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## Executive summary

This deliverable presents and reports the purposes, steps and results for the clustering and thematic networking activities in the WINDS-LA project.

Following the definition of the 10 initial thematic clusters as described in D4.1 thematic research cluster report, the WINDS-LA project WP4 aims to strengthen collaboration and create networking among the Latin American clusters' participants and European referents with the final objective to identify possible cooperation projects and common interests in ICT research in the FP7 framework. For each of the 10 thematic clusters specific actions in this direction have been taken and are described in this document, in particular: a) information and dissemination of the WINDS-LA project and FP7 program for all 10 clusters and b) clustering and Networking activities, working group animation (limited to 6 clusters). At the beginning of this activity, all of the institutions identified in the 10 initial thematic clusters (see Deliverable D4.1) have been contacted, invited to join WINDS-LA project and made aware of WINDS-LA objectives and opportunities. Furthermore, for the 6 clusters identified, animation activities led to the validation of sets of specific sub-themes, and the identification of some specific cooperation research project ideas to be further developed.

The Clustering and Thematic Networking activities were strictly related to the WINDS-LA database (D2.4) and to the online web communities environment (D3.2). The WINDS-LA database benefited from the clustering and networking activities, since information and animation pushed more institutions and projects to register in the database. The web community environment was the natural environment and instrument for connecting the participants and the natural place to collect and give evidence of participants, their projects and the working groups activities.

As an overall conclusion, the work done by WP4 has reached its objective of informing the members of the WINDS website and community on WINDS and on FP7, of training interested parties on how to approach FP7 funding, and of facilitating networking and projects emersion. As it was expected, animating six communities counting with more than 800 potential participants and 155 active participants (meaning participants who actually wrote a message or posted a comment) was possible only by adopting a step-by-step methodology. It started with a broad set of information services targeted to the whole community and that moved into more specific collaboration and brokerage services for the actors interested and mature to discuss a project idea. What WINDS was able to do was to give – for a limited time – a collaboration agenda to the clusters created in the first part of WP4, as well as a number of tools to increase their chances to participate in FP7. Furthermore, this activity facilitated the emersion, through dialogue and collaboration, of 29 project ideas, that will be followed up and accompanied – whenever feasible - towards their transformation in FP7-ICT proposals.

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## 1 Introduction

In this document we intend to describe and report on purposes, steps and results for the clustering activities of the WINDS-LA project. The clustering work aimed at facilitating contact and collaboration among institutions and individual experts from Europe and from Latin America around the possibilities offered by the ICT Programme of FP7.

This work represented a central “step” in the support activities of the project, since it started from the results of WP2 (as far as the “who”, meaning the institutions to be involved is concerned), it closely collaborated with WP3 (as far as the “where and how”, meaning the web platform for collaboration is concerned) and with WP5 (since the cluster work took place also during the project events and workshops, as shown in D5.1 a, b, c “Reports on WINDS-LA events” and in D5.3 “Report on Sessions and Workshops in the frame of other events”), and represented at the same moment an important input for WP6 (as far as the messages coming from the cluster and the sub-themes classifications are concerned).

The Clustering and Thematic Networking activities were organized referring to the 10 thematic clusters described in D4.1 thematic research cluster report. At the starting point of the clustering and networking activities, all the institutions reported in D4.1 were contacted, and from that moment the 10 thematic clusters started to evolve because of new registration, new contacts, different requirements from the institutions already identified.

During the Clustering and Thematic Networking activities, track of all of these institutions and their changes during the overall period has being kept, allowing a constant cross-check of clusters’ evolution. From now on we will refer to “Institutions” as to public or private organizations, universities, research centres, companies, third sector organizations.

## 2 The WINDS-LA Clustering and Thematic Networking Activities

### 2.1 Main Purposes of the work

The Clustering and Thematic Networking activities had the main purpose to strengthen collaboration and create networking among the Latin-American clusters' participants and European referents with the final objective to identify possible cooperation projects and common interests in ICT Research in the FP7 framework. While keeping in mind this main objective, the WP4 had also the purpose to provide Information and dissemination of the WINDS-LA project and FP7 program among Latin-American ICT Research institutions. Furthermore, in order to increase visibility and knowledge on Latin-American institutions and projects on ICT Research, the Clustering and Thematic Networking activities had the objective to engage institutions and projects initially not registered in the WINDS-LA Database, convincing them to join the project and register in the WINDS-LA Database.

The first phase of WINDS-LA WP4 Clustering and Networking was the Thematic Clustering described in D4.1, where institutions from Europe and Latin America have been "clustered" according to research themes of interest; specifically 10 "Thematic clusters were created" (taking advantage and starting from the issues mapping delivered in WP2); as a feedback to this selection and grouping process, during the Clustering and Networking activities a relevant purpose was to validate the chosen "frameworks" through a wide on line consultation of the working groups and participants to the on line activities.

