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Abstract

The document describes the quality process implementation for EGI-Engage to ensure that outputs generated are high quality, timely and fit-for-purpose. This is being achieved by ensuring that all project management processes are conducted in a quality manner (quality assurance) and by developing quality criteria for the outputs themselves (quality control). The document also details the software quality assurance processes and service management standards that are adopted to ensure quality of digital artefacts like software and services delivered in EGI-Engage.

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# Introduction

This document defines how the quality process for the project EGI-Engage is being implemented to ensure that the project outputs are delivered and satisfies the specified quality requirements. This is being achieved by ensuring that all project management processes are conducted in a quality manner (quality assurance) and by developing quality criteria for the outputs themselves (quality control).

Project Quality Management, according to Project Management Body of Knowledge 5th edition[[1]](#footnote-1), includes all the processes and activities performed that determine quality policies, objectives and responsibilities to ensure the project will satisfy the requirements. It uses policies and procedures to implement quality management system and support continuous the improvement process. It addresses both quality management of the project and quality of deliverables of the project.

The goals of Quality Management as defined in Project Management Body of Knowledge are:

* **Customer satisfaction:** to ensure customer expectations are properly recognized and met;
* **Prevention:** to prevent mistakes;
* **Continuous improvement:** to identify and recommend necessary changes;
* **Management responsibility:** to ensure participation of all members of the project team to meet project objectives.

It also contains three processes:

* **Plan Quality Management** goal is to identify the quality requirements of the project and document steps required to demonstrate project compliance. It provides guides and directions on how quality will be managed and validated.
* **Quality Assurance** is a systemic pattern of action to ensure that the product conforms to quality requirements and standards defined by the previous process. It is a management function such as reviews, or a process for checking work items. It is the systematic measurement, comparison with a standard, monitoring of processes and an associated feedback loop that confers error prevention. It ensures the availability of quality project management processes.
* **Quality Control** monitors and checks the correctness of the project outcomes to assess performance and recommend necessary changes. It inspects the accomplished work to ensure its alignment with the project scope.

EGI-Engage project will use the structure of the quality processes defined in Project Management Body of Knowledge to plan and organize quality management activities as described in the next section.

# Quality Management in EGI-Engage

The Quality Manager role has been explicitly assigned to Małgorzata Krakowian – Senior Operations Officer at EGI.eu – who is responsible for the creation and management of Plan Quality Management, Quality Assurance and Quality Control processes within EGI-Engage.

Quality management in EGI-Engage project is composed from following activates

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan Quality Management | Perform quality assurance | Control Quality |
| **Project phase** | | |
| Planning | Executing | Monitoring and controlling |
| **Activities** | | |
| * Creating Quality Plan * Gathering all existing quality standards, practices and requirements for the project * Creating additional project specific practices, standards and metrics * Defining processes used on the project | * Conducting AMB and PMB meetings * Gathering lessons learned * Conducting project reviews * Updating quality plan * Following quality procedures * Performing risk review | * Evaluating the root cause of quality problems * Verifying deliverables and milestones * Submitting change requests * Updating lessons learned * Identifying need for improvements |

## Changes introduced during project year 1

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# Plan Quality Management

Within this process, the Quality Manager is responsible for creation and maintenance of the EGI-Engage Quality Plan[[2]](#footnote-2) to provide clear guidelines and procedures for all work package leaders on how quality will be managed and validated. The guidelines and procedures provided to the project cover topics such as communications, outputs, requesting changes, risk, finance and effort. In addition a set of metrics (Key Performance indicators and activity metrics) have been defined and gathered.

## Guidelines

### Communication management

All outputs produced by staff activities within EGI-Engage (funded and unfunded effort) shall be recorded so that they can be reported by the project. The following guidelines shall be followed:

