



# Summary of the main achievements, open issues and future plans related to the collaboration

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of the present document is to give a brief summary of the collaboration to date between EGI.eu and the LSGC VRC. In May 2011, the two organisations signed an MoU to define a framework for long-term collaboration, recognising the mutual benefits a wide cooperation will bring to both parties. EGI.eu and the LSGC work together to support the developments throughout the life science community focusing on:

- User support
- Services and operations
- User community policy and procedures
- Requirements gathering
- Dissemination

## 2. Main Achievements

This MoU is working very well with high-level of participation and interaction. LSGC has been a main stay within the UCB providing insight, expertise, requirements and feedback on progress. They have provided organisational information to other potential VRCs (e.g. astrophysics) and have heavily participated in each of EGI's major events with presentations and workshops. LSGC alongside WeNMR are the exemplar VRCs for what others should become.

More specifically, LSGC representatives have taken part in almost a dozen UCB meetings in addition to active participation in EGI major events. According to specific milestones, the main activities are around:

- Participation in UCB.
- Outlining areas of expertise.
- Providing application services that can be offered and those that are needed.
- Feedback on progress on requirements.
- Visibility of the MoU on project websites.

Communication takes place through the periodic UCB meetings, but technical work and requirement submissions is done through the online Requirements Tracker tool (RT).

LSGC remains a big success story for EGI, the self-organised community group continues to thrive and interact with EGI. Overall usage of the infrastructure by users relating to this community has risen over the year. Their representatives including from the technical teams have participated in UCB meetings and also EGI Forum sessions and discussions. All of these interactions have incorporated more technical discussions as the LSGC team gain awareness of their communities needs and challenges. Many bugs and recommendations have also been received and processed over the course of the year.



### 3. Open Issues

The VRC suffered a blow in the loss of HealthGrid as their underpinning organisation but have managed to continue. This caused a blip in terms of some of the administration but the dialogue and productivity continued.

There are no open milestones and no other issues to report.

### 4. Next steps/Future Plans

The outlook continues to be promising for the 3rd year of the project and the model developed by LSGC remains a compelling one for research communities of similar characteristics. Activities plan to continue as carried out up to this point in terms of consistent presence within the EGI User Community Board providing requirements and feedback as well as conducting joint activities at EGI major events, amongst others.

### 5. References

R1	EGI-InSPIRE / LSGC MoU Document: <a href="https://documents.egi.eu/document/486">https://documents.egi.eu/document/486</a>
R2	EGI-InSPIRE / LSGC MoU Reports: <a href="https://documents.egi.eu/document/934">https://documents.egi.eu/document/934</a>
R3	EGI-InSPIRE / LSCG MoU Milestones: <a href="http://go.egi.eu/mou-milestones-lsgc">http://go.egi.eu/mou-milestones-lsgc</a>