### 2.2 Defining the Thematic Clusters

As a preliminary decision of the Clustering and Thematic Networking activities, the project had to identify the 6 "promising" themes among the 10 Frameworks to which address the animation and networking activities.

As described in D4.1, out of the 10 themes identified by WP2 as potential areas of common benefit and interest, 6 focus on **ICT research applications** and 4 focus on transversal areas of **ICT Research**, specifically close to **e-infrastructure** issues:

#### **6 ICT RESEARCH THEMES IN APPLICATION AREAS:**

- Government : ICT Research in e-Government and Services to citizen
- Social Inclusion: ICT Research for Social Inclusion, Accessibility, Connectivity
- Health: ICT Research in e-Health
- Education: ICT Research in Digital Libraries and Learning Networks
- Environment: ICT Research for Environment and Biodiversity
- Energy: ICT Research in Energy

#### **4 TRANSVERSAL ICT RESEARCH THEMES:**

- Software Engineering: ICT Research in Software Engineering
- Grid Computing: ICT Research in Grid Computing, massive data processing, e-science
- Security and Prevention: ICT Research in Security and Prevention Systems, self defending networks
- Mobile/Ubiquitous computing: ICT Research in Mobile/Ubiquitous computing

As reported in D4.1:

- ICT research in GRID Computing is often conceived as an applied part of ICT Research in e-Health (e.g. patient clinical analysis) or e-Government (e.g. electronic vote);
- Security and Mobile problematic are of common interest in all sectors;
- Software Engineering has to be applied to all ICT Research activities.

Therefore the choice of the 6 Thematic Clusters to which address the clustering and networking activities was made according to the following criteria:

- Choosing 6 Thematic Clusters among the ones with the highest number of institutions;
- Choosing 6 Thematic Clusters which were representative of both the “application” and the “transversal” level;
- Choosing 6 Thematic clusters in such a way to possibly including the 4 that had been excluded, dealing on ICT Research Themes including other specific themes;

Therefore the choice was to exclude the following groups for the following reasons:

- Energy – it had the lowest number of institutions (see D4.1 for details) and some themes could be addressed in the Environment group
- GRID, Security and Mobile: most of the ICT research in this field is conducted towards a specific application area (government and health) and therefore researchers could participate in these working groups addressing specific areas. Furthermore, some of the more technical aspects of ICT Sectors could be addressed in the Software Engineering working group

### 2.3 Organization of the Clustering and Thematic Networking activities

In order to achieve the main objectives of the WP, the following actions and specific activities were put in place:

**1. Information and dissemination of the WINDS-LA project and FP7 opportunities towards all 10 clusters.** All institutions of the 10 Thematic Clusters were contacted and informed on the WINDS-LA project and the FP7 program, as will be described in chapter 3. This “promotional” activity was more focused and specific with respect to the general WINDS promotion work such as the general newsletter or the FP7 news service of the website, since it was directed to groups of actors sharing the same research interests and research concerns.

**2. A first “round” of online Networking Session, addressed the 6 chosen Thematic Clusters, organized through mailing lists with the support of the 6 working groups areas in the WINDS-LA website.** All institutions of the 6 Thematic Clusters were involved in the animation activities, as will be described in chapter 5.

**3. A second “round” of online Networking Session, addressed the 6 chosen Thematic Clusters, organized through mailing lists, the 6 working groups areas in the WINDS-LA website and web communities and on line workshops.** All institutions of the 6 Thematic Clusters were invited to participate to a Thematic on line Conference during which they could present a specific project and identify possible collaboration with other institutions, as will be described in chapter 6.

For each of the 6 Thematic Clusters, a general cluster animator was identified (from MENON) and a co-animator was involved, as described in the following table:

<b>Cluster</b>	<b>Coordinator in MENON</b>	<b>Main supporting partner</b>
<b>eLearning</b>	Aina Chabert	Ulf Ehlers
<b>eHealth</b>	Fabio Nascimbeni	Ulises Cortes
<b>eGovernment</b>	Barbara Vetturini	Susana Finquelievich
<b>eInclusion</b>	Aina Chabert	Susana Finquelievich
<b>ICT ad environment</b>	Fabio Nascimbeni	Luis Trejo
<b>Software engineering</b>	Barbara Vetturini	Gustavo Robichez

For the 4 clusters that would not have a working group area and animation activity, Barbara Vetturini was responsible of communication.

In order to communicate with the 10 Thematic Clusters contact, **10 mailing lists** were created under the responsibility of the working group coordinator. These mailing lists have been updated during the whole clustering and thematic networking activities, being fed by new entries coming from the webspace enquiries and coming from specific requirements of the contacts already present in the mailing list.

