

# Memorandum of Understanding

between



## EUMEDGRID-Support and LinkSCEEM-2 projects

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### **1. Purpose of this MoU**

The main objective of the EUMEDGRID-Support project is to promote the deployment and usage of e-Infrastructures in the Mediterranean Area, supporting new and existing applications, awakening the interest of stakeholders and policy makers, preserving and expanding the existing e-Science human network, enlarging and training this community, and maintaining continuity to e-Infrastructures, which are operating in synergy with existing and future European e-Infrastructures.

The LinkSCEEM-2 project promotes the development of a high performance computing (HPC) eco-system in the Eastern Mediterranean region by interlinking and coordinating regional compute, data and visualisation resources to form an integrated e-platform. The project provides training activities and user support, and engages the regional communities through networking activities such as user meetings, training workshops, exchange of visitors, organisation of joint events, and outreach. Regional HPC centres will be contributing resources to support user communities in the region. Established EU and US LinksCEEM-2 partners provide know-how at the highest level for running and integrating such facilities, whereas international leaders in the three research areas pursued by the project, namely Climate Modelling, Digital Cultural Heritage and Synchrotron applications will ensure transfer of state-of-the-art techniques to the regional user communities, thereby linking the Eastern Mediterranean with the European and international computational science activities.

Both projects receive funding support from the EU and have a common interest in a close cooperation in order to achieve their respective objectives.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) specifies the way in which the projects intend to conduct their co-operation.

### **2. Common Activities**

Activities which the two projects have identified as being areas of interest for cooperation 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 the respective project managements, and be defined by an amendment of this MoU, simply adding a new Annex 1.

### **3. Communication**

The Coordinator and Project Director 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.

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**4. Administrative Matters**

Each Project will maintain full responsibility for its own activities, including the fulfilment of its obligations under its contract with the EU 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.

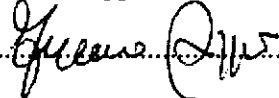
Any proprietary rights relating to the results of activities undertaken by the projects under this MoU shall be jointly held by the projects, and each project herewith grants the other project a free, irrevocable and perpetual license to use such rights, including the granting of sub-licenses to such 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 is non-exclusive with regard to either project.

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  
EUMEDGRID-Support by:

Name: Federico Ruggieri .....

Signature:  .....

Position: ... Project Director .....

Date: 20/10/2010 .....

Signed on behalf of  
LinkSCEEM-2 by:

Name: Constantia Alexandrou .....

Signature:  .....

Position: ... Project Coordinator .....

Date: 1/12/10 .....

### **Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities**

**EUMEDGRID-Support and LinkSCEEM-2 have agreed to cooperate in the fostering of stable and sustainable e-Infrastructures in the south Mediterranean and Middle-East.**

**Both projects wish to coordinate their activities where there is mutual benefit in order to obtain the maximum synergistic effect.**

**The main actions foreseen include, but are not limited to:**

- **co-organising workshops and events aimed at disseminating an appropriate message on the importance of e-Infrastructures, in the Mediterranean and Middle East, and awakening the interest of policy makers and stakeholders towards their long term sustainability;**
- **fostering user communities to exploit Grid and HPC e-Infrastructures through related thematic workshops and user meetings, as well as building appropriate technical expertise through training workshops and seminars;**
- **identifying new applications of relevance in the region;**
- **jointly supporting selected applications which have network and computing requirements that may fit the objectives of the projects;**
- **promoting both projects in each project's dissemination activities where appropriate;**
- **co-locating project meetings where mutually convenient in order to maximise the participation of partners, the sharing of information and the exchange of experiences and best practices.**