* **Meetings run by EGI-Engage:** The meetings shall be recorded in the EGI Indico server[[3]](#footnote-3) and all presentations and material provided for the meeting, including any minutes, shall be attached to the appropriate agenda page.
* **Presentations, Posters, and publication:** Presentations and/or papers presented at other meetings attended by EGI-Engage staff shall be recorded in the EGI document repository[[4]](#footnote-4). A link to the meeting and a summary of the outcome should be recorded in the ‘notes’ section of the document. A dedicated EGI-Engage tag is available to qualify documents, milestones, papers, presentations and other documentation relevant to the project.
* **Mailing Lists:** As the majority of the communication within the project is electronic, having a coherent record of that work is essential. All mailing lists must use the EGI.eu based mailing lists which allow groups defined within the single sign on to be linked to mailing lists, access to wiki space, document access, etc.  
  Base mailing lists to be used within EGI-Engage project:
  + [**egi-engage-po@egi.eu**](mailto:egi-engage-po@egi.eu): EGI-Engage project office
  + [**egi-engage-cb@mailman.egi.eu**](mailto:egi-engage-cb@mailman.egi.eu): SSO based. Collaboration Board
  + [**egi-engage-financial@mailman.egi.eu**](mailto:egi-engage-financial@mailman.egi.eu): SSO based. For discussion of project administration and financial aspects
  + [**egi-engage-pmb@mailman.egi.eu**](mailto:egi-engage-pmb@mailman.egi.eu): SSO based. Project Management Board (to be populated)
  + [**egi-engage-amb@mailman.egi.eu**](mailto:egi-engage-amb@mailman.egi.eu): SSO based. Activity Management Board members - composed of WP leaders.
  + [**egi-engage-members@mailman.egi.eu**](mailto:egi-engage-members@mailman.egi.eu): SSO based. Includes all members of the project including people registered to EGI-Engage-related mailing lists
  + **For work packages:**SSO based
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    - [egi-engage-wp2@mailman.egi.eu](mailto:egi-engage-wp2@mailman.egi.eu)
    - [egi-engage-wp3@mailman.egi.eu](mailto:egi-engage-wp3@mailman.egi.eu)
    - [egi-engage-wp4@mailman.egi.eu](mailto:egi-engage-wp4@mailman.egi.eu)
    - [egi-engage-wp5@mailman.egi.eu](mailto:egi-engage-wp5@mailman.egi.eu)
    - [egi-engage-wp6@mailman.egi.eu](mailto:egi-engage-wp6@mailman.egi.eu)
* **Requirements and actions gathering:** Requirements and actions gathering should be performed through EGI RT system[[5]](#footnote-5) with group based access control provided through the EGI SSO system. Incidents related to the services delivered in production will be managed through the EGI helpdesk, GGUS[[6]](#footnote-6).
* **Websites:** www.egi.eu is the main website for the project. A dedicated set of project pages is being prepared. It is used mainly for all ‘official’ ‘static’ content[[7]](#footnote-7).

The wiki wiki.egi.eu should be used for all dynamic content being maintained or developed within each project activity. EGI-Engage Project main wiki page[[8]](#footnote-8) content:

* + description of the project
  + work packages dedicated pages (tasks, contacts, deliverables, milestones) Please do not change structure of the page.
  + milestones and deliverables
  + software and services guidelines
  + quality plan
  + risk plan
  + data plan
  + metrics
  + Project Office

Other third party websites or wikis should not be used to host EGI-Engage related material in order that the egi.eu domain becomes the definitive source of project information. Individual services supported by EGI.eu will have their own hostname in the egi.eu domain.

### Outputs management

#### Templates

All outputs from EGI-Engage, e.g. project deliverable, presentations, and technical reports, should use EGI-Engage templates available on main website under the “Logo and templates”[[9]](#footnote-9) section.

#### Acknowledgement

The following acknowledgement statements should be used for EGI-Engage outputs unless the output already uses one of the recognised project templates, where appropriate acknowledgements are already included:

* **Documents, presentations and reports**, this statement should be used:

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  + To acknowledge EGI and the project  
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  + To acknowledge EGI, the project and specific countries providing resources  
    *This work used the European Grid Infrastructure (EGI) through resources from Country\_1, Country\_2, … and is co-funded by the EGI-Engage project (Horizon 2020) under Grant number 654142.*
* **Source Code** of software created under the project should contain following statement

*The work represented by source file was partially or entirely funded by the EGI-Engage project co-funded by the European Union (EU) Horizon 2020 program under Grant number 654142.*

* Acknowledgement should be visible at the **portals and source code public repositories**
  + To acknowledge EGI-Engage (Service co-funded by EGI-Engage)



* + To acknowledge EGI.eu EGI-Engage (Service co-funded by EGI.eu and EGI-Engage)



#### License

The following license rules should be followed for EGI-Engage outputs:

* **Software:**
  + New developed software: An OSI-approved license[[11]](#footnote-11), for any new software developed within the Project;
  + **Further develop software:** In order to comply with the open access policy and maximise possibility for reuse of results, EGI-Engage partners, together, agree not to further develop software released with a non-open license and which cannot be re-released using an OSI-approved license.
  + **Existing software:** If no existing OSI license is being used for existing software, the adoption of the Apache 2.0 license is possible.
* **Source Code**In order to comply with the open access policy and maximise possibility for reuse of results, EGI-Engage software code, tools and interfaces that fall under the joint ownership will be published under an OSI-approved license. If no existing OSI license is being used, we propose the adoption of the Apache 2.0 license. Free and unrestricted access to research result is a measurable barrier to uptake by SME’s and can slow down innovation in measurable terms , and the consortium will make it a priority to comply with the Horizon 2020 Mandate in full support of Europe 2020 Initiative’s Economic Growth Agenda.
* **Materials**This statement should be used for materials such as documents, presentations and reports.



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#### Documents

All documents, presentations and other material that form an official output of the project (not just milestones and deliverables) are placed in the document repository[[12]](#footnote-12) to provide a managed central location for all material.

Access to documents is linked to the EGI single sign on (SSO) system[[13]](#footnote-13), which can be used to generate an account and password. Once logged into the document repository using the created account, it is possible to create new document items or update existing ones through the ‘Create or change documents or other information’ link.

