



Memorandum of Understanding

between

DEGISCO and EPIKH



1. Purpose of this MoU

The main objective of the DEGISCO project (contract no. 261561, <http://degisco.eu>, called “DEGISCO” below) is to expand European Distributed Computing Infrastructures (DCIs) into International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC) by supporting the creation of new Desktop Grids for e-Science in those countries and in Europe and by connecting them using the bridge technology developed in the context of the EDGeS project (<http://edges-grid.eu>). The project supports applications on this expanded infrastructure, disseminates, promotes and provides training about this expanded infrastructure and its usage.

The main objective of the EPIKH project (contract no. 230842, <http://www.epikh.eu>, called “EPIKH” below) is to:

- Reinforce the impact of e-Infrastructures in scientific research defining and delivering stimulating programme of educational events, including Grid Schools and High Performance Computing courses;
- Broaden the engagement in e-Science activities and collaborations both geographically and across disciplines.

These ambitious goals translate into the following specific actions:

- Spreading the knowledge about the grid paradigm to all potential users: both system administrators and application developers through an extensive training programme;
- Easing the access of the trained people to the e-Infrastructures existing in the areas of action of the project;
- Fostering the establishment of scientific collaborations among the countries/continents involved in the project.

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 is witnessed by the fact that the two projects have the following 3 partners in common:

1. The Magyar Tudományos Akadémia Számítástechnikai és Automatizálási Kutató Intézet (MTA SZTAKI, Hungary);
2. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, France);
3. The Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas Medioambientales y Tecnológicas (CIEMAT, Spain) as a member of IBERCIVIS in DEGISCO.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) specifies the way in which the cooperation between DEGISCO and EPIKH 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 project management of the projects, 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 DEGISCO by:

Signed on behalf of EPIKH by:

Name: Robert Lovas (project coordinator)

Name: Roberto Barbera (project coordinator)

Signature:

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Date: ...signed on July 19, 2010

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Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities

Training and Advanced knowledge dissemination

EPIKH and DEGISCO will cooperate in the co-organisation of grid schools and workshops, in countries where both projects have at least one partner or potential new collaborator(s), aimed at:

- Forming and/or bringing up to date skilled personnel such as grid site administrators and local user/application supporters for Desktop Grids;
- Identifying new applications of relevance for Desktop Grids through the EPIKH calls for applications;
- Supporting the “gridification” and porting of selected applications (especially Desktop Grid oriented ones) during the joint schools;
- Raising the awareness of both other potential users and decision makers, through the presentation of the results of the grid schools, about the usefulness of e-Infrastructures (both Service and Desktop Grids) for e-Science;
- Disseminate and promote the International Desktop Grid Federation (a main dissemination vehicle for DEGISCO) and the EPIKH summer schools at each other project events through the distribution of dissemination materials (website, presentations, etc.)