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| Abstract  This report summarises the activities of the e-ScienceTalk project during the third quarter of the project, March to May 2011, including a work package summary, effort figures, metrics for the quarter, issues and plans for the next quarter. |

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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.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers the third quarter of the e-ScienceTalk project, March to May 2011. This document reports on the activities of the third quarter in each work package, summarises any issues raised and previews plans for the final quarter of Year1. The management report includes summary effort figures, the expected spending profile for the first period and includes the project metrics for each work package.

The outputs from WP1, Policy, Impact and Sustainability, have been in events, e-ScienceBriefings and GridCasts, producing the third e-ScienceBriefing D1.2.3 which covered the topic of cloud computing. In Q3, WP2 ran 8 GridCasts at events in Europe. WP2 also worked on the RTM, putting together an additional layer of PANDA jobs and histograms from ATLAS, which will shortly be available as an additional layer in the beta “bleeding edge” webstart version. International Science Grid This Week was sent to just over 8000 subscribers by email by WP3. Efforts during Q3 have focused on producing D3.3 iSGTW Marketing Strategy in May 2011. A number of promotional posters were produced in collaboration with WP2 for display at events attended during the quarter, including ISGC2011, FET11 and the EGI User Forum 2011. During the development process, WP2 has continued to publish iSGTW itself, with 13 issues produced during the quarter.

No new issues have arisen during the quarter. WP2 continues to work on achieving a good balance of information and contributions from collaborating projects in the e-ScienceBriefings, and WP3 is working to shorten consultation processes for iSGTW.

In the next quarter, WP1 will produce e-ScienceBriefing D1.2.4 which will focus on grids and clouds in the Asia Pacific Region, based on e-ScienceTalk’s participation in the International Symposium for Grids and Clouds in Taipei in March. WP2 will continue to work on translations of the GridCafé and new content areas such as the CloudLounge in the e-ScienceCity. There will be a further mini GridCast in PM10 from the HealthGrid2011 event and the team will continue to develop the blog formats.

The project management report confirms that all Deliverables and Milestones have been submitted to the EC on time. By the end of Q3, MoUs have been now been signed with e-IRGSP2/3, EUIndiaGrid2, CHAIN, EMI, GISELA, WeNMR and LinkSCEEM2. Effort reporting for the third quarter is broadly in line with effort predicted, with less under-reporting of effort than in Q2. The new EU editor for iSGTW, Jacqui Hayes, started at CERN on 1 April and has successfully taken over from former editor Dan Drollette. Interviews were also carried out in May to recruit a 0.5FTE post to QMUL to support the impact and sustainability work of WP1, and an appointment was made. The new member of staff will start on 4 July 2011.

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# Introduction

This document reports on the activities of the third quarter in each work package for e-ScienceTalk, covering the e-ScienceBriefings, the GridCafé, GridCast and GridGuide, as well as the Real Time Monitor and International Science Grid This Week. The report also summarises any issues raised or addressed during the third quarter, and previews plans for the final quarter of Year 1. The management report includes summary effort figures for the quarter and includes the project metrics for each work package.

# main achievements

## Summary

This section summarises the main achievements by each work package during the third quarter of the project.

## Work packages

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

A third e-ScienceBriefing was released in March 2011 “Cloud computing: What's on the horizon?” This was released and distributed at ISGC2011 at the end of March in Taipei. A further Briefing will be produced based on the work presented at ISGC2011, which was attended by WP1 and other members of e-ScienceTalk. A further Briefing on desktop grid computing is also planned for Q4. Two press releases were issued during the ISGC meeting, “Help detect earthquakes with your PC – Academia Sinica leads the way in South East Asia” and “Researchers in Taiwan to use volunteer computing to visualise earthquakes” and press cuttings appeared in *HPCwire* and *Le Scienze*. A GridCast was also held at the event, including 8 bloggers, 19 videos and slide shows and 18 blog posts.