The workplan of the Clustering activities is here reported:

Task	Period	Detailed activities	Deliverables
<b>Thematic clustering</b>	Feb-Apr 08	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify (desk research) for each of the 10 WINDS Clusters a number of LA actors, projects, research communities and networks.</li> <li>2. Contact all the identified actors inviting them to register in the WINDS site (most were registered already) and to include more projects in their area.</li> <li>3. Prepare a Report that contains for each theme a short description of the issue in a EU-LA perspective and the list of the actors/networks/communities</li> <li>4. Select 6 most promising clusters on the basis of population, consultation with national stakeholders, input from WINDS national reports</li> </ol>	D4.1 Thematic Clusters Research Report
<b>Thematic networking</b>	Mar-Aug 08	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Each of the 6 selected cluster will be equipped with a web space (collaboration-blog like) and a mailing list</li> <li>2. Identify, for each cluster, a general cluster animator (from MENON) and a co-animator from a WINDS-LA partner</li> <li>3. Prepare a welcoming message for each cluster web collaboration space, including methodology, strategy, and expected outcomes</li> <li>4. For each of the 6 clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- organise a <b>first networking session</b> (2 weeks of moderated discussion on existing experience, interest and presentation of open opportunities), reporting in the cluster web space</li> <li>- Open discussion and contribution in the web working space by participants, with continuous input on news on EU-LA cooperation in the field by the cluster coordinator</li> <li>- organise a <b>second networking session</b> (synchronous) with a selection of participants to collaborately draw the conclusions of the session</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>6 networking sessions web reports</p> <p>6 networking sessions web reports</p> <p>D4.2 Report on Clustering Activities</p>

## 2.4 Links between Clustering, Database and Web Environment

The Clustering and Networking activities were strictly related to the WINDS-LA Database (D2.4) and to the On Line Web Communities Environment (D3.26).

One of the objectives of the Clustering and Networking activities was to engage institutions initially not registered in the WINDS-LA Database (D2.4), convincing them to join the project and register in the WINDS-LA Database. The WINDS-LA Database was enriched thanks to the work of the Clustering and Thematic Networking activities: while information and animation were spread, more institutions and projects were registered in the Database: the number of institutions registered increased from 230 (May 2008, start of the animation activities) to 277 (September 2008).

On the other side, the [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu) Web Community environment (D3.2) was the natural environment and instrument for connecting the participants and has been the natural place to collect and give evidence of institutions, their projects and the working groups' activities. The WINDS-La website also benefited from the communication and animation work of WP4: the number of registered users increased from 785 (May 2008, start of the animation activities) to 998 (September 2008).

### 3 Clustering work startup

#### 3.1 Information and dissemination strategy

In order to announce the beginning of the clustering work and to engage institutions and projects initially not registered in the WINDS-LA Database, all of the institutions mapped and included in the 10 Thematic Clusters were contacted and invited to join the clusters, at the same time informing them of WINDS-LA and of the ICT-FP7 work programme.

Two different kinds of “startup messages” were prepared:

1. For the members of the **6 mailing lists** of the Thematic clusters selected for the following animation activities (from now on referred to as 6 Working Groups): this message was used also as a welcome message for the 6 working groups, explaining the methodology, strategy and instruments (web community environment, mailing lists) for the proposed activities<sup>1</sup>. These messages were sent by the corresponding Working Group Coordinator from MENON. All the messages were sent between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of March.
2. For the members of the **4 mailing lists** that did not have a working group area in the WINDS-LA website, this message was used also to explain the possibility to participate in the 6 Working Groups, if addressing themes of interests referring to the 6 frameworks. All these messages were sent on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. The reason of this month and a half delay with respect to the other 6 Clusters is that in this message there was the invitation to participate to the discussion (at that moment active) in the 6 web communities on the definition of the issue and the invitation to participate with specific themes to the active working groups.

All messages were sent in two languages, Spanish and English. In each message it was clearly given the possibility to be excluded from the mailing list if not (or no more) interested.

#### 3.2 Example of startup message to clusters with webspace<sup>2</sup>

*Estimado investigador,*

*tengo el placer de darle la bienvenida al grupo de trabajo Europa-América Latina sobre **Investigación TICs en e-Gobierno y servicios al ciudadano** del proyecto WINDS-América Latina.*

*WINDS-LA es un proyecto apoyado por la Comisión Europea (FP6-IST) que pretende facilitar la creación de proyectos de colaboración entre instituciones de Europa y América Latina en el ámbito de la investigación TICs, para presentarse en las futuras convocatorias del Séptimo Programa Marco de la UE.. Durante el año 2007, el proyecto ha individuado grupos de investigación e investigadores de excelencia de América Latina y Europa y, al mismo tiempo, ha identificado un conjunto de áreas de trabajo prioritarias, entre las cuales destaca “e-Gobierno y servicios al ciudadano”. En este sentido, usted (y su institución) ha sido identificado como actor clave en esta área de investigación.*

*En primer lugar le invitamos, si no lo ha hecho ya, a registrarse en la página web del proyecto ([www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu)) y a incluir su institución y proyectos en la base de datos de WINDS. Esto es muy importante porque*

<sup>1</sup> Initially, it was not planned to organize online workshops, so both of the on line sessions are referred to as mailing list discussions.