##### Content

All documents will be written in English and use document formats described in the following section. References to external document and a Glossary to terms not listed on the website must be recorded. The correct capitalisation of the project name is EGI-Engage. English date format must be used (DD/MM/YYYY) when required.

##### Formats and tools

The following tools and formats will be recognised within the project:

* Word Processing: ‘Word Format’ allowing its use on MS Office on Windows/Mac and OpenOffice on Linux
* Spreadsheet: ‘Excel Format’ allowing the use of MS Office on Windows/Mac.
* Presentation: ‘Powerpoint Format’ allowing the use of MS Office on Windows/Mac.

Final version of all formal documents (milestones and deliverables) must be available in PDF format.

##### Document naming convention

Filenames must use the following format in order to link any item back to other versions placed in the document repository. The filename format is:

EGI-Engage <DOCUMENT IDENTIFIER> V<VERSION>

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| DOCUMENT IDENTIFIER | The document identifier is dependent on the document type. If the document is:   * Deliverable: Use the deliverable name: e.g. D1.1, D5.5, etc. * Milestone: Use the milestone name: e.g. M1.2, M5.4, etc. * Activity: Use the activity code: e.g. SA1, NA3, etc. * Committee/Board: Use an acronym based on the committee or board name: e.g. TCB, OMB, UCB, USAG, SPG, etc. * Other: If the source of the material cannot be identified then ignore this section. |
| VERSION | This is the version number generated by the document repository for the particular repository identifier.  Versioning rule:   * +0.1 – new version of draft * +1.0 – new version of approved document |

Example: EGI-Engage M3.1 V1.0.pdf

The title of documents uploaded to document repository must be in the following format:

EGI-Engage <DOCUMENT IDENTIFIER> Title (from the first page of the document)

Example: EGI-Engage M3.1 User Support Contacts

##### Document metadata

The cover page of the document contains metadata that needs to be reviewed and completed:

* Title: This must be the title of the milestone or deliverable as described in the Description of Work.
* Deliverable/Milestone code: e.g. D1.1 or M1.1. Delete if not required.
* Date: This field records the last date the document was saved
* Activity: Enter the work package name (WP1, WP2, etc.) that is producing this document.
* Lead Partner: Enter the recognised short name within the EGI-Engage project of the lead partner.
* Document Status: This will move through the following states for milestones and deliverables, which will be internally tracked via RT:
  + TOC (Table of Contents)
  + Draft
  + Review
  + AMB/PMB Review
  + Final
* Document Link: The URL in the EGI document repository that provides access to the document.
* Abstract: An abstract describing the document’s contents and main conclusions. On submission of the final version this should be entered into the relevant field in the repository metadata.

##### Repository metadata

When creating the entry in the document repository there are a number of compulsory metadata fields that need to be completed. Where possible these values should be copied from the corresponding document metadata. The Repository Metadata includes the following items:

* Title
* Abstract
* Keywords
* Notes and changes
* Document type
* Status
* Submitter: Select the person submitting the document.
* Authors: Select the people involved in writing significant portions of the document.
* View: Select the groups able to view the document. Documents that are drafts may be restricted to the groups within the project that are working on the document. Documents that are complete must be marked public.
* Modify: The ‘office’ group must me marked as able to modify the document.
* Topics: Select the topics relevant for the material. These will generally include ‘EGI-Engage’, committee/board that the material is coming from
  + Any output from EGI-Engage would minimally have the topics ‘EGI-Engage’
  + There are also documents that are generated within the community that go beyond the scope of just the EGI-Engage project (e.g. operational policy documents) would minimally have the topics from ‘EGI’ category selected.

##### Access to documents

Access to internal or confidential documents is controlled at SSO group level, with SSO IDs being assigned to particular groups depending on their permissions to view or modify documents. Public documents are available to all, without restriction or the requirement to log in. Restricted documents can only be viewed and/or modified by logging in using an account with the correct permissions.

#### Service and Software

Quality of services produced within EGI-Engage project is ensured by the adoption of the EGI Services management standard ISO20k. Instruction for service teams can be found under Instructions Tools teams’ instruction.[[14]](#footnote-14)

The software produced within the project follows the well-established Software provisioning process[[15]](#footnote-15) that has been adopted since 2010, based on the definition of quality criteria, quality verification and software validation in a controlled production environment of the federated EGI infrastructure.

The development activities within the project augment capabilities of existing open source software. The resulting software code, tools and interfaces developed as part of EGI-Engage are released as open source code and the full access is provided via publicly available source code repositories such as GitHub, SourceForge, Subversion (SVN), Concurrent Version System (CVS) etc. Software developers are able to choose their preferred source code repository to better integrate with existing practices, nevertheless they need to

* ensure that the contribution is openly accessible,
* add the metadata information needed to enable reuse,
* communicate the URL to the consortium.

#### Research Data

The Open Research Data Pilot applies to two types of data:

* the data, including associated metadata, needed to validate the results presented in scientific publications as soon as possible;
* other data (e.g. curated data not directly attributable to a publication, or raw data), including associated metadata.

