



DECIDE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EGI-InSPIRE project on 6 July 2011. This document defines a framework of collaboration between both parties and formalises the working relationship.

"The signing is a significant step forward in establishing a channel for long-term interaction and collaboration, that will allow us to provide an e-infrastructure suitable for the needs of the DECIDE medical community," says Steven Newhouse, Project Director of EGI-InSPIRE. "As many societies face the future of an increasing aging population, the grid can play a significant role in the early diagnosis of degenerative brain diseases, such as Alzheimer's, which affects many people around the world."

As part of the agreement, EGI-InSPIRE will work with DECIDE to identify user requirements, develop support tools and services, set-up and support Virtual Research Communities. These will be implemented with a view to the long-term sustainability of the services. Progress and results of the collaboration will be clearly communicated to communities from both parties. Finally, aspects of the collaboration will also benefit the wider grid community, for example, in the form of training materials and applications.

"Thanks to the agreement with EGI, the medical community will benefit from a substantial increase in computational resources relying on an homogeneous European distributed infrastructure. This will help in facing the problem of processing huge amount of produced data in order to extract useful biomarkers to enhance confidence in early diagnosis," says Laura Leone, DECIDE project coordinator .

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