



Memorandum of Understanding Between BalticGrid-II and NorduGrid

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Preamble

- i. The NorduGrid Collaboration is a Grid Research and Development collaboration aiming at **development, maintenance and support** of the free Grid middleware, known as the Advance Resource Connector (ARC).
- ii. BalticGrid-II is an EU FP7 INFRA project (no 223807) building and operating the Grid infrastructure in the Baltic states and Belarus.
- iii. The NorduGrid Collaboration declares an interest in collaboration with BalticGrid-II.
- iv. BalticGrid-II declares an interest in **collaboration** with NorduGrid Collaboration, with a special emphasis on the middleware developed by the NorduGrid Collaboration.
- v. The NorduGrid Collaboration and BalticGrid-II are called together as the Partners below.

Article 1: Purpose

- I. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) defines the mutual interest of the NorduGrid Collaboration and the BalticGrid-II, with focus **on the** middleware ARC developed by the NorduGrid and the infrastructure and user groups within the BalticGrid-II community.

Article 2: Representation of the Partners

1. The NorduGrid Collaboration is represented by the Chairperson of the Collaboration. The contact information of the NorduGrid Collaboration follows the contacts of the Chairperson. The information is presented on the web site <http://www.nordugrid.org>.
2. BalticGrid-II is represented by the Project Director. The information is presented on the web site <http://www.balticgrid.eu>.

Article 3: Information sharing

1. The Partners will exchange information about mutually interesting activities, e.g. opportunities for joint projects.
2. The Partners inform each other about any changes of the main objectives, organisational structure or other essential aspects of the Partners, which can influence the mutual interests.
3. The Partners may inform third parties about the MoU and its contents.

Article 4: Actions of the Partners

1. The Partners are looking for mutually interesting projects and activities with an aim to extend the collaboration between the Partners.
2. The Partners are ready to contribute reasonable resources to prepare mutually interesting proposals, projects and actions.

Article 5: Work of mutual interest in interoperability

1. BalticGrid-II project is working in providing additional middleware support for its user community and in this framework has an interest in taking forward the interoperability work done inside the Nordugrid Collaboration.
2. This Article states that best effort is given by both Partners to provide the other with latest information as well as technologies to reach the goal of interoperable middlewares.
 - a. Nordugrid Collaboration provides access as well as support for technologies that could allow for better utilization of BalticGrid-II project partners's resources and collaboration within, and between, interested user communities by sharing resources that are currently separated by middlewares that are not fully interoperable.
 - b. BalticGrid-II project provides testing possibilities for ARC middleware usage as well as provides feedback to further improve the technology in question
 - c. The partners of the MoU will maintain public documents detailing the results and future plans related to the interoperability tests. Both partners can refer to these documents e.g. in their standardisation work.

3. If no such interoperability is possible through technical means, then best effort is provided for common users support by both Partners for the users of the other Partner by facilitating information exchange as well as helping in solving support tickets associated with the other partners work.

Article 6: Duration and Extensions

1. The MoU become effective upon the date of the signatures.
2. The MoU is subject to revision, renewal or cancellation by mutual written consent.
3. The MoU may be extended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
4. Any Partner is free to cancel the MoU with 6 months notice, or at time when changes in other partner's essential aspects (as defined in the article 3 paragraph 2) become effective.

The following agree to the terms and conditions of this MoU:



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