The obligations arising from the Grant Agreement of the projects are (see article 29.3):

Regarding the digital research data generated in the action (‘data’), the beneficiaries must:

* deposit in a research data repository and take measures to make it possible for third parties to access, mine, exploit, reproduce and disseminate — free of charge for any user — the following: the data, including associated metadata, needed to validate the results presented in scientific publications as soon as possible; other data, including associated metadata, as specified and within the deadlines laid down in the 'data management plan';
* provide information — via the repository — about tools and instruments at the disposal of the beneficiaries and necessary for validating the results (and — where possible — provide the tools and instruments themselves).

Note: As an exception, the beneficiaries do not have to ensure open access to specific parts of their research data if the achievement of the action's main objective, as described in Annex 1, would be jeopardised by making those specific parts of the research data openly accessible. In this case, the data management plan must contain the reasons for not giving access.

Data management plan has been described in deliverable 2.4 Data management plan[[16]](#footnote-16) and extracted to Data Plan wiki page[[17]](#footnote-17) for easier access.

#### Other outputs

**Surveys:** All data deriving from surveys created and circulated by the project should be exported in (one of xls/csv/ods) format and provided to the quality manager for deposit and providing following information:

* WP number
* Title of the survey
* Purpose of the survey and target group, Deliverable, Milestones where outcome has been used (if applicable)
* Period when the survey was published and closed

## Procedures

During first year of the project 4 new procedures have been created to better manage the project. In addition deliverables and milestones review procedure has been revised to better serve different types of deliverables.

### Deliverables and milestones review procedure

#### Introduction

The formal outputs from the project (milestones and deliverables) pass through a formal review process. The review process provides staged deadlines during the process to ensure the output is available to the EC at the end of the project month (PM) that the material is due.

Depending of the type of milestone and deliverable, different inputs to the process are expected and required as detailed in the following list.

* **R:** Document, report
  + Input: full report
* **DEM:** Demonstrators, pilots, prototypes, plan design
  + Input: Delivery of the product, short 1-4 page report
* **DEC:** Website, press & media actions, events
  + Input: Delivery of the product, short 1-4 page report
    - Events: in addition feedback on satisfaction is provided
* **OTHER:** software, technical diagram etc.
  + Non-user facing software
    - Input: delivery, UMD software provisioning process[[18]](#footnote-18), short 1-4 report based on the staged rollout process outcome
  + User facing software
    - Input: delivery, feedback on satisfaction is provided, short 1-4 page report
  + Other
    - Input: short 1-4 page report

The review process for a milestone and a deliverable is identical except for:

* Milestones are expected to have
  + two reviews produced by reviewers;
  + reviewers: 1 external, 1 Activity Managers Board member
  + are not delivered to the EC
* Deliverables are expected to have
  + three reviews produced by reviewers;
  + reviewers: 1 external, 1 Project Management Board member or reviewer appointed by a PMB member, 1 Activity Managers Board member.

Where possible, the reviewers are selected from relevant EGI’s functional areas (i.e. Operations, User Community, Technology and Policy) that are not directly involved in the production of the output.

Roles in the review process are identified below:

* **Reviewer**: Responsible for providing a review of the document on the EGI review form so that responses from the document authors to the reviewer can be tracked. A change tracked version of the document can be provided with corrections for spelling, formatting and other minor issues. The reviewer is generally from the activity and organisation that is not responsible for producing the document.
* **Moderator**: Responsible for bringing to AMB discussion conflicting reviews which elements of a review must be implemented by the author. The decision to follow or reject a reviewer’s comment must be tracked in the review document. The moderator is Quality Manager.
* **Editor**: The person from the activity and the partner who is responsible for the document and for collecting input from relevant project tasks. They may rely on others within the activity to provide and/or collect the information needed. The editor cannot be a moderator or reviewer.
* **Quality Manager (QM):** Provides administrative support for the process. Acts as Moderator.
* **Work Package leader (WP leader)**: Responsible for overseeing the production of the document. The Work Package leader will work with the Editor to ensure that the work is done in a timely manner, and report to the AMB on its progress.
* **AMB Chair**: the Technical Director.

An individual could hold one or more of these roles if they are not in conflict with each other.

#### Steps

The workflow for the review process is described below.

