



EGI Foundation

Configuration Database (GOCDDB)

OPERATIONAL LEVEL AGREEMENT

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TERMINOLOGY

The EGI glossary of terms is available at: <https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Glossary>

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following terms and definitions apply. The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119.

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The present Operational Level Agreement (“the Agreement”) is made between EGI Foundation (**the Service Provider**) and UKRI (**the Component Provider**) to define the provision and support of the provided services as described hereafter. Representatives and contact information are defined in Section 6.

This Agreement is valid from **1st January 2021** to **30th June 2023**.

The Agreement was discussed and approved by the Service Provider and the Component Provider **11th December 2020**

The Component Provider is bound by the terms and conditions of the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement¹ supplemented by the terms and conditions of this specific agreement:

1 The Services

The Services are defined by the following properties:

Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOCDB is a central service registry and topology database to record information about an e-Infrastructure. This includes entities such as Operations Centres, Resource Centres, service endpoints and their downtimes, contact information and roles of users responsible for operations at different levels. The service enforces a number of business rules and defines different grouping mechanisms and object-tagging for the purposes of fine-grained resource filtering.
IT Service Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff involved in the delivery of the service will have achieved (or be seeking to achieve) the Foundation level FitSM certification (or equivalent). The service owner will have achieved (or be seeking to achieve) both the Advanced level FitSM certifications (or equivalent). • The Service team interacts with EGI’s Service Management System, providing the required information to the following processes: Service Portfolio Management, Service Level Management, Service Reporting Management, Service Availability and Continuity Management, Information Security Management, Change Management. • The Service team will work with other service teams across the Scientific Computing Department to consolidate the service management system within UKRI.
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service must integrate with EGI Check-in service for authentication. Over the course of EGI-ACE, the existing integration will be extended to include access to the API.

¹ <https://documents.egi.eu/document/2752>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The coordination of the system operation and upgrade activities with those partners that are in charge of operating other systems that depend on it. • Gathering information on changing and developing requirements.
Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily running of the system and user support (See Section 3.). • Provisioning of a high availability configuration: the equipment costs includes a number of virtual machines (VMs) in a highly available setup and hosted in the STFC's production VM infrastructures, a failover VM at Daresbury Labs, power and basic systems administration. Each server requires production monitoring. The GOCDDB databases are hosted by the STFC DB-Services group on production infrastructure. This includes nightly DB back-ups to the STFC tape storage facility and UPS support. • A test infrastructure (gocdb-preprod.egi.eu) to verify interoperability and the impact of software upgrades on depending systems • Implementing all the measures for mitigating the risks listed in the Availability and Continuity Plan for GOCDDB²
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bug fixing, proactive maintenance, improvement of the system and its documentation. • Coordination of software maintenance activities with other technology providers that provide software for the EGI Core Infrastructure or remote systems deployed by integrated and peer infrastructures that interoperate with the central EGI components of the system.

2 Service hours and exceptions

As defined in the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

3 Support

As defined in the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

Support is provided via EGI Service Desk³ Support Unit: Configuration and Topology Database (GOCDDB)

Support is available between:

² https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Services_Availability_Continuity_Plans

³ <http://helpdesk.egi.eu/>

- Monday and Friday
- 9:00 and 17:00 GMT/BST time

This excludes public holidays and other days when the host organisation(s) providing the service are closed. During these times, support will be provided on a Best effort basis. For that period of time AT RISK downtime will be declared in the Configuration database GOCDDB.

3.1 Incident handling

As defined in the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

3.2 Service requests

As defined in the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

4 Service level targets

Monthly Availability

- Defined as the ability of a service or service component to fulfil its intended function at a specific time or over a calendar month.
- Minimum (as a percentage per month): 99%

Monthly Reliability

- Defined as the ability of a service or service component to fulfil its intended function at a specific time or over a calendar month, excluding scheduled maintenance periods.
- Minimum (as a percentage per month): 99%

Quality of Support level

- Medium (As defined in Corporate-level EGI Operational Level Agreement, chapter 2.1)

5 Limitations and constraints

As defined in the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

6 Communication, reporting and escalation

6.1 General communication

The following contacts will be generally used for communications related to the service in the scope of this Agreement.

Service Provider contact	Alessandro Paolini operations@egi.eu
Component Provider contact	Generic: gocdb-admins@mailman.egi.eu - Greg Corbett, GOCDB Team lead and Service Owner: greg.corbett@stfc.ac.uk Ian Collier: ian.collier@stfc.ac.uk
Service Support contact	See Section 3

6.2 Regular reporting

As part of the fulfilment of this Agreement and provisioning of the service, the following reports will be provided:

Report title	Contents	Frequency	Produced by	Delivery
Service Performance Report	The document provides the overall assessment of service performance (per month) and OLA target performance achieved during reporting period	10 months (first report covering the period Jan – Oct 2021)	Component Provider	Survey form prepared by EGI Foundation

6.3 Violations

The Component Provider commits to inform the Service Provider if this Agreement is violated or violation is anticipated. The following rules are agreed for communication in the event of violation:

- In case of any violations of the Services targets, the Component Provider will provide justifications and a plan for Services enhancement to the Service Provider. The Component Provider will produce a status report and a Service enhancement plan for the improvement of the Services within one month from the date of the first notification.
- The Service Provider will notify the supporting Resource Centres in case of suspected violation via the EGI Service Desk. The case will be analysed to identify the cause and verify the violation.

6.4 Escalation and complaints

For escalation and complaints, the component Provider contact point shall be used, and the following rules apply.

