



EGI Foundation

EC3: Elastic Cloud Computing Cluster Operational level Agreement

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TERMINOLOGY

The EGI glossary of terms is available at: <http://go.egi.eu/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 Agreement (“the Agreement”) is made between **EGI Foundation (the Service Provider)** and **UPV-GRYCAP (the Service Supplier)** 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 **01/01/2021** to **30/06/2023**.

The Agreement was discussed and approved by EGI Foundation and the Service Supplier **25/01/2021**.

The Service Supplier 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	<p>The EC3 portal² addresses the requirements for supporting the EGI Applications on Demand (AoD) service. The EC3 portal enables to launch elastic virtual clusters using the EC3 tool³.</p> <p>EC3 platform must comply with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is relevant for any scientific discipline;• can exploit computing and storage resources from EGI services. Ideally the platform should dynamically allocate those resources by using the services APIs;• integrates with Check-in for authenticating users, and delegates those identities as needed for interacting with other EGI services on behalf of the users;• provides probes for monitoring the Availability and Reliability of the platform with the EGI Monitoring service. <p>The platform should be offered as a centrally managed instance that will be run by the project and will provide access to ‘long-tail of science’ type use cases on ‘generic clouds’ for any user, and to thematic groups on the ‘thematic clouds’. Additionally, the platform provider should be capable of setting up dedicated instances to specific communities as needed upon request.</p>
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¹ <https://documents.egi.eu/document/2752>

² <http://servproject.i3m.upv.es/ec3-ltos/>

³ <https://github.com/grycap/ec3/>

	Optionally, the platform should also be available as ready-to-use artefacts (VM images, containers, helm charts) in the EGI AppDB, docker or Helm repositories alongside with complete documentation for the deployment and operation of the platform so dedicated local instances can be setup on cloud providers as needed.
Coordination	This activity is responsible for the coordination of the system operation in collaboration with those partners that are in charge of operating other systems.
Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily running of the system • Updating of the service components • Creating an Availability and Continuity Plan⁴ and implementing countermeasures to mitigate the risks defined in the related risk assessment
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bug fixing, proactive maintenance, improvement of the system • Maintenance of probes to test the functionality of the service • Documentation

2 Service hours and exceptions

As defined by the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

3 Support

Support is provided via EGI Service Desk⁵ Support Unit: Applications on Demand (EC3)

Access requires a valid X.509 or the login via an EGI Check-in account⁶.

Support is available between:

- Monday and Friday
- 9:00 and 17:00 CET/CEST time

⁴ <https://confluence.egi.eu/x/dIKoBw>

⁵ <http://helpdesk.egi.eu/>

⁶ <https://docs.egi.eu/providers/check-in/>

This excludes public holidays at the same time in all organisations providing the service.

3.1 Incident handling

As defined by the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

3.2 Service requests

As defined by 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): 95%

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): 95%

Quality of Support level

- Medium (Section 3)

5 Limitations and constraints

As defined by 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	Matthew Viljoen operations@egi.eu EGI Foundation Operations Manager
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Service Supplier contact	Miguel Caballer micafer1@upv.es
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)	Service Supplier	Survey form prepared by EGI Foundation

All reports shall follow predefined templates⁷.

6.3 Violations

The Service Supplier 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 Service Supplier will provide justifications and a plan for Services enhancement to the Service Provider. The Service Supplier 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 Service Supplier contact point shall be used, and the following rules apply.

- In case of repeated violation 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 Service Supplier contact who will promptly address these concerns. Should the Service Provider

⁷ <https://documents.egi.eu/document/2748>

still feel dissatisfied, about either the result of the response or the behaviour of the Service Supplier, EGI Foundation Director director@egi.eu should be informed.

7 Information security and data protection

As defined by the EGI Default Operational Level Agreement.

