community.

- By collaborating with other e-Infrastructure projects.

- Through policy-related reports, produced and disseminated by the project.

- By organising and attending relevant events, such as the e-Infrastructure Concertation Meetings.

e-ScienceTalk hopes that these strategies will help to ensure our policy outputs are balanced, informative and readily disseminated to our policy-making audience.

To ensure these activities are communicating the right messages, as well as reaching our desired audience of decision makers and key players in the e-Infrastructure world, we will trace its impact through targeted metrics as well as one-on-one feedback gathered during the project.

Through this combination of producing informative communications, attending policy-oriented events and collaborations with others in the community e-ScienceTalk will continue GridTalk's success in raising the visibility of both the project and e-Infrastructures, among those involved in the policy world.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Why policy engagement?*

To date the European Commission has made large investments into e-Infrastructure development through projects such as PRACE, GÉANT and EGI. But despite this interest in e-Science development, the need for engaging policy makers with the e-Infrastructure area is still vital.

Due to their relatively small numbers, policy makers and decision makers are often overlooked as an audience for e-Infrastructure dissemination. However, there is a strong need to communicate key messages to this significant and powerful audience as they hold a significant amount of influence in these areas.

In the e-Infrastructures arena, bringing key or challenging issues to the policy table is an essential step towards ensuring that policy makers—including key change agents, advisors, and networks that influence how policy is implemented—are aware of the value and potential of investing in these technologies. In the case of already-funded projects this activity is needed in order to communicate how effective these investments have been, as well as how they are benefitting Europe's research community.

1.2 *e-ScienceTalk aims*

e-ScienceTalk's mandate is to report on the success stories of Europe's e-Infrastructure. As well as spreading this message to members of the public, European scientists and university and high school students, policy makers have been identified as a key target group for our communications.

e-ScienceTalk believes that there is a need for a coordinated form of policy engagement across e-Infrastructure projects, and intends to provide this through WP1 – which will lead policy based activities for the project.

We will build on the success of the GridTalk project in this activity, and will provide reporting that illustrates the scientific results and impacts from grid computing, e-Infrastructures and other forms of distributed computing.

1.2.1 Audiences

e-ScienceTalk will target policy makers in government and business, as well as key players in the e-Infrastructure community who themselves wield influence in the political arena. This audience will not just be Europe-based but will be expanded to regions such as the US, Asia, South America and Africa, via extended distribution lists and more inclusive content.

To help reach such audiences, e-ScienceTalk will work closely with a number of other projects in the e-Infrastructure community, such as e-IRG, whose delegates span 30 different countries. We will also target media meetings such as the International Science Journalism conference to build a network of

media contacts, as reaching out through the media is an effective way to communicate with policy makers.

1.3 Proposed activities

e-ScienceTalk will build on the three major strands of policy engagement identified during the GridTalk project. These are detailed as follows:

- Collaborate with other e-Infrastructure projects

We are working to build relationships and collaborations with a number of different e-Infrastructure projects in Europe and elsewhere. We hope this will help to increase the breadth of our policy dissemination, as well as ensuring our outputs are insightful and informative.

- Produce policy-related articles

Following from the GridTalk project we will produce a number of written publications which look at issues important to the e-Infrastructure community. These will be aimed at a policy audience and will be distributed by us accordingly.

- Organise and attend relevant meetings

Attending and organising events is a vital way for e-ScienceTalk to communicate and interact with those working in e-Infrastructure. We will identify meetings and events that are relevant to our work a which to attend, present and exhibit. e-ScienceTalk will help to organise the EC's e-Infrastructure Concertation Meetings, giving e-Infrastructure projects the chance to meet, discuss and network with each other.

1.4 Policy advisory team

The GridTalk project successfully put together a Policy Engagement Response Team (PERT) who advised on policy issues and provided invaluable input into our policy articles. This consisted of representatives from a range of e-infrastructure projects including e-IRG, EGEE, OGF-Europe, BELIEF-II, GridTalk and EGI_DS.