WP1 has continued contact with the TERENA communications task force by attending the TNC11 event in Prague in March. WP1 has also held regular meetings with the e-IRG dissemination team, in the run up to the release of the 7th e-IRG White Paper, and attended the e-IRG workshop in Budapest in April. In addition, interviews were held for a further 0.5FTE Dissemination Officer to fulfil the effort commitments to WP1, and an appointment was made, with the new appointee starting on 4 July 2011. A science communication intern from the Dublin MSc was also recruited to the QMUL team part time for 4 weeks during May, gathering feedback on e-ScienceTalk products from science communicators and scientists, and writing content for the Cloud Lounge website, which will be launched in Q4.

### WP2: GridCafé, GridGuide, GridCast

WP2 has worked on e-ScienceTalk’s suite of interactive websites, Gridcafé, GridCast and GridGuide, as well as the main project website and the Real Time Monitor.

During the third quarter, the following work was carried out.

**GridCafé**

* ASGC, Taipei was approached for a Chinese translation in Q1 and a largely complete version is now available at http://www2.twgrid.org/gridcafe/.
* Work on an overall concept for an e-Science City continued, and now includes new content areas such a Cloud Lounge. A landing page is being created that will lead to the GridCafé site as well as the new areas.
* The concept for the e-Science City was launched at the British Science Association’s Science Communication Conference in May in London, which included a session on online engagement led by the e-ScienceTalk team and Olivier Battini of New World Grid. Prizes were distributed to participants in the session for competitions held on Twitter during the event.
* Work continued on the 3-D pilot of the GridCafé in collaboration with Virtus / New World Grid.

**GridCast**

* The team developed new types of blog post, such as longer, more editorial posts.
* Bloggers experimented with longer videos, such as conference overviews.
* GridCasts were held at CloudScape-III in Brussels, ISGC in Taipei, the EGI User Forum in Vilnius, the FET’11 Future European Technologies meeting in Budapest, and the Conference on the Role of e-Infrastructure in Climate Change in Trieste.

**GridGuide**

* Staff liaised with the National Grid Initiatives to include them on the site to increase the number of sites featured, and content is being developed for EGI.eu.
* WP4 is working on MoUs with collaborating projects such SAGrid and REUNA to increase the number of non-European sites.

**Real Time Monitor**

* QMUL worked with the PANDA team at CERN and ATLAS data is now published to the RTM, showing these jobs in the bleeding edge version.
* APO completed the logo for the RTM, designed by WP2 to coordinate with the other e-ScienceTalk logos.
* The GridCast team displayed the RTM at events attended by e-ScienceTalk, including FET11 and EGIUF2011.

### WP3: iSGTW

For the three month period, iSGTW had close to 40,000 visits with nearly 2 pages viewed per visit and an average time of 2:15 minutes spent on the site (ref: google Analytics)

In May, iSGTW launched a new social media strategy, including linking more often from the branded Facebook and Twitter accounts and submitting links to aggregate sites such as Reddit and SlashDot. iSGTW has already seen small spikes in traffic (of around 500 visitors to old stories that were typically getting less than one visit per day) from posting to some of the aggregate sites and a growing stream of traffic from Facebook and Twitter. There is a growing number of people following iSGTW on Facebook and Twitter and the editorial team will continue to monitor the effectiveness of this strategy.

During Q3, 13 weekly issues of iSGTW were produced with the usual mix of articles, links, images, videos, jobs, events and announcements. A marketing plan was also produced by the new Editor of iSGTW in PM9 as D3.3 *Strategic report on marketing*. The name of iSGTW was also registered as a trademark in Switzerland in 3 classes, with searches carried out in the UK, US, Benelux and France.

Preparations are also underway for the next iSGTW Advisory Board meeting on 22 July at Fermilab in Chicago.

## Issues and mitigation

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

One issue foreseen for WP2 is:

* To ensure a good balance of information and contributions from collaborating projects in the e-ScienceBriefings.

