



Memorandum of Understanding

between

DC-NET and EPIKH



1. Purpose of this MoU

The DC-NET project (contract no. 246618, www.dc-net.org) aims to develop and to strengthen the co-ordination of the public research programmes among the European countries, in the sector of the digital cultural heritage. This scope will be pursued by the participating Ministries of Culture by endorsing a Joint Plan of Activities, to be initiated already during the project time-frame, through a wide and intensive programme of seminars, workshops, meetings and Presidential conferences dedicated to the encounter of the digital cultural heritage sector with the technological research and the e-Infrastructure providers in Europe.

The EPIKH project (contract no. 230842, www.epikh.eu) aims to:

- Reinforce the impact of e-Infrastructures in scientific research defining and delivering stimulating programme of educational events, including Grid Schools and High Performance Computing courses;
- Broaden the engagement in e-Science activities and collaborations both geographically and across disciplines.

These ambitious goals translate into the following specific actions:

- Spreading the knowledge about the grid paradigm to all potential users: both system administrators and application developers through an extensive training programme;
- Easing the access of the trained people to the e-Infrastructures existing in the areas of action of the project;
- Fostering the establishment of scientific collaborations among the countries/continents involved in the project.

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 is witnessed by the fact that both projects have partners in the following four countries:

1. France;
2. Greece
3. Hungary;
4. Italy.

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 DC-NET by:

Signed on behalf of EPIKH by:

Name: Rosa Caffo (project coordinator)

Name: Roberto Barbera (project coordinator)

Signature: 

Signature: 

Date: 14th of January 2011

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Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities

Training and Advanced knowledge dissemination

EPIKH and DC-NET will cooperate through the cross-participation in training and dissemination events.

Such events will aim at:

- Disseminating the EPIKH and the DC-NET objectives and outcomes at ministerial level;
- Identifying new applications of relevance for the Cultural Heritage community through the EPIKH calls for applications;
- Supporting the “gridification” of selected applications during the EPIKH schools;
- Raising the awareness of both other potential users and decision makers, through the presentation of the results of the grid schools, about the usefulness of e-Infrastructures for Cultural Heritage;
- Liaising the Cultural Heritage community with those operating e-Infrastructures.

DC-NET will fully exploit the collaboration with EPIKH providing complementary actions on those countries and/or institutes which are not already participating to EPIKH and EPIKH will help DC-NET in providing information on its objectives and outcomes in those countries participating to EPIKH and not to DC-NET.