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| **Time before submission** | **Role** | **Action** |
| **Deliverable/milestone production phase** | | |
| >2 months | QM | * Create Document DB entry. * Remind WP leader responsible for the document about upcoming deliverable |
| 2 months | WP leader | Assign   * Editor * Reviewers |
| 7 weeks | WP leader | Ensure the editor has provided an annotated table of contents that is available online (doc DB) and circulated to the AMB |
| 5 weeks | WP leader | The draft is stable and undergoes review within the activity |
| 4 weeks | WP leader | In inform QM that document is ready for external review.  For software deliverables provides needed information for testing. |
| **External review and testing phase** | | |
| Immediately | QM | * notifies reviewer(s), AMB and PMB that the document is available for external review * confirm expected review completion date with reviewers and explain what is expected * for software deliverables and milestones   + a review form must be provided   + technical testing needs to be performed |
| Immediately | Reviewers | Provide review for the deliverable/milestone.  For software/service:   * perform testing * provide improvements’ suggestions for the service/software |
| Immediately | QM | Collect reviews and place them in Document DB entry  Inform Editor and WP leader about received reviews |
| Immediately | Editor | Apply changes.  Involve QM in case of conflicting reviews.  Notify the WP leader and QM an updated document is available |
| Immediately | QM | * Get reviewers approval for final version of the document * Check if software deliverables are delivered according to <https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/EGI-Engage:Software_and_services> |
| Immediately | QM | The external review is complete.  Notify the AMB and PMB that the document has completed external review |
| Immediately | QM | The external review is complete.  Notify the AMB and PMB that the document has completed external review |
| **AMB, PMB review phase** | | |
| 2 week | AMB and PMB | Review the document and provide comments. |
| **Quality phase** | | |
| 1 week | QM/AMB Chair | A clean PDF version of the document is generated by the QM and placed in the document repository with updated meta-data |
| Deadline | AMB Chair | Document is delivered to the EC |

### Requesting change in DoA procedure

#### Introduction

The procedure has been introduced to better coordinate process of requesting changes in DoA.

For Deliverables and Milestones change request should be send not later than 6 months before submission deadline.

Each request needs to be described as follow:

* Scope: deliverable/effort/other
* Motivation
* For deliverables:
  + name of deliverable/milestone
  + type of change: name/timeline/scope
* Current status in DoA
* New proposed

#### Steps

1. Requester send request to WP leader
2. Approval of WP leader
3. WP leader creates ticket in AMB queue in EGI RT system with prefix [DoA change request] and is writing proposal to WP1 mailing list
4. Change is a subject of AMB discussion during the AMB meeting.
5. Technical Coordinator approve/reject/ask for more explanation
6. If approved Technical Coordinator mail EC with PO in CC
7. Once approved/rejected by EC, Technical Coordinator communicate decision to WP1 and AMB mailing list
8. QM update related documentation, PO add information in changelog for the amendment

### Financial and effort review procedure

#### Introduction

Financial and effort review procedure has been introduced to identify over and under spending partners and take appropriate action. This procedure is run every 3 months and involves Work package leaders in validating partners effort reported to the project office.

#### Steps

Where **M** means month at the end of effort reporting period.

1. **M + 10 days** - Deadline for Partners to report on effort (Actual efforts and costs in preparation for the cost statement. Efforts based on actual consumption and costs of personnel (only) based on estimated PM average costs.)
2. **M + 15 days** (Quality Manager) - Sent draft to AMB
3. **M + 20 days** (Quality Manager) - Coordinate AMB to take an action to remind partners and check deviations
   * Partners not reporting
   * Partners over/under-spending
4. **M + 25 days** (Finance team) - Final report provided to PMB

### Risk review procedure

#### Introduction

Risk review procedure has been introduced with deliverable D1.2 Risk analysis and risk response for Period 1[[19]](#footnote-19). The goal of this procedure is to identify risks and plan proper response to prevent risk occurrence.

#### Steps

* Continuously (whenever necessary)
  1. Work Package Leaders are
     + applying risks response
     + reporting on risk occurrence
     + reporting on new risks identified
* On a monthly basis
  1. Quality and Risk Manager is
     + reporting to PMB risk occurrences and newly identified risks which require PMB attention.
* Every 3 months
  1. Quality and Risk Manager is conducting the risk registry review with Work Package leaders, including:
     + identification of deprecated risks
     + reassessment of impact and probability of existing risks
     + review of risk response
     + identification of new risks
  2. Quality and Risk Manager is reporting to PMB the results of the review.

### Software quality assessment procedure

#### Introduction

This procedure is part of Review procedure for deliverables and milestones. It describes how quality check is done for SW deliverables.

**Requirement:**

* Production tools should have a production and a testing/devel instance (at least 2 instances in total)

**Testing Options:**

* Each product team should choose between two possible ways to verify the quality of its release:
  1. Manual test
  2. (Semi-)Automatic internal procedure to test the release

In both cases, tests and short document must be finished by the deliverable deadline in the DoA. Similar procedures can be applied to internal EGI-Engage releases (between to SW deliverables) or to releases related to the core service activities. In these cases the short document is not strictly needed although storing a test report would be useful.

#### Steps

**1. Manual Test:**

1. as for the classical deliverables (the documents), 3 reviewers (1 moderator + 2 reviewers) will be assigned to each software deliverable. The WP manager has the responsibility to identify the reviewers.
2. The reviewers will perform the validation tests on the candidate release
3. In the case of deliverables containing more than 1 software releases, we will have 3 reviewers for deliverable plus supporting testers
4. The candidate release should be installed on the testing/devel instance
5. Tests will be executed within a week. During this period the testing/devel instance should not be updated. Reviewers and developers should agree on the week to perform the tests
6. Outcome of the testing process will be part of the short document describing the software release

**2. (Semi-)Automatic Internal Testing procedure:**

1. the PT should propose to its work package leader a (semi-)automatic procedure to verify the quality of its releases. An example of this procedure is a continuous integration system with a set of automatic/manual tests executed against each built.
2. this procedure should be properly documented.
3. the document at point 2) should:
   1. describe the process adopted by the PT to create a new release
   2. describe the quality tests performed against each release
   3. contain instructions to roll back to the previous release in case of issues in production and describe how the risk of data loss (e.g. for A/R and accounting) is managed
4. the WP manager, in collaboration with the project management, should validate and approve the procedure verifying it can guarantee a good level of quality assessment. 5) Outcome of this (Semi-)Automatic Internal Testing procedure should be reported in the short document describing the software release (including a reference to the document at point 2))

## Metrics

In order to monitor achievement of project objectives, a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been defined. They are supporting follow up on project’s activities quality and project’s activities progresses.