WP1 is working to mitigate this issue through the MoU with e-IRGSP2/3 and by liaising with the policy teams in projects such as EGI-InSPIRE. The briefings are also sent out to a policy advisory board before publication to provide comments and advice. The advisory board consists of DCI experts from a range of European Projects including SIENA and EMI. WP1 is also mitigating this issue through covering a range of DCI topics in the Year 1 briefings, including EGI, cloud computing, supercomputing and grid and cloud computing in the Asia Pacific region.

### WP2: Gridcafé, GridGuide, Gridcast

For WP2, the following issues have been reported in previous quarters:

* Adding Russian, Chinese and other non-Roman languages to the GridCafé database.
* Displaying jobs from other, non-gLite sources in the RTM.

In order to support adding Russian, Chinese and other non-Roman translations of the GridCafé, separate html sites will be needed, as these are not supported by the content management system.

The RTM has been enhanced by adding the possibility to display traces of jobs using a different submission route than via a WMS. This has been implemented for the PANDA submission system used by the ATLAS experiment.  The RTM server collects the job data from PANDA and the client can display the traces as a switchable layer, thus giving a user an option to select them on and off.

### WP3: iSGTW

In WP3, the following issue has been reported in previous quarters:

* Lengthy consultation processes for iSGTW and some unresponsiveness from Board members.

This issue will be discussed at the iSGTW Board Meeting on 22 July.

## Plans for the next quarter

This section outlines for the plans for each work package during the next quarter, June to August 2011.

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

A fourth e-ScienceBriefing is planned for release in July 2011. The mini-briefing planned as the outcome from the ISGC2011 event at the end of March in Taipei has in fact yielded enough material for a full e-ScienceBriefing which will be submitted at D1.2.4 in PM11. A further Briefing on desktop grid computing is also planned for Q4.

WP1 will continue to identify policy related events to attend and distribute materials in PY2, and to demonstrate the GridGuide and Real Time Monitor.

In addition, a further 0.5FTE Dissemination Officer will join the team at QMUL on 4 July, in order to fulfil the effort commitments to WP1 and work on the impact and sustainability reports and activities, including tracking the MoUs.

### WP2: Gridcafé, GridGuide, Gridcast

For WP2, a number of developments are planned for the fourth quarter.

* **e-ScienceTalk**
  + Copyright notices for each product to be agreed, using Creative Commons licences where appropriate, to be discussed at the iSGTW Board meeting on 22 July.
* **GridCafé**
  + Progress the Russian translation for the GridCafé.
  + Finalise the Chinese translation with ASGC.
  + Finalise the pilot of the 3-D space for the GridCafé in collaboration with Virtus / New World Grid.
* **GridCast** 
  + Small GridCasts are planned for HealthGrid 2011 and the launch of the Venus-C pilot projects.
* **GridGuide**
  + Liaise with EGI.eu and the National Grid Initiatives to include them on the site to increase the number of sites featured.
* **RTM**
  + Work with the PANDA team at CERN to publish ATLAS data to the RTM as a new client side layer for the RTM and to show data transfers.
  + Publicise the new logo for the RTM.

### WP3: iSGTW

Weekly issues of iSGTW will be produced including articles, links, images, videos, jobs, events and announcements. The new publication will be marketed and promoted at events attended by the e-ScienceTalk team during the quarter, and will be announced in the GridCast blog, on the GridCafé news feed and on Twitter. A readers’ survey will be launched at the beginning of July to feed into the D3.4 *Annual readership survey* report in Q4.

# Consortium management

## Summary

This section outlines the consortium management activities during the quarter, carried out by WP4 the management work package.

## WP4: Management

### Project management

The PMB met once in PM9 to review the progress of the project and to review the risk register, meeting milestone MS10.4. The PMB has also reviewed and approved all the Deliverables and Milestones produced during the third quarter, as listed in section 3.2.2. All Deliverables and Milestones have been submitted to the EC on time or in advance of the deadline.

The Project Coordinator has continued the weekly project meetings, which include all members of the project team and participated in the recruitment process for the new member of staff at QMUL.

