

# **DPM Collaboration Agreement.**

## ***This is a draft document***

The current contents represent a first pass at summarising the issues which can be considered for inclusion in a collaboration agreement.

## ***Purpose of the Collaboration***

The purpose is the maintenance, development and support of the DPM software stack (including the derived LFC) for the benefit of the user communities represented by the members of the collaboration. The signatories agree to collaborate to achieve this goal.

## ***Scope of operation***

The collaboration is responsible for the following components and activities:

### **Components**

software: services, clients, utilities, monitoring

- DPM, LFC and all associated services (rfio, srm, ...)
- Clients
- Management utilities
- Monitoring components
- Configuration templates
- ...

### **Activities**

- development
- support
- maintenance
- deployment testing
- integration
- release management
- community: workshops, support, representation, advocacy
- ...

### ***Collaboration Board***

Signatories will meet periodically in a Collaboration Board. CB to meet... bianually?

The effort dedicated by each partner will be recorded and this is understood to represent a proportional

influence on project direction.

How should decisions be taken in practise - Voting? “Proportional consensus”?

Activities of the CB:

- Develop (approve?) roadmap and program of work
- Approve project lead
- Review the pledges and responsibilities of the members
- Accept new members.
- Amend the collaboration agreement.
- Seek funding?

### ***Coordination meetings***

Project Lead (appointed by CB) will hold weekly (?) coordination meetings where each partner should be represented.

### ***Membership, Withdrawal and Eligibility***

Entities eligible: NGIs, companies, individuals, institutes, projects... no restriction.

New members to be admitted by the Collaboration Board

Membership duration - annual renewal of membership?

### ***Default***

Actions in the case of breach of obligations by a member.

### ***IPR***

The IPR of the existing codebase remains with the respective parties. New developments will belong to the institution responsible. We can find a legal expression of this principle.

Licence – mandate a licence for contributions? Apache2 is currently used.

### ***Publications***

Any restrictions? Attribution.

### ***Equipment***

Each partner is responsible for providing the equipment necessary to the fulfilment of its responsibilities.

### ***Annex 1***

Activities and effort pledged by each partner for the year 05/2013-04/2014.