In addition, each of the activity set within a specific work package is managed by an Activity Manager who will ensure provision of a list of activity metrics, which will provide progress status against the activity. The Quality Manager with Activity Manager will control that the defined metrics are Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART) prior to allowing activity participants to report against them.

KPIs and activity metrics values are either collected manually or extracted as applicable from a number of EGI tools. Metrics are gathered every 6 months as part of report process. KPIs are also reported in intermediate and periodic reports; relevant metrics and KPIs are analysed as applicable.

### Key Performance Indicators

These indicators will be available on <http://www.egi.eu/about/egi-engage/metrics.html> and updated on a periodic basis (every 6 month).

\*Type: Cumulative (cum), per period (pp), average (avg)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Objective** | **Impact** | **Metric ID** | **Impact and Metric** | **Type\*** | **Polarity** | **Target PM12** | **Target PM24** | **Target PM30** |
| O4 | **Increased availability and efficiency in use of research data, EGI supports FAIR data: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable** | KPI.1.JRA2.OpenData | Number of open research datasets that can be published, discovered, used and reused by EGI applications/tools | cum | Up | 0 | 10 | 20 |
| O1, O2 | **Easier integration and interoperability of compute and data resources across communities and national borders** | KPI.2.SA1.Intergation | Number of RIs and e-Infrastructures integrated with EGI | cum | Up | 9 | 11 | 13 |
| O1, O2 | KPI.3.SA1.Software | Number of new registered software items and VM appliances | pp | Up | 50/50 | 60/60 | 70/70 |
| O1, O2 | **Better portability of applications across different providers** | KPI.4.SA1.Cloud | Number of providers offering compute and storage capacity accessible through open standard interfaces | cum | Up | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| O5 | **Increased adoption of compute/data intensive services** | KPI.5.SA2.Users | Number of researchers served by EGI | cum | Up | 40 000 | 45 000 | 47 000 |
| O3 | KPI.6.JRA1.AAI | Number of users adopting federated IdP | cum | Up | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| O5 | KPI.7.SA2.Users | Number of research communities served | pp | Up | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| O2 | KPI.8.SA1.Users | Number of VO SLAs established | cum | Up | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| O5 | KPI.9.NA2.Comm | Number of scientific publications supported by EGI | cum | Up | NA | NA | NA |
| O2 | **Better optimisation of the use of IT equipment for research** | KPI.10.NA2.Comm | Number of relevant authorities informed of the policy paper on procurement | cum | Up | 5 | 20 | 25 |
| O5 | KPI.11.SA1.Users | User satisfaction | avg | Up | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| O2 | **More innovation transferred to the business sector** | KPI.12.NA2.Industry | Number of services, demonstrators and project ideas running on EGI for SMEs and industry | cum | Up | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| O5 | **Increased accessibility to compute/data intensive services, software and expertise** | KPI.13.SA2.Support | Number of delivered knowledge transfer events | cum | Up | 15 | 30 | 45 |
| O3, O5 | KPI.14.SA1.Size | Number of compute available to international research communities and long tail of science | pp | Up | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| O3, O5 | KPI.15.SA1.Size | Number of storage available to international research communities and long tail of science | pp | Up | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| O2, O5 | KPI.16.SA2.Support | Number of international support cases (for/with RIs, projects, industry) | cum | Up | 30 | 60 | 90 |
| O3, O5 | KPI.17.SA1.Size | Number of compute resources available to the long tail of science | cum | Up | 300 | 500 | 500 |

### Activity Metrics

This section lists the activity metrics for each of EGI-Engage activity.

### NA1 – Project Management

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric ID** | **Metric** | **Task** | **Type** | **Polarity** |
| M.NA1.Quality.1 | Percentage of deliverables and milestones delivered on time | 1.3 | Per period | Up |