MoUs with CHAIN, GISELA, WeNMR and EMI were all finalised and signed at the EGI User Forum in Vilnius in April 2011 and announced on the GridCast website with photos on Flickr[[1]](#footnote-1). The MoU with EGI-InSPIRE will be progressed and signed in the next quarter.

The weekly project team meetings will continue during the third quarter. A face-to-face meeting with the iSGTW Editorial team was held in April at CERN, to assist with the handover of the editorial role.

### Milestones and Deliverables

**Table 1: Quarter 3 Deliverables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Del. no.** | **Deliverable name** | **WP no.** | **Nature** | **Due (PM)** | **Delivery date**  **(PM)** | **Status** |
| D1.2.3 | GridBriefings | 1, 2 | R | 8 | 8 | Completed |
| D3.3 | Strategic report on iSGTW marketing, social media and commercial exploitation | 3 | R | 9 | 9 | Completed |

**Table 2: Quarter 3 Milestones**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Milestone number** | **Milestone name** | **WP no.** | **Due (PM)** | **Delivery date (PM)** | **Status** |
| MS10.3 | PMB meetings | 4 | 7 | 5 | Completed |

**Table 3: Quarter 4 Deliverables**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Del. no.** | **Deliverable name** | **WP no.** | **Nature** | **Due (PM)** | **Delivery date**  **(PM)** | **Status** |
| D1.2.4 | GridBriefings | 1, 2 | R | 11 | 10 | Completed |
| D1.3 | Annual impact and sustainability report on e-ScienceTalk products | 1 | R | 11 |  | ToC |
| D2.1 | GridGuide updated integration with the RTM | 2 | O | 12 |  | In progress |
| D3.4 | Report on survey of iSGTW and annual metrics | 3 | R | 12 |  | In progress |
| D4.3 | Annual report on feedback and metrics | 4 | R | 12 |  | In progress |

**Table 4: Quarter 4 Milestones**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Milestone number** | **Milestone name** | **WP no.** | **Due (PM)** | **Delivery date (PM)** | **Status** |
| MS4.3 | GridCast | 2 | 10 | 9 | Completed |
| MS10.4 | PMB meetings | 4 | 10 | 9 | Completed |
| MS7.2 | iSGTW posters and marketing materials | 3 | 11 |  | In progress |
| MS12 | Dissemination materials | 4 | 12 |  | In progress |

### Consumption of effort

A summary of the effort consumption by each partner in each work package is included below. Unfunded effort is included where relevant. A summary of the percentage effort delivered in Q3 is included at the end of this section.

#### Overall effort figures per work package

**Table 5: Overall effort achieved in Q3 in PMs (view 1)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Work package** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Total** | **Year plan** | **Linear Q plan** | **Q3 % achieved** | **Q2 % achieved** | **Q1 % achieved** |
| WP1 | 1.11 | 0.64 | 1.03 | 2.78 | 46 | **4.2** | **66%** | 58% | 92% |
| WP2 | 2.69 | 0.92 | 1.72 | 5.33 | 64 | **5.8** | **92%** | 84% | 75% |
| WP3 | 1.78 | 2.31 | 1.89 | 5.98 | 52 | **4.7** | **127%** | 111% | 121% |
| WP4-M | 0.53 | 0.39 | 0.47 | 1.39 | 17 | **1.5** | **93%** | 85% | 113% |
| WP2-UNF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | **0.7** | **0%** | 0% | 0% |
| WP4-UNF | 0.08 | 0 | 0 | 0.08 | 5 | **0.5** | **16%** | 44% | 18% |
| **Total** | **6.19** | **4.26** | **5.11** | **15.56** | **192** | **17.5** | **89%** | **80%** | **90%** |

#### Overall, the effort figures for Q3 are at 89% for the quarter, an increase on the previous quarter which covered a holiday period. The effort figures are very close to those for Q1, which were at 90% overall. WP1 still shows a decrease of activity compared to Q1, as the 0.5FTE member of staff contributing to WP1 has not yet been hired. The new member of staff will start at QMUL on 4 July in PM11. WP3 has exceeded the planned effort during the quarter due to the 2 week overlap of the incoming and outgoing iSGTW editors during April, which enabled the editorial activities to be handed over. WP4-M now shows effort that is closer to planned than previous quarters at 93%. There has been no WP2 unfunded activity reported. The WP4 unfunded effort is currently low as there has been only one PMB telephone meeting during the quarter in May (PM9).