- In case of repeated violations of the Services targets for two consecutive months or four months over a period of 12 months, a review of the Agreement and of the Services enhancement plan will take place involving the parties of the Agreement.
- Complaints or concerns about the Services provided should be directed to the Component Provider contact who will promptly address these concerns. Should the Service Provider still feel dissatisfied, about either the result of the response or the behaviour of the Provider, EGI.eu Director director@egi.eu should be informed.

7 Information security and data protection

As defined in the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

The following rules for Information Security and data protection should be enforced when they are applicable:

- The Component Provider agrees to make every effort to maximise security level of users' data and minimise possible harm in the event of an incident.
- EGI Foundation holds the role of the Data Controller while the Component Provider holds the role of Data Processor. Data Processing Agreements must be signed between EGI Foundation (the Data Controller) and Component Provider (the Data Processor).
- The Component Provider must comply with the EGI Policy on the Processing of Personal Data⁴ and provide a Privacy Notice. This privacy Notice must be agreed with EGI Foundation and must be based on the Privacy Policy template provided by the AARC Policy Development Kit (PDK)⁵.
- The Component Provider must enforce the EGI WISE Acceptable Usage Policies⁶.
- The Component Provider shall comply with all principles set out by the GÉANT Data Protection Code of Conduct⁷ in its most current version, which will be made available to the Component Provider by EGI Foundation upon request.
- The Component Provider must meet all requirements of any relevant EGI policies or procedures⁸ and also must be compliant with the relevant national legislation. Regarding EGI requirements, please refer to the following reference documentation:

⁴ <https://documents.egi.eu/public/ShowDocument?docid=2732>

⁵ <https://aarc-project.eu/policies/policy-development-kit/>

⁶ <https://documents.egi.eu/public/ShowDocument?docid=3600>

⁷ <https://wiki.refeds.org/display/CODE/Data+Protection+Code+of+Conduct+Home>

⁸ https://www.egi.eu/about/policy/policies_procedures.html

- [EGI-doc-3015: e-Infrastructure Security Policy](#)
- [EGI-doc-3601: Service Operations Security Policy](#)
- [EGI-doc-2732: Policy on the Processing of Personal Data](#)
- [EGI-doc-3600: Acceptable Use Policy and Conditions of Use](#)
- [EGI-doc-2934: Security Traceability and Logging Policy](#)
- [EGI-doc-2935: Security Incident Response Policy](#)
- [EGI-doc-710: Security Incident Handling Procedure](#)

8 Responsibilities

8.1 Of the Component Provider

Additional responsibilities of the Component Provider are as follow:

- Adhere to all applicable operational and security policies and procedures⁹ and to other policy documents referenced therein.
- Use communication channel defined in the agreement.
- Attend OMB¹⁰ and other operations meeting when needed.
- Accept EGI monitoring services provided to measure fulfilment of agreed service level targets.
- Service with associated roles are registered in GOC DB¹¹ as site entity under EGI.eu Operations Centre hosting EGI central operations tools¹².
- Changes in the system must be rolled into production in a controlled way in order to avoid service disruption.

8.1.1 Software compliance

Unless explicitly agreed, software being used and developed to provide the service should:

- Be licensed under an open source and permissive license (like MIT, BSD, Apache 2.0,...).
- The license should provide unlimited access rights to the EGI community.
- Have source code publicly available via a public source code repository (if needed a mirror can be put in place under the EGI organisation in GitHub¹³.) All releases should be appropriately tagged.
- Adopt best practices:
 - Defining and enforcing code style guidelines.
 - Using Semantic Versioning.

⁹ https://www.egi.eu/about/policy/policies_procedures.html

¹⁰ <https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/OMB>

¹¹ <http://goc.egi.eu/>

¹² https://goc.egi.eu/portal/index.php?Page_Type=NGI&id=4

¹³ <https://github.com/EGI-Foundation>

- Taking security aspects into consideration through at every point in time.
- Having automated testing in place.
- Using code review.
- Treating documentation as code.
- Documentation should be available for Developers, administrators, and end users.

8.1.2 IT Service Management compliance

- Services should make use of Configuration Management frameworks such as Ansible
- All staff involved in service delivery will have (or be seeking to achieve) foundation or basic level ITSM training and certification
 - ITSM training and certification could include FitSM, ITIL, ISO 20000 etc.
- Service owners will have (or be seeking to achieve) advanced/professional training and certification covering the key processes for their services
- Component Providers should have clear interfaces with the EGI SMS processes and provide the required information
- Component Providers should commit to the continuing improvement of their management system used to support the services they provide

8.2 Of the Service Provider

The responsibilities of the Service Provider are:

- Raise any issues deemed necessary to the attention of the Component Provider.
- Collect requirements from the Resource infrastructure Providers.
- Support coordination with other EGI services.
- Provide monitoring to measure fulfilment of agreed service level targets.
- Provide clear interfaces to the EGI SMS processes.

9 Review, extensions and termination

There will be reviews of the service performance against service level targets and of this Agreement at planned intervals with the Customer according to the following rules:

- Technical content of the agreement and targets will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

- EGI Foundation shall be entitled to conduct audits or mandate external auditors to conduct audits of suppliers and federation members. These will aim at evaluating the effective provision of the agreed service or service component and execution of activities related to providing and managing the service prior to the commencement of this agreement and then on a regular basis. EGI Foundation will announce audits at least one month in advance. The provider / federation member shall support EGI Foundation and all auditors acting on behalf of EGI Foundation to the best of their ability in carrying out the audits. The provider / federation member is obliged to provide the auditors, upon request, with the information and evidence necessary. Efforts connected to supporting these audits by the provider / federation member will not be reimbursed.