



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Dissemination SSC

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Introduction/ Participation

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We will bid for an extension of GridTalk project in the EC's Support Action call which closes in November 2009. This proposal would expand GridTalk to cover the wider ICT area, including supercomputing and networks.



This second phase of GridTalk and could form the basis of a dissemination SSC for EGI.

GridTalk 2 would provide dissemination and communication services to the EGI and NGI community. The team will work with the dissemination effort provided by NGIs, other SSCs, the EC funded infrastructure projects (GEANT, DEISA/PRACE) and assist the smaller EC funded ICT projects.



Governance & Technical Organisation

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Governance

 The project will be run by a PMB. Its services will be available to all individuals using or involved in EGI, regardless of their NGI

Technical Organisation

- It would be beneficial if members of the project's PMB were involved in the deployment area of EGI or the other SSCs
- The two interfaces that the project would like to see are
 - With EGI's dissemination team to ensure a consistent approach
 - With representatives from other SSC's and VOs

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Total of 8 FTE approx

- 6 from EC Funding
- 2 from elsewhere

The Project will provide or utilise three main areas

- Dissemination (5 FTE)
 - Increasing EC funded ICT awareness at User Events
 - Content production (leaflets, posters, new media)
 - Maintenance and expansion of current GridTalk Products (iSGTW, GridCafe, GridCasts, GridGuide, GridBriefings), including Real Time Monitor
- Design (1 FTE)
- Knowledge exchange (2 FTE)

Please note these functions would have to be provided for more than just EGI

It would also be possible for NGIs and SSCs to outsource their dissemination requirements to the project.

Relationships

- The project will nominate a contact person for each SSC.
- This will mean
 - New work which should be promoted and highlighted will be discovered as early as possible
 - Preparation for upcoming events/conferences that might be of interest will be more consistent
 - The project have somewhere to which potential users can be pointed





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- The lessons learned and the tools created by the current phase of GridTalk will inform the direction of the 2nd phase, as its scope increases to cover other ICT projects.
- During this period the GridTalk team will assess and evaluate the strengths of the project and form stronger relationships with the IT community across the EC.
- Any future phases of the project would build on the experience and knowledge of the first two phases and while it would be funded initially through GridTalk, the project would be looking to establish sustainable sources of funding and resources. Thus creating a permanent ongoing dissemination body within the EGI infrastructure.
- Also as the project grows it will look to work with similar ESFRI projects (ITER, WLCG) but also looking beyond these to other areas e.g. Materials Science