As a number of these projects have ended in 2010, e-ScienceTalk will look into putting together a new advisory team for this activity. Already we are talking with e-IRG to replace the PERT team with members of the e-IRG board who will regularly review each policy article in the draft stages and suggest changes and provide comments on the content. To complement this we will also put together a secondary team, similar to PERT, which consists of e-Infrastructure experts that will be able to provide real input into our policy work. This advisory team will be put together by individuals suggested by the e-ScienceTalk PMB covering a range of policy areas.

2 COLLABORATIONS

As a small project, e-ScienceTalk sees collaborations as an essential way to help us widen the reach of our policy engagement efforts. As such we have identified a number of key projects we intend to work with to ensure our policy outputs are of good quality and target our intended audiences.

2.1 e-IRG and e-IRG_SP

We will build on the strong relationship formed between the GridTalk project and the e-IRG and e-IRG_SP projects. We are in the process of formalising a Memorandum of Understanding between e-ScienceTalk and e-IRG_SP2/3 which details how we hope to collaborate with each other. Activities included in the document are:

- working together to disseminate the importance of e-Infrastructures in Europe and beyond, as well as related policy issues;
- cross promotion of projects and products in each project's dissemination activities and web sites;
- exploring opportunities for joint booths or stands at events, or simply promoting one's project material in the stand of the other project;
- collaborating on e-Infrastructure related surveys/questionnaires.

We also hope the e-IRG will provide assistance with identifying issues of importance to cover in the GridBriefings, and we are currently working out an agreement to send policy documents to the e-IRG board to check their accuracy and content on a regular basis.

2.2 EGI.eu

As one of the project partners in the e-ScienceTalk project, EGI.eu will be a natural collaborator, and one which we hope will help to aid us in our dissemination activities. In particular we hope to work with the EGI_InSPIRE project to help publicise and disseminate our policy reports at conferences such as the EGI Technical Forum and the EGI User Forum, which each take place on an annual basis.

Collaborative efforts with EGI.eu are already underway. To date, EGI.eu have provided valuable expert input into our first policy document, 'Mapping the e-Infrastructure Landscape.' Sergio Andreozzi, the Policy Development Manager at EGI.eu, has helped to identify individuals to distribute the GridBriefing Annual Report 2010 to as well as disseminating them to the EGI Council and EGI_InSPIRE Collaboration Board at the EGI Technical Forum in Amsterdam in September 2010.

e-ScienceTalk and EGI_InSPIRE will also help to cross-promote each other at relevant events. We have already shared a joint stand at e-Challenges 2010 in Warsaw in October 2010 and EGI has distributed one of our policy documents at the Supercomputing2010 conference in New Orleans in the US in November 2010.

2.3 OSG

e-ScienceTalk already works closely with members of Open Science Grid in the US through our international science newsletter International Science Grid This Week. We now hope to extend this collaboration into our policy activities.

We will look into ways in which we can collaborate with OSG to disseminate our activities to a non-European audience. This may include wider dissemination of our policy documents in the US. We also hope they can help identify policy issues that are important to this type of audience.

2.4 REUNA

e-ScienceTalk hopes to build upon the relationship forged between REUNA and the previous GridTalk project. The REUNA team have proved invaluable in providing translations for two of our previous GridBriefings – on the topics of Green IT and eHealth – which have opened our communications to Spanish speakers in their native language. Recently, we distributed hard copies of the Spanish version of the Green IT GridBriefing at the ICT2010 conference which was attended by delegates from across the EU.

During the e-ScienceTalk project we hope to put in place an MoU between e-ScienceTalk and REUNA to formalise our agreement in helping to share and disseminate policy communications.

2.5 PRACE and DEISA

As e-ScienceTalk extends our dissemination activities to cover not just grids but also networks, high performance computing (HPC) and volunteer computing we hope to put in place stronger collaborations with both PRACE and DEISA, who cover HPC infrastructure in Europe.