#### Overall effort figures per partner

**Table 6: Overall effort achieved in Q3 in PMs (view 2)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Partner** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Total** | **Year plan** | **Linear Q plan** | **Q3 % achieved** | **Q2 % achieved** | **Q1 % achieved** |
| **CERN** | 2.06 | 2.38 | 2.20 | 6.64 | 67 | **6.1** | **109%** | 83% | 90% |
| **APO** | 1.64 | 0.33 | 0.75 | 2.72 | 34 | **3.1** | **88%** | 99% | 110% |
| **QMUL** | 1.28 | 0.89 | 1.11 | 3.28 | 47 | **4.3** | **76%** | 71% | 80% |
| **IMPERIAL** | 0.67 | 0.25 | 0.58 | 1.50 | 26 | **2.4** | **63%** | 63% | 80% |
| **EGI.eu** | 0.56 | 0.39 | 0.47 | 1.42 | 18 | **1.6** | **89%** | 84% | 110% |
| **Total** | **6.21** | **4.24** | **5.11** | **15.56** | **192** | **17.5** | **89%** | **80%** | **90%** |

Q2 represents 27% of the elapsed time of the project. The total overall effort figures for the first quarter are at 89% of expected for the project as a whole. CERN effort is higher compared to the plan, due to the overlap of iSGTW editors, and compensating for underreporting in Q2 and reduced compared to Q1. APO’s effort in Q2 is slightly lower than planned at 89%, reduced from Q1 and Q2. QMUL effort is reduced compared to the plan and this will be compensated in forthcoming quarters once the new member of staff starts at 0.5FTE in PM11. Imperial effort is still decreased compared to Q1 at 63% and investigations are ongoing with the partner, as it is the unfunded effort that is underreported, rather than the funded effort. EGI.eu effort is slightly lower than planned for Q3.

### Overall financial status

The expenditure for the first year of the project is expected to follow the profile outlined below. The pre-financing has been distributed to partners at the end of Q1 and further moneys are not expected to be distributed to partners until the end of the first period.

**Table 7: Expected expenditure profile**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Partner** | **WP1** | **WP2** | **WP3** | **WP4** | **Total** | **1st Year** |
| EGI.eu |  |  |  | 187,694 | 187,694 | 68,252 |
| QMUL | 223,513 | 56,858 | 40,627 |  | 320,998 | 116,727 |
| APO | 28,088 | 154,882 | 28,088 |  | 211,057 | 76,748 |
| Imperial |  | 114,181 |  |  | 114,181 | 41,520 |
| CERN | 69,164 | 77,562 | 319,344 |  | 466,070 | 169,480 |
| **Total** | **320,764** | **403,485** | **388,057** | **187,694** | **1,300,000** | **472,727** |

**Table 8: Estimated Personnel expenditure Q3**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Work package** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Cumul Direct** | **Cumul Indirect** | **Cumul Eligible** | **Q3 Estimated**  **Funding** |
| WP1 | 5,733 | 3,190 | 5,284 | 14,206 | 2,841 | 17,048 | **15,201** |
| WP2 | 14,426 | 4,952 | 9,456 | 28,833 | 5,767 | 34,600 | **30,851** |
| WP3 | 10,876 | 14,106 | 11,476 | 36,458 | 7,292 | 43,749 | **39,010** |
| WP4-M | 4,037 | 2,932 | 3,757 | 10,725 | 2,145 | 12,870 | **11,475** |
| WP2-UNF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **n/a** |
| WP4-UNF | 622 | 0 | 0 | 622 | 124 | 747 | **n/a** |
| **Total** | **35,693** | **25,180** | **29,972** | **90,844** | **18,169** | **109,013** | **96,537** |

In line with the slight under spending of the person months planned, the costs of the personnel are lower than the projected estimates. The partners have spent in total 109keuro during the quarter; 129keuros were (linearly) forecast over a 3-month period.