<sup>2</sup> Message to the ICT for GOVERNMENT cluster (sent Monday, March 10th, 2008)

las instituciones registradas en la base de datos serán presentadas en una publicación y tendrán una alta visibilidad tanto entre las comunidades de investigación en Europa y en América Latina como en la Comisión Europea.

Con el fin de definir proyectos colaborativos Europa-América Latina, que puedan financiarse a través del FP7, el grupo de trabajo **Investigación TICs en e-Gobierno y servicios al ciudadano** realizará dos sesiones de discusión on-line a través de esta lista de correo. La primera sesión de networking empezará el 26 de marzo, durará dos semanas y se focalizará sobre áreas de interés y de excelencia de los participantes. La segunda ronda empezará el 12 de mayo, también durará dos semanas y se focalizará sobre ideas prácticas de proyectos ICT-FP7. Además, el grupo de trabajo cuenta con un espacio web propio en la página [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu), en el cual entendemos recoger y documentar puntos de excelencia e ideas de cooperación, para difundirlas tanto entre los participantes como en la Comisión Europea.

Agradeciendo su atención, nos auguramos poder contar con su participación y nos despedimos muy cordialmente.

Atentamente,

Barbara Vetturini

Coordinadora grupo de trabajo e-Gobierno y Servicios al ciudadano

Si vd. no desea formar parte de esta lista de correo, solo tiene que contestar a este mensaje con el Subject REMOVE. Disculpen la molestia.

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Dear researcher,

Welcome to WINDS-LA Working Group on EU-LA collaboration on ICT research on e-Government and services to citizens.

WINDS-LA is a project supported by the European Commission (FP6-IST) which aims to facilitate the creation of collaboration projects between institutions of Europe and Latin America on ICT research, and the presentation of these projects to FP7 calls for proposals. During 2007, the project has identified E-Government and services to citizen as a priority for cooperation and has mapped a number of excellence research teams in Latin America and Europe. In this sense, we identified your profile (and your institution) as a key actor in this research area.

Firstly, we invite you -if you haven't done so already - to register in the project web page ([www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu)), and to include information on your institution and projects in the WINDS database. This will give you high visibility, since the database entries will be included in a publication that will be broadly disseminated among EU and LA research communities as well as towards the European Commission.

Then, we would like to count on your active participation in the working group through this mailing list. The first online networking session will start on the 26th of March, will last two weeks time, and will focus on identifying specific excellence experiences, needs and research concerns of the working group participants. The second session will start on the 12th of May, will also last two weeks, and will focus on discussing and building concrete ideas on ICT research collaboration projects. Furthermore, the working group counts with a specific webspace in the [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu) website, in which participants can post and comment ideas on excellence in ICT research as well as on future projects.

Hoping to start working with you soon, we thank you for your attention and send you our best regards

Barbara Vetturini

E-Government and Services to Citizen Working Group coordinator

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, just reply to this message with "REMOVE" in the subject. We apologise for disturbing.

### 3.3 Example of startup message to clusters without webspace<sup>3</sup>

*Estimado investigador,*

tengo el placer de darle la bienvenida al proyecto **WINDS-América Latina** ([www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu)). WINDS-LA es un proyecto apoyado por la **Comisión Europea (FP6-IST)** que pretende facilitar la creación de proyectos de colaboración entre instituciones de Europa y América Latina en el ámbito de la investigación TICs, para presentarse en las futuras convocatorias del **Séptimo Programa Marco de la UE**.

Durante el año 2007, el proyecto ha individuado grupos de investigación e investigadores de excelencia de América Latina y Europa y, al mismo tiempo, ha identificado un conjunto de áreas de trabajo prioritarias, entre las cuales destaca "**Informática móvil/ubicua**". Usted (y su institución) ha sido identificado como actor clave en esta área de investigación.

Primero le invitamos, si no lo ha hecho ya, a registrarse en la página web del proyecto ([www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu)) y a incluir su institución y proyectos en la base de datos de WINDS. Esto es muy importante porque las instituciones y los proyectos registrados en la base de datos serán presentadas en una publicación y tendrán una alta visibilidad tanto entre las comunidades de investigación en Europa y en América Latina como en la Comisión Europea.

