

Memorandum of Understanding

between



LinkSCEEM-2 and EUMEDCONNECT2 Projects



1. Preamble

The parties to this MOU are the EUMEDCONNECT2 and LinkSCEEM-2 projects (referred to separately as 'the Project' and together as 'the Projects').

EUMEDCONNECT2 is a high-capacity IP-based data-communications network serving the research and education communities in seven countries across the southern Mediterranean, enabling them to participate in collaborative projects. It is managed by DANTE and receives EC funding from DG AIDCO under a contract term to August 2011. A successor project (EUMEDCONNECT3) is under discussion, as is the possibility of transferring responsibility at that stage to ASREN (Arab States Research and Education Network).

LinkSCEEM-2 is a project that proposes the development of a high performance computing ecosystem in the Eastern Mediterranean region by interlinking and coordinating regional computational, data and visualization resources. The project, which started in September 2010, is receiving European funding within the FP7-Infrastructure programme under a 4 year contract.

The Projects wish this MOU to set out and strengthen co-operation between them and to co-ordinate in the following areas:

- Sharing expertise and know how in network connectivity provision for research and education in the Eastern Mediterranean
- Promotional activities thereto related

2. Connectivity

The Projects agree to co-ordinate their actions to fund and operate dedicated connectivity to avoid duplication and ensure efficient use of the Projects' funds. The following specifics are agreed:

- EUMEDCONNECT2 agrees to discuss with LinkSCEEM-2 representatives, under non-disclosure terms, the results of the new re-tender planned for the EUMEDCONNECT network, expected to be carried out by DANTE during 2011.
- The Projects agree to periodically share their connectivity requirements and plans.
- The Projects acknowledge that DANTE is prepared to provide networking advice to the LinkSCEEM-2 project.
- The Projects agree to jointly explore means for further co-operation aimed at achieving LinkSCEEM-2 connectivity objectives, keeping in mind the obvious synergies between the said objectives and the development of EUMEDCONNECT, including the possibility

of DANTE acting as a subcontractor to WP7 of LinkSCEEM-2 and contribute to the analysis of connectivity options, network design, tender preparation and evaluation. The Projects agree to nominate a lead person from the appropriate work packages, to represent them in discussions to work out the specific arrangements for achieving this.

3. Promotion

The Projects agree to promote each other in their dissemination activities. The following specifics are agreed:

- Projects recommend each other to their users as the preferred e-infrastructures in the region.
- The Projects agree to link to each other's websites and to refer to each other's projects in promotional material and during presentations where appropriate.
- The Projects agree to contribute content to each other's promotional material (e.g. case studies).
- The Projects agree to seek dissemination opportunities for the other party.

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.

Each Project will be responsible for its own costs, unless agreed in advance in writing with the other Project.

Each project is bound to using EU procurement procedures.

This Agreement is non-exclusive with regard to either Project.

This Agreement will terminate when either of the projects is complete, unless either Project wishes to terminate it earlier and gives 3 months notice of termination to the other.

The Projects agree in principle that a similar MOU should be set up with EUMEDCONNECT3, and that their nominated representatives will discuss these arrangements in due time.

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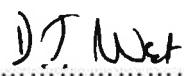

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