



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between**  
**WeNMR and eScienceTalk**

***1. Purpose of this MoU***

The WeNMR project (contract no. 261572, [www.wenmr.eu](http://www.wenmr.eu)) aims to optimize and extend the use of the NMR and SAXS research infrastructures through the implementation of an e-infrastructure in order to provide the user community with a platform integrating and streamlining the computational approaches necessary for NMR and SAXS data analysis and structural modelling. WeNMR builds on the established eNMR e-Infrastructure and its steadily growing virtual organization, which is currently the second largest VO in the area of life sciences.

The main objective of WeNMR is to establish an e-Infrastructure-based global virtual research community for structural biology in the life sciences. To this end six objectives are defined:

- To operate, maintain and further develop a user-friendly science gateway for the NMR and SAXS communities
- To establish a virtual research platform to serve as a digital knowledge repository, data exchange medium, and forum for (interaction with) the user community
- To provide support to software developers, users and other e- Infrastructure projects in an e-Science knowledge and training centre
- To foster the adoption and use of e- Infrastructure on a global scale by supporting a wide range of flanking disciplines within the life sciences
- To operate and consolidate the eNMR Grid infrastructure in line with NGIs and the EGI, and to extend it to interoperate with other worldwide Grid initiatives
- To develop a model to ensure sustainability of the project.

The e-ScienceTalk project (contract no. 260733, [www.e-sciencetalk.eu](http://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.

The projects are not prevented by this MoU from cooperating with other projects performing similar activities to those described in this MoU.

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.

The projects are obliged to keep confidential information of the other project, confidential during as well as after termination of this MoU. Shared confidential information between the projects shall only be used by the projects for the activities detailed in Annex 1.

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.

In the event that this MoU is terminated the projects retain the right to use data and results that were shared prior to termination of this MoU, under the provisions detailed herein. The projects are not entitled to use any such information (including knowledge and know how) which has come to their attention pursuant to the termination of this MoU.

Signed on behalf of WeNMR  
by:

Signed on behalf of e-ScienceTalk  
by:

Name: Alexandre Bonvin (project  
coordinator)

Name: Catherine Gater (project coordinator)

Signature: .....

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Date: .....

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## **Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities**

### **Training and Advanced knowledge dissemination**

e-ScienceTalk and WeNMR 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 WeNMR in e-ScienceTalk publications;
- Raising the awareness of other potential users and decision makers, through the presentation of the results of WeNMR, 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;
- WeNMR 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;
- WeNMR will promote e-ScienceTalk's products to its communities and contacts, for example by offering registrants to events the opportunity to subscribe to iSGTW.
- WeNMR 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.