Segundo, le invitamos a participar en los grupos de trabajo que se han lanzado, con el fin de definir proyectos colaborativos Europa-América Latina que puedan financiarse a través del FICT- FP7, en las siguientes áreas temáticas:

- E-Gobierno y Servicios al Ciudadano
- TICs para Salud
- TICs para Educación
- TICs para Inclusion Social y Accesibilidad
- TICs para MedioAmbiente y Biodiversidad
- Software Engineering

Si usted piensa que las tematicas de su **investigación TICs sobre Informática móvil/ubicua** puedan tener pertinencia con uno o más de los Grupos de Trabajo, le invitamos a escribir al coordinador del mismo grupo (que encuentra en la pagina de winds-la en la area de Grupo de Trabajo) y anadirse al mismo grupo. De toda manera le agradeceríamos sus comentarios sobre los Post en los Blogs, en particular sobre las connexiones entre el tema de la Informatica Movil/Ubicua y la área específica del Blog en que se encuentra.

Agradeciendo su atención, nos auguramos poder contar con su participación y nos despedimos muy cordialmente.

Atentamente

Barbara Vetturini

Coordinadora WINDS-LA Clustering

Si vd. no desea formar parte de esta lista de correo, solo tiene que contestar a este mensaje con el Subject REMOVE. Disculpe la molestia.

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Dear researcher,

Welcome to **WINDS-Latin America project** ([www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu)). WINDS-LA is a project supported by the **European Commission (FP6-IST)** which aims to facilitate the creation of collaboration projects between

<sup>3</sup> Message to the Mobile cluster (Sent Tuesday, April 29th, 2008)

*institutions of Europe and Latin America on ICT research, and the presentation of these projects to FP7 calls for proposals.*

*During 2007, the project has mapped a number of excellence research teams and a number of issues of interest for ICT research in Latin America and Europe, among other **Mobile/Ubiquitous Computing**. Your profile (and your institution) has been identified as a key actor in this research issue.*

*First we invite you - if you haven't done it already - to register in the WINDS-LA web page ([www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu)), and to include information on your institution and projects in the WINDS database. This will give you high visibility, since the database entries will be included in a publication that will be broadly disseminated among EU and LA research communities as well as towards the European Commission.*

*We also invite you to participate in the Working Group we have launched with the final objective to define collaboration projects that could be financed in FICT- FP7, in this specific thematic issues:*

- *E-Government and Services to Citizen*
- *ICT for Health*
- *ICT for Education*
- *ICT for Social Inclusion*
- *ICT for Environment and Biodiversity*
- *Software engineering*

*If you consider that issues of your **ICT Research projects on Mobile/Ubiquitous Computing** could be related with one or more of the issues above and you are not already participating in these Working Groups, we invite you to write to the Working Group coordinator (you'll find e-mail in [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu) working group area) and join the group. In any case, as ICT researcher on GRID we would appreciate your comments and contributions to the on-line Blogs, with particular reference to links between Mobile Computing and the specific Blog Area.*

*Thank you very much for your attention and participation*

*Barbara Vetturini  
WINDS-LA Clustering Coordinator*

*If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, just reply to this message with "REMOVE" in the subject. We apologise for disturbing*

## 4 Clusters animation: the first set of networking session

### 4.1 Purposes of the first networking session

The first networking sessions, announced to the 6 working groups in the first information message reported in chapter 3, had the following specific objectives:

- to reach a validated description of the research themes in a EU-LA perspective (the so-called Frameworks in the D4.1 Thematic Cluster Report)
- to help participants to present themselves and their excellence (Typical question to LA participants: What can you bring to a FP7 project in terms of unique added value? To EU participants: what do you look for when looking for a LA partner?)
- to identify the problems and barriers to LA FP7 participation (Typical question to LA participants: How would you approach a European project coordinator? What has been your experience in FP7 participation, if any? Did you participate in a rejected proposal? What do you expect in terms of benefits in FP7 participation? Which pitfalls do you envisage?)
- to get elements for the definition of a better strategy to improve EU-LA cooperation in the field of ICT research, as an input to WP6 (Typical questions: what is needed to strengthen cooperation: more specific funds? More networking meetings? More mobility funds?)

### 4.2 Scheduling, messages and Blogs activities

In the initial message sent in March, the first on line session was announced and scheduled, with the following dates:

- E-government, e-Health, e-Learning: 26<sup>th</sup> of March (then moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> of April due to holidays in LA)
- E-Inclusion, e- Environment and Software Engineering: 21<sup>st</sup> of April

The reason for the different scheduling was that we had noticed that some institutions were present and wanted to participate to more than one working group. To allow them to active participate, it was decided not to overlap the 6 groups, but to plan the sessions in two different moments.

The duration of the first set of networking sessions has been of one month for each session. During this period, the clusters were kept active by the clusters coordinators, inviting the participants to post messages on the web community and to present ideas and projects. The discussion has been guided in such a way to reach the first session's objectives, which were the definition of a set of research sub-themes for each cluster and the indication of some barriers of successful participation of LA researchers in European projects. All the results of these discussions can be appreciated in the Working Groups space of the [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu) website (registration in the website is needed).

Each message sent to the working groups' mailing lists by the coordinators was always referring to a post in the web community space, to give the possibility to users to participate either via the mailing list or by commenting in the blog.

