



Memorandum of Understanding
between
GISELA and eScienceTalk



1. Purpose of this MoU

The main objective of the GISELA project (contract N° 261487, www.gisela-grid.eu) is to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the European – Latin American e-Infrastructure and thus ensure the continuity and enhancement of the Virtual Research Communities (VRC) using it. The project focuses on:

- Implementing the Latin American Grid Initiative (LGI) sustainability model rooted on National Grid Initiatives (NGI) or Equivalent Domestic Grid Structures (EDGS), in association with CLARA and collaborating with EGI;
- Providing VRCs with the e-Infrastructure and Application-related Services required to improve the effectiveness of their research, addressing both:
 - Current EELA-2 small User Communities;
 - Larger VRCs through Specialised Support Centres (SSCs).

The e-ScienceTalk project (contract no. 260733, www.e-sciencetalk.eu) aims to:

- 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.

Both projects receive funding support from the European Commission in the context of its Seventh Framework Programme and have a common interest in a close cooperation in order to achieve their respective objectives.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) specifies the way in which such cooperation will be undertaken.

2. Common Activities

Activities which will be undertaken in common by the two projects are listed in Annex 1 to this MoU. The projects may from time to time wish to add other activities to the MoU. In such case the new activities to be added will be agreed in writing by the respective project managements, and be defined by an amendment of this MoU, simply adding a new Annex 1.

3. Communication

The Project Managers of the two projects will maintain regular contact to discuss any managerial matters related to the cooperation described in this MoU. Each project will appoint one Principal Point of Contact to act as the primary technical channel of communication between the projects as is necessary for the promotion of effective cooperation between the projects.

4. Administrative Matters

Each Project will maintain full responsibility for its own activities, including the fulfilment of its obligations under its contract with the European Commission and provides no warranty, express or implied, in respect of its contribution to any activity agreed by the projects under this MoU, including but not limited to those of fitness for a particular purpose and the infringement of third-party proprietary rights.

Any proprietary rights relating to the results of activities undertaken by the projects under this MoU shall be jointly held by the projects, and each project herewith grants the other project a free, irrevocable and perpetual license to use such rights, including the granting of sub-licenses to such rights, for its own purposes, including the right for each project to place the results of such activities in the public domain, in its own name and under its own responsibility.

This Agreement will terminate when either of the projects is complete, or when either project gives notice of termination to the other, in which case a minimum notice of three months will be given.

Signed on behalf of GISELA
by:

Bernard Marechal (Project Coordinator)

Signature:

Date:

Signed on behalf of e-ScienceTalk
by:

Catherine Gater (Project Coordinator)

Signature:

Date:

Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities

e-ScienceTalk and GISELA will work together in the following areas:

- Disseminating new applications of relevance through the e-ScienceTalk dissemination channels, such as the GridCafé, GridCast, iSGTW and GridGuide;
- Disseminating the outputs of GISELA in e-ScienceTalk publications;
- Raising the awareness of other potential users and decision makers, through the presentation of the results of GISELA about the usefulness of e-Infrastructures for e-Science;
- Featuring information about the projects on each other's websites and dissemination materials where appropriate;
- Announcing each other's events on websites and in publications where appropriate;
- Both projects are committed to sharing outreach initiatives in Grid usage trends and to integrate efforts in content development to promote this platform in virtual research communities, both in Europe and Latin America.

The specific activities could be:

- Discussions or meetings (face-to-face or virtual) to brainstorm on the outreach efforts of the new trends in e-science, sharing experiences, virtual internships (for example, our students could receive some specific guidelines for content development on Grid in Latin America, to be published with the respective means of e-Science Talk), or others that strengthen the capacity to promote Grid in Europe and Latin America.
- Raise audiovisual contents on experiences of using the Grid by researchers, both in Europe and Latin America.
- GISELA will provide content and information about the project and applications of relevance to their community to e-ScienceTalk publications such as iSGTW and the policy documents, the GridBriefings;
- GISELA will promote e-ScienceTalk's products to its communities and contacts, for example by offering registrants to events the opportunity to subscribe to iSGTW;
- GISELA will offer e-ScienceTalk the opportunity to act as media sponsors for events that it organises, including adding the e-ScienceTalk logos and links to e-ScienceTalk products to the event website, in return for promotional activities for the event.