Both PRACE and DEISA have already provided input and given advice to past policy documents produced by the GridTalk and e-ScienceTalk projects. We will continue this in the future, and intend on carrying out further joint activities such as attending and helping to promote the DEISA/PRACE symposium through GridCast.

2.6 Other collaborations

In addition to the projects mentioned above we plan to identify and work with a number of other e-Infrastructure projects to help them disseminate their work as well as to aid in our own communication efforts. These include, but are not limited to, GÉANT, EUAsiaGrid, GridPP, SIENA and the ESFRI (European Strategic Forum on Research Infrastructure) projects.

3   MEDIA OUTREACH AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Following on from the success of communication activities in the GridTalk project, e-ScienceTalk will produce and publicise a number of articles, reports and websites with a policy focus. These are detailed in the section below.

3.1   Policy briefings

The GridBriefing policy articles produced by the GridTalk project were well received by the policy and e-Infrastructure community and, as such, we will continue to produce these in the e-ScienceTalk project. These documents provide short 4-page summaries of issues important to the e-science community in a jargon-free manner and include contributions from European projects and experts in the field.

Given the new aim of our project to cover e-Infrastructure for science, as opposed to simply grids for science, we will expand the scope of these briefings and will look onto the possibility of rebranding the documents to reflect this. We have already redesigned the main banner of the briefings to fit in with the e-ScienceTalk branding and logo.

To ensure that these documents provide accurate and balanced summaries they will be reviewed by e-ScienceTalk project members and the e-ScienceTalk PMB as well as GridBriefing contributors and an external policy advisory team.

3.1.1   Topics

As mentioned above, the policy reports will focus on topics of importance to the wider e-Infrastructure community. We have already written and released our first policy document entitled 'Mapping the e-Infrastructure landscape' which looked at the current state of the e-Infrastructure in Europe.

Further topics will be decided by the e-ScienceTalk PMB with input from e-IRG and feedback gathered in the GridTalk project. As such it has been decided that the next three policy documents will cover the following issues:

- Supercomputing
- eGovernance
- Impact indicators

These documents are scheduled to be released in February 2011, May 2011 and August 2011, although not necessarily in the order given above, as Deliverables D1.2.2, D1.2.3 and D1.2.4.

3.1.2   Distribution

Our policy articles will be made available for download free from the e-ScienceTalk website, along with the GridBriefings already produced during the GridTalk project. Electronic copies of the briefings will also be sent to all briefing collaborators as well as to the EGI dissemination list.

We aim to coincide the release of our policy articles with publication of key reports or events in the community, giving us further opportunities for dissemination. For example our first document

'Mapping the e-Infrastructure landscape' was released at the 8th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting at CERN in November 2010, where we gave out paper copies of the document as well as linking to it on our conference blog.

In an effort to reach a wider audience, suitable GridBriefings will be rewritten to appear on the GridCafé 'In debate' section. Edited versions will also be placed into iSGTW. We will also investigate other opportunities to place policy related articles based on the GridBriefings.

e-ScienceTalk will attend and exhibit at a number of different events, giving us further opportunities to distribute our articles and engage with policy makers. We have already given out a number of GridTalk GridBriefings at the ICT2010 and eChallenges2010 events that we attended earlier this year. Our collaborations with other projects and bodies will also help in this respect. EGI have distributed copies of our 'Mapping the e-Infrastructure landscape' GridBriefing on our behalf while Damien Lecarpentier at CSC, Finland took copies of our Green IT GridBriefing to a Green ICT Workshop organised by e-InfraNet. The EC are also printing their own copies of previous GridBriefings on Green IT and ESFRI project requirements to take to the ENERI2010 conference in Brussels on 29-30 November 2010. Furthermore we also hope to work with e-IRG to promote and distribute the GridBriefing articles to e-IRG members and contacts though their own channels.

3.2 Annual Report

As with the GridTalk project we will collect together all the short policy documents produced during the e-ScienceTalk project into one larger document, to be preceded by an introduction from an official at the EC. This report will give a more complete view of e-Infrastructure issues during the course of the e-ScienceTalk project.