### WP4: Management issues and mitigation

For WP4, two issues were raised in Q2:

* Higher than expected travel costs for WP2 during Q1.
* Extended timeframe to approve pre-financing payments in the EGI.eu banking system, delaying the release of the funds to partners.

Travel costs have continued to be mitigated as much as possible in Q3 by planning and booking travel as early as possible. Financial assistance was also received from the organisers for attendance at ISGC in Taipei and at the Role of e-Infrastructures on Climate Change Conference in Trieste. Some costs for speakers at the British Science Association Science Communication Conference were also covered by the organisers.

Further payments are not anticipated to partners in Q3. However, end of year payments in Q4 should be actioned as quickly as possible through the EGI.eu bank accounts.

An additional issue for Q2 was raised at management level due to the legal challenge to the Digital Scientist name received shortly after the publication’s launch.

* Protection of current and future e-ScienceTalk product names from legal challenges.

In order to mitigate this issue, a paper has been produced by WP4 covering trademarking and copyright[[2]](#footnote-2), and a trademark for iSGTW has been registered under the Madrid protocol in Switzerland.

### WP4: Plans for the next quarter

The weekly project team meetings will continue during the fourth quarter and preparations will get underway for the first year project review on 31 October. WP4 will also produce D4.3 Annual report on feedback and metrics and the Periodic Report.

During Q1, e-ScienceTalk coordinated the logistical planning of the 8th e-Infrastructure Concertation meeting at CERN in November, in collaboration with CERN. The costings for this meeting are now clearer, and an amendment of the DoW is planned to describe these costs and will be presented during the review. Plans are also underway for the next e-Infrastructure Concertation meeting in September, which will be held on 22 and 23 September in conjunction with the EGI Technical Forum in Lyon[[3]](#footnote-3).

# project metrics

A number of project metrics are outlined in D4.2 *Quality Assurance Guide* [R1]. The metrics for each work package for Q1 are included below. Project level metrics are indicated in bold type.

### WP1: Policy, impact and sustainability

**Table 11: Metrics for Work Package 1**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** |
| **1.1** | **Projects covered** | **In the e-ScienceBriefings** | **15** |  | **13** |
| **1.2** | **Reports and briefings circulated** | **In print or by email** | **1 report (100 copies)** | **1 report** | **1 report** |
| **1.3** | **Countries where reports or briefings are distributed** | **In print or by email** | **8** | **8** | **8** |
| 1.4 | Policy articles published | In print or online | 3 | 2 | 22 |
| 1.5 | Policy reports written | In print or online | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 1.6 | Printed policy reports circulated | To policy makers | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| 1.7 | Policy events organised | Number organised | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1.8 | Attendees at policy events | Number of delegates | 111 | 0 | 0 |
| 1.9 | Collaborating projects to which articles have been distributed | In print or by email | 13 | 6 | 9 |
| 1.10 | Countries to which articles or reports have been distributed | In print or by email | 8 | 12 | 9 |

