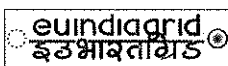


## Memorandum of Understanding



between



## EU-IndiaGrid2 and GISELA

---

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

The EU-IndiaGrid2 project (contract no. 246698, [www.euindiagrid.eu](http://www.euindiagrid.eu)) capitalises on the achievements of EU-IndiaGrid by acting as a bridge across European and Indian e-infrastructures to foster evolution in these regions and to ensure sustainable scientific, educational and technological collaboration. EU-IndiaGrid2 aims to:

- Support specific user communities in the exploitation of grid infrastructure in areas strategic for EU-Indian collaboration;
- Ensure a sustainable approach to e-Infrastructures across Europe and India through dissemination actions, meetings and workshops;
- Foster and enhance cooperation with other European Initiatives in the Asian region and worldwide.

The main objective of the GISELA project (contract no. 261487, [www.gisela-grid.eu](http://www.gisela-grid.eu)) is to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the European – Latin American e-Infrastructure and thus ensure the continuity and enhancement of the Virtual Research Communities (VRC) using it. The project will focus on:

- Implementing the Latin American Grid Initiative (LGI) sustainability model rooted on National Grid Initiatives (NGI) or Equivalent Domestic Grid Structures (EDGS), in association with CLARA and collaborating with EGI;
- Providing VRCs with the e-Infrastructure and Application-related Services required to improve the effectiveness of their research, addressing both:
  - Current EELA-2 small User Communities;
  - Larger VRCs through Specialised Support Centres (SSCs).

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 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) specifies the way in which such cooperation 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 the respective project managements, 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.

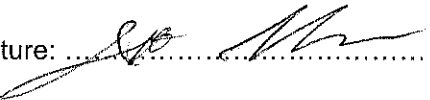
This Agreement will terminate when either of the projects is complete, or when either project gives notice of termination to the other, in which case a minimum notice of three months will be given.

Signed on behalf of EU-IndiaGrid2  
by:

Signed on behalf of GISELA  
by:

Alberto Masoni (Project Coordinator)

Bernard Marechal (Project Coordinator)

Signature: 

Signature: 

Date: 22/12/2010

Date: 22/12/2010

## **Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities**

GISELA and EU-IndiaGrid2 will cooperate between each other through the following actions:

- Cross-participation in project events such as workshops and conferences;
- Identification and support of the Virtual Research Communities and their applications spread across Europe, India and Latin America;
- Support one project's Virtual Organisations on the other project's Grid sites and vice versa;
- Exchange of best practices in the definition of governance structures for the long-term sustainability of e-Infrastructures in Europe, India and Latin America.