As we intend to release four policy documents a year we will aim to produce one of these long reports during the e-ScienceTalk project, which will incorporate the 12 shorter articles released during the project.

The report will be mailed out to a list of identified policy makers and decision makers in the e-Infrastructure community. We will also make it available for download from the e-ScienceTalk website.

3.3 Websites

e-ScienceTalk has inherited a number of successful websites from the GridTalk project which we will use to help further our policy activities.

3.3.1 GridCafé

The GridCafé[1] website, originally hosted by CERN, is our most popular online offering. It is 'the place for everybody to learn about grid computing' and provides an informative look at grid computing, explaining the technology to a general audience.

During the GridTalk project we incorporated policy information into the site by adding an 'In debate' section. This hosts short articles of a policy nature, such as 'Where are all the women?' or 'What

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[1] www.gridcafe.org

about green computing?' The text for these articles is taken directly from our policy documents, and adapted to suit the GridCafé audience. Links at the bottom of every entry lead back to the original GridBriefing should the reader want to find additional information on the topic in question.

e-ScienceTalk will build on this existing content and will add further 'In debate' sections drawn from GridBriefings that are relevant to the GridCafé audience. We will also use the 'News' section of the site to highlight when new GridBriefings have been released, or added to GridCafé. Furthermore we will also publicise the e-Infrastructure Concertation Meetings through the site, once again via the 'News' section.

3.3.2 GridGuide

GridGuide[2] is an interactive and innovative map which aims to show the sites and sights behind global grid computing.

To aid in our efforts to make GridGuide an essential tool in engaging policymakers as to the current state of scientific grid computing, both in Europe and globally we have incorporated the site into the Real Time Monitor (http://rtm.hep.ph.ic.ac.uk). The Real Time Monitor shows grid jobs running across the world and has been shown to be a great tool for engaging policymakers with grid technologies. By integrating the two products together we hope to further enhance this form of dissemination. e-ScienceTalk will continue to improve the collaborations between the two products.

3.3.3 iSGTW (The Digital Scientist)

iSGTW[3] is an international, weekly, on-line science-computing newsletter that reports on distributed computing, grid computing, cloud computing and high-performance computing. An average of more than 10,000 people read it every month, and it has more than 6,800 registered subscribers. It is run jointly in collaboration with Open Science Grid in the US and through the e-ScienceTalk project in Europe. From January 2011 the newsletter will be relaunched under the new name 'The Digital Scientist'.

Given the wide readership of the publication, placing policy related articles in iSGTW is a great way for e-ScienceTalk to enhance our policy related activities. We aim to include shortened versions of suitable GridBriefings in the publication as well as sourcing and writing original policy-related articles or interviews for inclusion in the newsletter. For example, one such feature, "Data is big news" (*iSGTW*, 13 October[4]) reported on the presentation of the High Level report on scientific data at the European Commission in October this year.

3.3.4 GridCast

GridCast[5] is a community-oriented blog which aims to give a behind-the-scenes look at events in the e-Infrastructure community. As such it is a good way for e-ScienceTalk to communicate policy-related news to those working in e-science, either through blogging about policy events, or announcing policy related articles or reports.

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[2] www.gridguide.org

[3] www.isgtw.org

[4] http://www.isgtw.org/?pid=1002779

[5] www.gridcast.org

During the e-ScienceTalk project we hope to use the blog in two ways for our policy related activities. Firstly we will put together blogging teams to blog from conferences that we have identified as having a policy angle. We have already successfully blogged from the 8th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting[6] as well as the eChallenges2010[7] and ICT2010[8] conferences this year. Secondly we will use GridCast as a platform for individual policy posts – for example, we announced the official handover of EC funding to EGI InSPIRE at EGITF2010 in Amsterdam in September 2010[9] on the GridCast website.