### WP2: Gridcafé, GridGuide, Gridcast

**Table 12: Metrics for Work Package 2**

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| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** |
| **2.1** | **Sites on GridGuide** | **Number of sites included** | **34** | **34** | **34** |
| **2.2** | **Bloggers contributing to GridCasts** | **Average number of bloggers on GridCast** | **2** | **3** | **6** |
| **2.3** | **GridCasts per year** | **Including major and mini GridCasts** | **7** | **2** | **5** |
| 2.4 | New areas of GridCafé | Covering topics other than grid computing | 1 in development | 1 in development | 1 in development |
| 2.5 | Unique visitors to the GridCafé website | From Google Analytics | 4422 | 4020 | 4490 |
| 2.6 | Page views of the GridCafé website | From Google Analytics | 48676 | 41380 | 48567 |
| 2.7 | Number of bloggers for GridCast | Total number of bloggers | 15 | 7 | 28 |
| 2.8 | Blog entries | Total number | 92 | 15 | 115 |
| 2.9 | Podcasts | Total number | 20 | 0 | 36 |
| 2.10 | Unique visitors to the GridCast | From Google Analytics | 2295 | 1621 | 2765 |
| 2.11 | Page views of the GridCast | From Google Analytics | 5343 | 3526 | 7900 |
| 2.12 | EU sites on GridGuide | European based sites | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| 2.13 | Non-EU sites on GridGuide | Non-European located sites | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 2.14 | Unique visitors to the GridGuide | From Google Analytics | 345 | 331 | 441 |
| 2.15 | Page views of the GridGuide | From Google Analytics | 665 | 536 | 821 |
| 2.16 | GridGuide sites on RTM | Total number | 27 | 34 | 34 |
| 2.17 | Countries in the RTM | Total number[[4]](#footnote-4) | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| 2.18 | Events demo-ing the RTM | Including events attended by collaborating projects demo-ing the RTM | 9 | 0 | 6 |

### WP3: iSGTW/Digital Scientist

**Table 13: Metrics for Work Package 3**

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| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** |
| **3.1** | **iSGTW subscribers** | **Registered in the database** | **6838** | **7942** | **8074** |
| **3.2** | **Articles on European projects** | **Based on EU funded projects** | **33** | **24** | **26** |
| **3.3** | **Projects in the iSGTW/GridCafé resources section** | **Total number** | **134** | **134** | **134** |
| **3.4** | **iSGTW printed materials distributed** | **At events attended by e-ScienceTalk or by collaborating projects** | **120** | **0** | **160** |
| 3.5 | Issues published | Issued by email to subscribers each week and posted on the website | 13 | 11 | 13 |
| 3.6 | US articles published | Based on US projects | 30 | 24 | 32 |
| 3.7 | Worldwide articles published | Based on non US or EU projects | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| 3.8 | Unique visitors to the website | From Google Analytics | 39,130 | 20,036 | 39,569 |
| 3.9 | Page views of the website | From Google Analytics | 74,542 | 42,528 | 64,652 |
| 3.10 | Countries visiting the iSGTW website | From Google Analytics | 140 | 148 | 163 |
| 3.11 | Marketing materials distributed | In print or by email or at events | 120 | 0 | 50 |
| 3.12 | Survey responses | Through Zoomerang survey tool | No survey issued | No survey issued | No survey issued |

### WP4: Management

**Table 14: Metrics for Work Package 4**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metric no.** | **Description** | **Comments** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** |
| 4.1 | Deliverables submitted | By email and online | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| 4.2 | Milestones agreed | By email and online | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| 4.3 | Late Deliverable and Milestones | Submitted or agreed after the date agreed with the EC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4.4 | e-ScienceTalk materials produced | Included printed materials, pens, banners etc | 8 posters, 200 pens, 100 annual reports, 150 GridBriefings, 500 pens | 0 | Poster on e-ScienceCity |
| 4.5 | Unique visitors to the e-ScienceTalk website | From Google Analytics | 206 | 310 | 500 |
| 4.6 | Page views of the e-ScienceTalk website | From Google Analytics | 1072 | 1149 | 1422 |
| 4.7 | Media releases issued | Issued via Alphagalileo and by email | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 4.8 | Press cuttings | Measured by Google Alerts | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| 4.9 | Events attended | By e-ScienceTalk project team | 9 | 2 | 6 |

# conclusion

The third quarter for e-ScienceTalk has seen the consolidation of the new iSGTW website and publications, attendance and planning for several major events. Expenditure of costs and effort are broadly in line with predictions for the quarter and all Deliverables and Milestones have been completed and submitted on time.

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