### 4.3 Example of message to define the issue – sent 8th of April 2008

*You'll find the English version of this letter at the end of the Spanish text*

*Estimados participantes,*

*tengo el placer de comunicarles que, con este mail, damos inicio a la **primera ronda de discusión** del grupo de Trabajo “e-Gobierno y servicios al ciudadano” la cual tendrá lugar a través de esta lista de correo. Nuestro primer debate tendrá como objetivo **la definición de la Investigación TICs en e-Gobierno** así como la reflexión sobre posibles proyectos de cooperación entre AL y EU específico de nuestro ámbito de estudio.*

*En esta lista de correo de WINDS\_LA participan más de 200 contactos procedentes de instituciones latinoamericanas y europeas que se ocupan de Investigación en e-Gobierno. Así pues, ésta es una oportunidad única para llegar a la definición de proyectos colaborativos financiados y desarrollados en el marco del programa FP7 de la Comisión Europea.*

*Con este propósito les propongo contribuir en la discusión contestando a este correo con sus reflexiones sobre los siguientes puntos:*

*¿Cuales son las áreas de Investigación TICs sobre e-Gobierno que usted considera mas relevantes y como las definiría (temas específicos)?*

*¿En cuales de estas áreas su institución puede contar con la mayor experiencia?*

*¿Cuales de estas áreas le interesaría desarrollar conjuntamente con otras instituciones de investigación?*

*El procedimiento para poder participar en esta discusión es muy simple. Haga clic en Responder y así mandará sus reflexiones a todos los colaboradores de esta lista de correo. De este modo todos podremos participar de las opiniones de todos con vistas a activar un debate que nos permita llegar a conclusiones provechosas para nuestro ámbito de estudio.*

*Del mismo modo, en el caso que quisieran comentar o preguntar alguna duda especifica, les invito a que lo hagan directamente al e-mail del coordinador (en este caso: [bvetturini@scienter.org](mailto:bvetturini@scienter.org)) con el fin de evitar la saturación del buzón de entrada de nuestros colegas.*

*Así mismo les recuerdo que las aportaciones al blog del grupo de trabajo pueden consultarse públicamente en la página web del proyecto ([http://www.winds-la.eu/winds/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=31&Itemid=116&lang=spanish](http://www.winds-la.eu/winds/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=31&Itemid=116&lang=spanish)).*

*Esperando sus contribuciones,*

*les envío mis cordiales saludos*

*Barbara Vetturini*

*Coordinadora del Grupo de Trabajo sobre e-Gobierno y Servicios al ciudadano*

*Si vd.. no desea formar parte de esta lista de correo, solo tiene que contestar a este mensaje con el Subject REMOVE. Disculpen la molestia.*

*Dear participants,*

*I have the pleasure to inform you that with this e-mail we are officially starting the first discussion session of the “e-Government and services to citizen” working group, which will take place through this mailing list. Our first debate will have the objective to define the issue of ICT research for e-Government in EU-LA perspective, as well as the reflection on possible cooperation projects between Latin America and Europe in the field.*

*This WINDS\_LA mailing list you are inserted in has about 200 contacts of different Latinamerican and European institutions which are involved in ICT research for e-Government. For this reason this is a unique opportunity to reach the definition of collaborative projects financed and supported by the FP7 program of the European Commission.*

*To reach the goal I propose you to contribute to the discussion answering this e-mail with your contributions on the following key points:*

- Which are the Research areas in ICT for e-Gov that you think are more relevant and how would you define them?*
- In which of these areas does your institution count on experiences?*
- Which of this areas are you interested in developing collaborative projects with other research institutions?*

*The procedure to participate is quite easy. Just answer to this e-mail and you will automatically send your contribution to all the contacts in this mailing list. In this way we will all share your opinions and we will activate a debate that will permit to reach useful conclusion for our field.*

*At the same time, if you need to comment or to ask specific questions, I invite you to write directly to the coordinator (in this case [bvetturini@scienteer.org](mailto:bvetturini@scienteer.org)), to avoid unuseful saturation of the participants inboxes. I also remind you that you can consult comments on posts in the Working Group blog at the following address*

*[http://www.winds-la.eu/winds/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=31&Itemid=116&lang=spanish](http://www.winds-la.eu/winds/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=31&Itemid=116&lang=spanish)*

*Looking forward for your contribution,  
I send you my best regards*

*Barbara Vetturini  
Coordinator of the E-Government and Services to Citizen Working Group*

*If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, just reply to this message with "REMOVE" in the subject. We apologise for disturbing.*

#### 4.4 Reporting on Participation and Results

The following table reports on the participation to the discussion session both through the mailing list and through the Blog posts' comments.