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

- The Service Supplier agrees to make every effort to maximise security level of users' data and minimise possible harm in the event of an incident. Security Incidents affecting the services described in Section 1 must be immediately reported to the EGI Foundation using ism@mailman.egi.eu and will have to be reported to EGI CSIRT using abuse@egi.eu within 4 hours after their discovery and handled according to the SEC01⁸ procedure.
- EGI Foundation holds the role of the Data Controller while the Service Supplier holds the role of Data Processor. Data Processing Agreements must be signed between EGI Foundation (the Data Controller) and Service Supplier (the Data Processor).
- The Service Supplier must comply with the EGI Policy on the Processing of Personal Data⁹ 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)¹⁰.
- The Service Supplier must enforce the EGI WISE Acceptable Usage Policies¹¹.
- The Service Supplier shall comply with all principles set out by the GÉANT Data Protection Code of Conduct¹² in its most current version, which will be made available to the Component Provider by EGI Foundation upon request.
- The Service Supplier must meet all requirements of any relevant EGI policies or procedures¹³ and also must be compliant with the relevant national legislation. Regarding EGI requirements, please refer to the following reference documentation:
 - [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](#)

⁸ <https://go.egi.eu/sec01https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/SEC01>

⁹ <https://documents.egi.eu/public/ShowDocument?docid=2732>

¹⁰ <https://aarc-project.eu/policies/policy-development-kit/>

¹¹ <https://documents.egi.eu/public/ShowDocument?docid=3600>

¹² <https://wiki.refeds.org/display/CODE/Data+Protection+Code+of+Conduct+Home>

¹³ <https://confluence.egi.eu/display/EGIPP/EGI+Policies+and+Procedures+Home>

- [EGI-doc-710: Security Incident Handling Procedure](#)

8 Responsibilities

8.1 Of the Service Supplier

Additional responsibilities of the Service Supplier are as follows:

- Adhere to all applicable operational and security policies and procedures¹⁴ and to other policy documents referenced therein.
- Policies and procedures under scope: 'Users' and 'Infrastructure' apply.
- Using communication channels defined in the agreement.
- Attending OMB¹⁵ and other operations meetings when needed.
- Accepting EGI monitoring services provided to measure fulfilment of agreed service level targets;
- Service with associated roles is registered in GOC DB¹⁶ as site entity under EGI.eu Operations Centre hosting EGI central operations tools¹⁷;
- Changes in the system must be rolled in production in a controlled way in order to avoid service disruption.
- Putting in place an effective way to manage and control configuration items and changes such that they can meet the CHM requirements coming from EGI as a customer including making risk assessments and considering high risk changes.

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 licence (like MIT, BSD, Apache 2.0,...).
- Unless otherwise agreed, be licensed to provide unlimited access and exploitation rights to the EGI Federation.
- 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 GitHub¹⁸). All releases should be appropriately tagged.
- Adopt best practises:
 - Defining and enforcing code style guidelines;
 - Using Semantic Versioning;
 - Using a Configuration Management frameworks such as Ansible;

¹⁴ <https://confluence.egi.eu/display/EGIPP/EGI+Policies+and+Procedures+Home>

¹⁵ <https://confluence.egi.eu/display/EGIBG/Operations+Management+Board>

¹⁶ <http://goc.egi.eu/>

¹⁷ https://goc.egi.eu/portal/index.php?Page_Type=NGI&id=4

¹⁸ <https://github.com/EGI-Federation>

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

8.1.2 IT Service Management compliance

- Key staff who deliver services should have foundation or basic level ITSM training and certification.
 - ITSM training and certification could include standards and best practices such as FitSM, ITIL, ISO 20000 etc.
- Key staff and service owners should have advanced/professional training and certification covering the key processes for their services.
- Service Suppliers should have clear interfaces with the EGI SMS processes and provide the required information.
- Service Suppliers should commit to improving their management system used to support the services they provide.

8.2 Of the Service Provider

The responsibilities of the Service Provider are:

- Delivering and planning the Services component according to an ISO 20000 compliant manner.
- Raising any issues deemed necessary to the attention of the Service Supplier.
- Collecting requirements from users of the EGI AoD service, share and discuss these on a regular basis with the Service Supplier.
- Provide presentation opportunities for the Service Supplier at events (workshops, conferences, tutorials) organised for users about the EGI AoD service.
- Facilitate the acknowledgement of the provider in scientific publications written by users of the EGI AoD service.
- Support coordination with other EGI services.
- Provide monitoring to measure fulfilment of agreed service level targets.

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 Service Provider 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 supplier 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 supplier 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.