

Memorandum of Understanding

between



e-IRG Support Programmes and e-ScienceTalk project



1. Parties

The e-IRGSP3 project, as e-IRGSP and e-IRGSP2 that preceded it, supports the e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG).

The e-ScienceTalk project aims at 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.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides the framework for the collaboration between the e-IRG support programmes and the e-ScienceTalk project. Activities which have identified as being areas of interest for cooperation are listed in Annex 1.

3. Administrative Matters

The projects may review the co-operation activities. In such case the project managers will agree on a new Annex 1 as an amendment to this MoU.

Each project will appoint one Point of Contact to act as the primary channel of communication between the projects.

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 the e-IRG Support Programmes by:

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Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities

The e-IRG support programmes and e-ScienceTalk have agreed to cooperate in promoting best practices in e-Infrastructures in Europe and beyond.

The main actions foreseen include, but are not limited to:

- disseminating the message on the importance of e-Infrastructures in Europe and beyond, as well as of related policy issues;
- stimulating user communities and service providers to identify policy issues and promote best practices in e-Infrastructures through related policy workshops;
- promoting both projects including related outputs and material such as e-IRG publications and e-ScienceTalk GridBriefings in each project's dissemination activities and web sites where appropriate;
- providing help in identifying issues of importance in the e-Infrastructure community which could be discussed in the e-ScienceTalk documents;
- providing advice on the content and accuracy of e-ScienceTalk policy documents;
- exploring opportunities for joint booths or stands in different events, or simply promoting one's project material in the stand of the other project;
- exploiting the respective human networks to promote particular project issues where appropriate;
- co-locating project meetings where mutually convenient in order to maximise the participation of partners, the sharing of information and the exchange of experiences and best practices.
- collaborating on e-Infrastructure related surveys/questionnaires (so as to avoid having multiple and possibly overlapping ones from different projects and initiatives)