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[6] http://gridtalk-project.blogspot.com/search/label/8th%20e-concertation

[7] http://gridtalk-project.blogspot.com/search/label/e-challenges%202010

[8] http://gridtalk-project.blogspot.com/search/label/ICT%202010

[9] http://gridtalk-project.blogspot.com/2010/09/and-were-off.html

4 NETWORKING, EVENTS AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

e-ScienceTalk believes that collaborating closely with the e-Infrastructure community is key to ensuring our policy messages are spread to a wide audience. Attending and exhibiting at events not only gives us a platform for our communication efforts, it also provides invaluable opportunities to network with and meet policy makers and other members of e-Infrastructure projects who may wield influence in the policy making arena.

4.1 e-Infrastructure Concertation Meetings

The EC's e-Infrastructure Concertation Meetings bring together key players in the community who are working towards a long term sustainable e-Infrastructure for scientific research in Europe. The e-ScienceTalk project will coordinate concertation meetings and activities for the e-Infrastructures area in collaboration with the EC.

Along with the logistical organisation of these meetings e-ScienceTalk will put together a communications strategy to highlight the projects and discussions coming out of the meeting. This can include:

- Publicising the event via the e-ScienceTalk website and iSGTW.
- Webcasting the event online for those who have not been invited or cannot attend the event in person.
- Disseminating project information through an online virtual goody bag.
- Ensuring projects have an opportunity to distribute publications on site.
- Covering the event on our blog, GridCast, through written posts and web videos.
- Providing an area for online discussions on our GridCafé forum.
- Publishing materials on the outcomes of the event.

The first of these events has already taken place in the Globe at CERN on 4-5 November 2010. The two day meeting included discussions on impact assessment, simulation software as well as presentations from a variety of EU-funded projects and a training session on OpenAIRE. Along with our colleagues at CERN we also arranged a visit of the ATLAS control room for conference delegates. The event provided an ideal opportunity for e-Infrastructure projects to learn more about each other, network and build relationships that could lead to future collaborations.

A total of 17 posts were uploaded to the GridCast blog over the two-day conference and many delegates positively remarked on the webcast of the event. A policy article on the topic of impact indicators, a key part of the meeting's agenda, is scheduled for next year. We are currently reviewing the feedback from this meeting and will use this to improve upon our communications for the next e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting.

4.2 e-IRG workshops

The e-Infrastructure Reflection Group defines and recommends best practices for the pan-European e-Infrastructure efforts. It holds bi-annual workshops in collaboration with the country holding the EU

presidency. These are open to all, and function as incubators for feeding new information and trends into e-IRG work.

As part of its policy work e-ScienceTalk will attend these workshops when they occur, having already participated in a Workshop in Brussels in October 2010. They provide a way for e-ScienceTalk to gain an overview of the e-Infrastructure landscape and also give a good opportunity to meet and discuss issues with e-IRG delegates and e-IRG_SP members. The events enable us to form stronger bonds and connections with those working in e-infrastructures and influencing policy and will also give us an additional platform from which to disseminate our policy articles.

4.3   Other events

e-ScienceTalk plans to identify and attend a number of other policy-related events to those mentioned above. These may include OGF conferences, Cloudscape and the ECRI conferences.

In the three months since the project began we have already attended the following events:

- Citizen Cyberscience Summit, September 2010
- ICT2010, October 2010
- The presentation of the High Level Group report on Scientific Data, October 2010
- eChallenges2010, October 2010
- OGF30/GRID2010, October 2010

We have used these opportunities to network with others in the e-Infrastructure community, to forge stronger relationships as well as to publicise our work. e-ScienceTalk was specifically invited to attend the presentation of the High Level Group report on Scientific Data to Neelie Kroes in Brussels in September, and this lead to an article in iSGTW.[10] We have also blogged from many of these events, giving the wider community an insight into the policy discussions which have taken place.

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[10] http://www.isgtw.org/?pid=1002779

5   MEASURING IMPACT

In order to track the success of our policy activities it is essential for e-ScienceTalk to measure the impact our work is having in reaching policy makers and communicating our target messages. This is a complex task, which is difficult to measure quantitatively. However we have identified a number of ways in which we can trace the impact our work in having on e-Infrastructure policy engagement.

