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1. PROJECT SUMMARY

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

**Objectives**:

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

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