	<b>E-Gov</b>	<b>E-Health</b>	<b>E-learning</b>	<b>e-Environment</b>	<b>e-Inclusion</b>	<b>SW Eng.</b>
<b>Total Participants N°</b>	46	20	25	21	8	15
<b>Total N° comments in the web community</b>	16	17	22	5	12	4
<b>Total N° e-mails (to the mailing list and to the coordinator) excluding the coordinators' messages</b>	96	30	36	23	9	26

In order to keep coherence between the discussion through the mailing list and the webspaces and to allow all participants to be kept to date with the clusters development, after each discussion moment (and in coincidence with the achievement of a consensus such as the set of research sub-themes), a specific post was sent to summarize the state of the art of the cluster discussion.

#### **4.5 Clusters work results: definition of research sub-themes**

##### a) ICT research and Government

During the first discussion session on the definition of ICT research areas of interest in e-Government and Service to Citizen in EU-LA perspective, first of all, different general approaches to the theme were proposed, followed by specific research areas of interest. All research themes are strictly connected to immediate possible application; here they are:

1. ICT research in e-Management applied to e-Government, focusing in the development of a transition and management plan to e-Government in the organizations' concerns. In this field research is mostly "process research" to support management of resources of e-government structures and allow access and transparency to citizens. Following the process' reengineering necessary to support e-government projects, ICT new organizational applications must be thought and implemented.
2. ICT research focusing in specific applicative issues in e-Government as Fostering citizen participation in democracy: e-vote, City Director Plans, strictly connected to Planning and Management issues at local level, Legal issues of e-Government: Artificial Intelligence research and its application in the field of law, web technology applied to legal reasoning, Service Automatization for citizens and for administration in specific fields as public supply (v.g. payment systems).
3. Interest in Focusing in access to connectivity and online services (networks, mobile, ..)
4. Research on interoperability issues (standards like OWL-DL, MetaLex and others) and content management issues applied on operational issues in e-Government (providing the information needed by citizen and society)
5. Focusing in ICT research in fields generally not included specifically in ICT research for e-Government, but considered by participants to be included in e-Government as part of Digital Agenda of the State and thus conducted by government (in particular in Central America). Among them ICT research in E-Learning for government.

##### b) ICT research and Health

The Cluster participants have defined the following research areas as the most important for EU-LA cooperation in ICT for health:

1. ICT rural telemedicine: remote consultations, diagnosis and treatment using ICT, transmission of patients information (images, clinical record cards) to specialist doctors who advise treatment and to follow, implementation of electronic clinical history basically for primary attention of health and with extension at the tertiary levels;
2. ICT for Epidemiological Surveillance: public health and disease reporting, real-time epidemiology, landscape Epidemiology, risk maps and Health Early Warning Systems;

3. Data management: personal data security, data positioning, standardized data integration from different systems and databases;
4. Internet tools and applications in eHealth: metadata standards, semantic Web applied in describing health websites, rating, searching and filtering tools, Web 2.0 and health social networks, certification, quality programs of health related websites, trustmarks and quality seals;
5. Telemedicine and related applications: patient monitoring and exchange of complementary medical tests, tools for patients with mobility disabilities, medical alerts and several tools using mobile devices.

The following general concerns have been also stated as very important: ICT for health education and consumers protection and use, education/training in health disciplines, telelearning, telementoring, introduction of digital thinking for health, connectivity via the Internet and satellites for cooperation and collaboration between physicians.

#### c) ICT research and education

The following themes have been identified as key issues in the research field of ICT for Education in Europe and Latin America:

1. ICT for communication processes: personalization of the learning in common settings of technology enhanced learning, sustainable development of e-learning communities, promotion of scientific research on-line networks (national and international), Inter-relationships between universities-enterprises.
2. ICT for managing the learning processes: 2.a) General data management: personal data security, data positioning, standardized data integration from different systems and databases. 2.b) Specific content management: e-learning appropriated methodologies, encouraging reflexive thinking, awareness people's participation and promoting their involvement,
3. ICT for new and improved learning environments: 3D environments, Metaverse, free-access 3D simulation environments, digital meta-libraries.
4. Internet tools and applications in Education: metadata standards, semantic Web applied in describing educational websites, rating, searching and filtering tools, Web 2.0 and education social networks, certification, quality programs of education related websites, trustmarks and quality seals, mobile learning.

#### d) ICT research and environment

The Cluster participants have defined the following research areas as the most important for EU-LA cooperation in ICT for environment and biodiversity:

1. ICT research for environmental risks evaluation and prevention, including massive data management for environment, remote monitoring, cooperative software;
2. ICT research for urban and rural population mapping;
3. ICT research for geospatial databases and libraries in the support generalized base mapping, emergency preparedness and response, food security and poverty mapping;

4. ICT research for energy efficiency;
5. ICT research to enhance professional communication between professionals in the field of forestry and environment and related rural connectivity issues;
6. ICT research to enhance the flow of environment related information between stakeholders both on the national level and on regional and global levels;
7. ICT-based training and awareness on environmental issues (climate change, biodiversity, environmental education, transgenics, etc.).

