



Memorandum of Understanding
between
ENGAGE and CHAIN-REDS



1. Parties

The ENGAGE project (Grant Agreement no. 283700 ,www.engage-project.eu) aims at the deployment and use of an advanced data service infrastructure, incorporating distributed and diverse Public Sector Information resources as well as data curation, semantic annotation and visualisation tools, capable of supporting scientific collaboration and governance-related research from multi-disciplinary scientific communities, while also empowering the deployment of open governmental data towards citizens.

The CHAIN-REDS project (Grant Agreement no. 306819, www.chain-project.eu) aims to support and disseminate the best practices currently adopted in Europe and other continents, together with promoting and facilitating interoperability among different regional e-Infrastructures. CHAIN-REDS gathers the main stakeholders of regional e-Infrastructures, collectively engaged in studying and defining a path towards a global e-Infrastructure ecosystem that will allow VRCs, research groups and even single researchers to access and efficiently use worldwide distributed resources (i. e., computing, storage, data, services, tools, applications).

2. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides the framework for the collaboration between ENGAGE and the CHAIN-REDS projects. Activities which have been identified as being areas of interest for cooperation are listed in Annex 1.

3. Administrative Matters

The projects may review the co-operation activities. In such case the project managers will agree on a new Annex 1 as an amendment to this MoU.

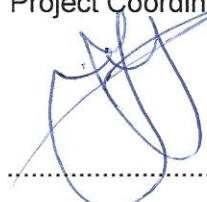
Each project will appoint one Point of Contact to act as the primary channel of communication between the projects.

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 ENGAGE:

John Psaras
Project Coordinator

Date:

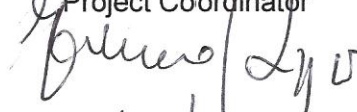


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Signed on behalf of CHAIN-REDS by:

Federico Ruggieri
Project Coordinator

Date:



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Annex 1 – Coordinated Activities

The ENGAGE and CHAIN-REDS projects have agreed to cooperate in promoting best practices in data infrastructures in Europe and beyond.

The foreseen actions include:

- Exchanging know-how on the development of tools and services for accessing, managing and using data repositories.
- Identifying issues of importance in the area of authentication and access control to the data sets (AAI);
- Facilitating the cross-dissemination of each other's results and use of each other's platforms and portals.
- Disseminating the message on the importance of data infrastructures in Europe and beyond, as well as of related standards and policy issues.
- Stimulating user communities and service providers to identify issues and promote standards and best practices in data infrastructures through related workshops.
- Promoting both projects, including related outputs and materials, such as publications and other documentation, in each project's dissemination activities and web sites, where appropriate.
- Identifying issues on data infrastructures which could be discussed in both projects' documents and fora and within the respective networks..
- Providing comments/feedbacks on the content of each other project's documents.
- Exploring opportunities for joint booths or stands at various events, or simply promoting one's project material in the promotion areas of the other project.
- 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.
- Collaborating on e-Infrastructure related surveys/questionnaires (so as to avoid having multiple and possibly overlapping ones from different projects and initiatives)