### NA2 – Strategy, Policy and Communication

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric ID** | **Metric** | **Task** | **Type** | **Polarity** |
| M.NA2.Communication.1 | Percentage of articles, news, blog posts about or contributed by user communities and NGIs/EIROs with respect to the total of items published in EGI’s channels | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Communication.2 | Number of unique visitors to the website | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Communication.3 | Number of pageviews on the website | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Communication.4 | Number of news items published | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Communication.5 | Number of events with participation of EGI Champions | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Communication.6 | Number of case studies published | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Communication.7 | Attendee-days per event | 2.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Strategy.1 | Number of EGI impact assessment reports circulated to the stakeholders | 2.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Strategy.2 | Number of MoUs involving EGI.eu or EGI-Engage as a project | 2.2 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.NA2.Strategy.3 | Number of SLAs established paying customers | 2.2 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.NA2.Industry.1 | Number of engaged SMEs/Industry contacts | 2.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.NA2.Industry.2 | Number of establish collaborations with SMEs/Industry (with MoU) | 2.3 | Per period | Up |
| M.NA2.Industry.3 | Number of requirements gathered from market analysis activities | 2.3 | Per period | Up |

### JRA1 – E-Infrastructure Commons

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric ID** | **Metric** | **Task** | **Type** | **Polarity** |
| M.JRA1.AAI.1 | Number of communities whose Identity Provider framework integrates with EGI AAI | 3.1 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA1.Marketplace.1 | Number of entries in the EGI Marketplace (i.e. services, applications etc.) | 3.2 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA1.Accounting.1 | Number of kinds of data repository systems integrated with the EGI accounting software | 3.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA1.Accounting.2 | Number of kinds of storage systems integrated with the EGI accounting software | 3.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA1.OpsTools.1 | Number of new requirements introduced in the roadmap | 3.4 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA1.OpsTools.2 | Number of probes developed to monitor cloud resources | 3.4 | Per period | Up |
| M.JRA1.eGrant.1 | Number of user requests handled in e-GRANT | 3.5 | Per period | Up |

### JRA2 – Platforms for the Data Commons

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric ID** | **Metric** | **Task** | **Type** | **Polarity** |
| M.JRA2.Cloud.1 | Number of VM instances managed through AppDB GUI | 4.2 | Average | Up |
| M.JRA2.Cloud.2 | Percentage of cloud providers providing snapshot support | 4.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.JRA2.Cloud.3 | Percentage of cloud providers providing VM resizing support | 4.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.JRA2.Cloud.4 | Number of OCCI implementation supporting OCCI 1.2 | 4.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.JRA2.Cloud.5 | Number of new OCCI implementations for existing or new CMFs. | 4.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.JRA2.Integration.1 | Number of European cloud providers in the federated Astronomy community cloud | 4.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.Integration.2 | Number of virtual appliances shared | 4.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.Integration.3 | Number of different datasets replicated across CADC and EGI | 4.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.Integration.4 | Number of EUDAT services integrated with the HTC and Cloud platforms of EGI | 4.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.Integration.5 | Number of open research datasets replicated in the federated cloud for scalable access by iMARINE VREs | 4.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.Integration.6 | Number of research clouds that interoperate with EGI federated cloud: community clouds, integrated, peer | 4.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.AcceleratedComputing.1 | Number of batch systems for which GPGPU integration is possible to be supported through CREAM | 4.4 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.AcceleratedComputing.2 | Number of Cloud Middleware Frameworks for which GPGPU integration is supported and implemented | 4.4 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.JRA2.AcceleratedComputing.3 | Number of level 3 disciplines with user applications that can use federated accelerated computing | 4.4 | Cumulative | Up |

### SA1 – Operations

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric ID** | **Metric** | **Task** | **Type** | **Polarity** |
| M.SA1.Operations.1 | Amount of federated HTC compute capacity (EGI participants and integrated) | 5.1 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA1.Operations.2 | Amount of federated HTC storage capacity (EGI participants and integrated): (Disk, Tape) | 5.1 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA1.Operations.3 | Amount of allocated resources (storage) allocated through a EGI centrally managed pool of resources | 5.1 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA1.Operations.4 | Amount of allocated resources (logical cores) allocated through a EGI centrally managed pool of resources | 5.1 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA1.Operations.5 | Number of new products distributed with UMD | 5.1 | Per period | Up |
| M.SA1.SecurityOperations.1 | Number of security policies and procedures updated, reviewed and adapted to support new services | 5.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.SA1.Platforms.1 | Number of gCUBE VREs instantiated on the Federated Cloud for the iMARINE community | 5.3 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA1.Platforms.2 | Number of CPU time consumed by e-CEO challenges (hours \* cores) | 5.3 | Per period | Up |

### SA2 – Knowledge Commons

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric ID** | **Metric** | **Task** | **Type** | **Polarity** |
| M.SA2.UserSupport.1 | Number of training modules produced and kept up-to-date | 6.2 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA2.UserSupport.2 | HTC Absolute normalized time to a reference value of HEPSPEC06 (excluding OPS and dteam) per 1 level disciplines | 6.2 | Cumulative | Up |
| M.SA2.UserSupport.3 | HTC Relative increase normalized time to a reference value of HEPSPEC06 (excluding OPS and dteam) per 1 level disciplines | 6.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.SA2.UserSupport.4 | Relative increase of users per 1 level disciplines | 6.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.SA2.UserSupport.5 | HTC Number of Low/Medium/High Activity VOs and total | 6.2 | Per period | Up |
| M.SA2.UserSupport.6 | Number of VM instantiated in Federated Cloud per 1 level discipline | 6.2 | Per period | Up |

# Quality Assurance

The Quality Assurance process will be responsible for assessing if quality guidelines defined in the Quality Plan, are being followed and whether these are still appropriate for the project.