5.1   Metrics

The e-ScienceTalk DoW [R1] detailed a set of metrics by which we will measure the extent of the policy work led by WP1. These include:

- number of policy articles published (target: 12 in total)
- number of projects covered (target: 20 per year)
- number of reports and briefings circulated (target: 1000 per year)
- number of countries where reports and/or briefings are distributed (target: 30)
- number of quotes in policy articles (target: 6 per policy article)

These targets will help to ensure our publications and activities are circulated widely and reach a diverse set of policy and decision makers.

5.2   Gathering feedback

The GridTalk project successfully used one-on-one feedback sessions, along with feedback surveys completed at events such as EGEE'09 to gather useful feedback on its efforts, including policy based activities. e-ScienceTalk will also use these methods to further trace how effective our policy engagement strategies have been.

Through feedback surveys we will aim to find out:

- to what extent respondents are aware of e-ScienceTalk's policy documents;
- what use they make of these;
- feedback on each of these products – which areas are useful and interesting, what could be improved, the quality and balance of content (by discipline and geographical area).

This list is by no means exhaustive, but will help to identify how useful our policy work has been, as well as helping us to assess if it has reached its target audience or not.

The one-on-one feedback sessions during the GridTalk project proved invaluable in helping us develop and implement effective engagement strategies. We have already completed a number of these interviews with attendees at the EGI Technical Forum 2010, which provided ideas and comments for future policy articles, based on those produced during the GridTalk project. We have already included ideas taken from this feedback in our current strategy for policy engagement during the e-ScienceTalk project.

Feedback and metrics will be reported annually in the *Annual report on feedback and metrics Deliverables* (D4.3, D4.4 and D4.5) in PM 12, 24 and 32. The feedback surveys will also feed into Deliverables D1.3, D1.4 and D1.5 *Annual impact and sustainability report on e-ScienceTalk products* in PM11, 23 and 31.

6 CONCLUSION

This policy engagement strategy has set out ways in which e-ScienceTalk, as a project that coordinates e-Infrastructure dissemination, can effectively engage with policy makers to illustrate the benefit of such investment in e-Infrastructure development. By doing this we hope to encourage the development of a coherent and sustainable e-infrastructure policy across Europe.

By building upon the results produced by the GridTalk project we believe we have a good foundation from which to further this effort and to expand its reach beyond Europe to, for example, the US, Latin America and Asia.

By collaborating with other e-Infrastructure projects we will gain maximum impact from our dissemination work, and will also build up strong networks within the e-Infrastructure community. Our policy reports will be expanded to cover a wider range of topics – for example supercomputing and networks – and their geographical reach, both in content and in distribution, will also be widened. Finally by attending policy events we will ensure our messages are communicated broadly, and coordinating the e-Infrastructure Concertation Meetings will only aid in this respect.

Through these activities, and by carefully monitoring their impact, we will engage with policy and decision makers and raise their awareness in grid computing, e-Infrastructures and related issues and technologies.

7   REFERENCES

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8 GLOSSARY

Acronym	Full description
BELIEF-II	Bringing Europe's eLectronic Infrastructures to Expanding Frontiers http://www.beliefproject.org/
EGEE	Enabling Grids for E-sciencE http://www.eu-egee.org/
EGI_DS	European Grid Initiative Design Study http://web.eu-egi.eu/
e-IRG	e-Infrastructure Reflection Group http://www.e-irg.eu/
EUAsiaGrid	http://www.euasiagrid.org/
GÉANT	High-bandwidth, academic Internet serving Europe's research and education community http://www.geant.net
GridPP	UK Computing for Particle Physics http://www.gridpp.ac.uk/
OGF-Europe	Open Grid Forum Europe http://www.ogfeurope.eu/
SIENA	Standards and Interoperability for eInfrastructure implemeNtation initiAtive http://www.sienainitiative.eu/