Project outputs (Milestones and Deliverables[[20]](#footnote-20)) will be reviewed according to the review process for deliverables and milestones described in section 3.2.1.

## Review

The regular review of the project outputs is performed via periodic and intermediate reports, produced according to following schedule:

* Project Month 06: Milestone 1.2 First intermediate report (M01-M06)
* Project Month 12: Project Periodic Report (first period, M01-M12)
* Project Month 18: Milestone 1.3 Second intermediate report (M13-M18)
* Project Month 24: Project Periodic Report (second period, M13-M24)
* Project Month 30: Project Periodic Report (third period, M25-M30)
* Project Month 30: Project Final report (M01-M30)

Building regular reviews will ensure that quality improvement can be carried out throughout the life of the project.

In project year two reviews have been performed:

* Internal through M1.2 First intermediate report[[21]](#footnote-21)
* External through Project periodic report together with Project year 1 review meeting which took place in Brussels on 21 April 2016[[22]](#footnote-22)

## Lessons learned

As part of quality management activities lessons learned has been collected from Work package leaders and Project Management Board.

## Risk review

During project year 1 two risk reviews took place involving Work package leaders and Project Management Board. All mitigation plans have been reviewed and approved by technical coordinator.

## Quality plan review

On a yearly basis the quality plan is being reviewed and a report on quality status is produced to meet changed conditions or objectives during the project life span according to the following schedule:

* Project month 14: D 1.3 Report of quality status and quality plan for Period 2 (M13-M30)
* Project month 29: D 1.5 Report of quality status for Period 2 (M13-M30)

## Progress monitoring

Communication with Activity Managers is ensured through the Activity Management Board (AMB)[[23]](#footnote-23), which is responsible for regularly monitoring the progress of the project and of the day-to-day management of the individual activities within the project, which is undertaken by the Activity Managers. AMB has representation from all the work packages.

The Project Management Board (PMB) – acting as the executive and supervisory body of the project, reporting and accountable to the Collaboration Board – participate in all the processes of the project quality management.

# Quality Control

The Quality Control process collects and monitors the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and activity metrics. Based on results, the process identifies necessary improvements and suggests implementation actions to the relevant project boards. It is also be responsible for updating lessons learned, i.e. the learning gained from performing the project and risk registry.

## Deliverables and milestones

All deliverables have been provided in project year one.

Following table is providing timeliness of Deliverable and Milestones.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Delay [days] | # of Deliverables and Milestones |
| All work packages | 16 | 41 |
| WP1 | 46.5 | 4 |
| WP2 | 25 | 11 |
| WP3 | 4 | 7 |
| WP4 | 13 | 7 |
| WP5 | 9.5 | 3 |
| WP6 | 6 | 9 |

Note: First Deliverables and Milestones have been recorded in EC portal with delay due to issue with using upload functionality. This impacted mostly WP1 (2 documents) and WP2 (2 documents).

## Lessons learned

A list of 33 improvements suggestions have been identified and will be used for continuous improvement of project management.

Improvements suggested were related to following areas:

* Deliverables and milestones
* Project collaboration
* AMB
* PMB
* Quality management

## Risk review

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# Gender plan

Mainstreaming genders in a project is a task that falls under the responsibility of the project’s coordinator. However, the actual gender mainstreaming within activities allows for considering that all project’s partners are to consider how they will mainstream gender issues within and outside their projects’ activities. Most of the partners in EGI-Engage are organisations with an established policy of equal gender opportunities. The EGI-Engage management is committed to ensure equal opportunity, according to EU rules and guidelines, when hiring new project staffs. In parallel, the project coordinator will strive to keep the institutions that are part of the consortium positively motivated towards gender issues by raising awareness at management level.

# Conclusions

The quality plan within EGI-Engage project identifies the quality requirement of the project and documentation steps required to demonstrate project compliance. It provides guidance and directions on how quality will be managed and validated. It also describes Quality Assurance and Quality Control processes within the project.

The Quality Assurance process will be responsible for assessing if quality guidelines (section 2), defined in Quality Plan, are being followed and weather are still appropriate for the project.

A phased review mechanism will be put in place to ensure that the formal output of the project is of a high quality. This takes place through technical review within the activity responsible for the initial work, review external to the producing activity to groups within the project that are consumers of the work, review across all activities of the project through the Activity Management Board, and then finally alignment with the managerial aspects of the project through the Project Management Board. While specifically focused on the project’s milestones and deliverables, this process of open review is used across all aspects of the project.

Quality Control process will collect and monitor the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and activity metrics, these will provide a continuous approach to monitoring the performance of an activities or tasks. Online access to these will be provided for easy control.

This document defined a set of metrics that will be used to monitor the performance of each activity and its tasks within the EGI-Engage project. The overall progress towards these metrics will be summarised and analysed periodically and recommendations will be made for the future of the infrastructure.

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