#### 4.6 Reporting on changes in the Clusters composition

The composition of the clusters (reflected by the members of the six mailing lists) changed during the animation period, since:

- a) it was given the possibility to registered users of [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu) to join one or more cluster (through an automatic email system where the new users were requested to provide some key information about their research interest and expertise)
- b) it was given the possibility to cluster participants to be removed by the clusters (and by the respective mailing lists); this was typically the case of users who had registered to all six clusters and in a second moment decided to leave some of them to concentrate on their theme of interest.

The trend has been positive, with much more new entries than requests for removal, as it can be appreciated in the table below.

The following table reports on the main changes in the 6 mailing lists.

	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Learning</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>Inclusion</b>	<b>SW Eng.</b>
New participants from the web site	16	7	12	18	3	5
Initial participants that asked to be removed	9	1	3	9	1	1

## 5 Clusters animation: the second set of networking session

### 5.1 Purposes of the second networking session

The second round of online networking sessions, announced to the 6 working groups in the first information message reported in chapter 4, had the following specific objectives:

- to present FP7 and to facilitate transfer of knowledge on how a FP7 project should be built (tips and tricks for participation);
- to propose and agree some areas for potential FP7 projects in each thematic cluster;
- to aggregate actors around those areas;
- to discuss how to transform those ideas in successful FP7 projects.

The first and the last objective clearly included a training component.

### 5.2 On line conference software selection and scheduling

At the time of the first information message, the second discussion session had been thought to be implemented with the same instruments of the first one: the mailing lists and the web communities. Due to the review of annex 1 and to the need to facilitate synchronous discussion and online cooperation, this was changed and the sessions were organized through an online conference software, enabling participants to present their project and to assist to training components.

Following a short analysis of available teleconferencing and online conferences software, it was decided to use the open source software DIMDIM ([www.dimdim.com](http://www.dimdim.com)), that the WINDS-LA coordinators had tried in more than one session of project meetings.

The sessions were announced in the Web communities and through a message to the 6 mailing lists. According to the number of participants, 3 sessions took place the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July.

- ICT research for health dedicated session;
- ICT research for learning dedicated session;
- Joint session dedicated to e-government, e-inclusion, e-Environment, SW Engineering.

Here is the message sent to the 6 working groups to explain the organization of the event:

*English text below:*

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*Estimados investigadores y miembros del grupo de trabajo de investigacion TICS sobre **e-Gobierno y Servicios al ciudadano**,*

como anticipado, dentro de las actividades de WINDS-LA vamos a organizar una sesion online de colaboración sobre Investigacion TICS sobre e-Gobierno y Servicios al ciudadano el 14 de julio a las 18.00 CET (para comprobar la hora en su país, por favor visite [www.timezoneconverter.com](http://www.timezoneconverter.com)).

Esta sesión tiene por objeto facilitar la creación de redes sobre el tema y coleccionar ideas de proyectos para la próxima convocatoria ICT del 7º PM de la Comisión Europea .

La sesión tendrá una duración de 1 hora y media y se dividirá en dos partes:

1ª parte: presentacion de los resultados del Grupo de Trabajo hasta la fecha, breve ronda de presentaciones de los participantes, presentación del 7PM y de las futuras convocatorias, notas y ejemplos sobre investigacion TICS sobre e-Gobierno en Europa.

2ª parte: presentación por los participantes de sus expertise y ideas de proyectos. Esta parte s muy importante, ya que las ideas de proyectos presentadas serán promovidas en la Conferencia ICT 2008 en Lyon en November por el consorcio WINDS. Por lo tanto, presentar una idea de proyecto en la sesion online es una ocasión única para ser visibles entre los investigadores Europeos en Lyon 2008, que es el "evento ICT mas grande del mundo".

En los próximos días vamos a comunicar las instrucciones para acceder a la reunión en línea, mientras tanto los participantes interesados tienen que:

- Confirmar la participación (si ya no está hecho)
- Enviar una (1) diapositiva PPT con la idea del proyecto, que será proyectada durante la sesion

Las plazas son limitadas (para permitir la interacción), así que por favor confirmen su presencia y envíen su diapositiva PPT antes del próximo Lunes 7 de julio.

Para mas informaciones no duden en contactar conmigo.

Saludos cordiales,

Barbara Vetturini

Coordinadora del grupo de trabajo WINDS-LA sobre e-Gobierno y Servicios al ciudadano

[bvetturini@scienter.org](mailto:bvetturini@scienter.org)

Dear members of the WINDS working group on ICT research for **e-Government and Services to Citizen**,

as anticipated, we will organise an online collaborative networking session of the WINDS-LA working Group on e-Government and Services to citizen on the 14th of July at 18.00 CET (to check the time in your timezone please visit [www.timezoneconverter.com](http://www.timezoneconverter.com)). This session aims at facilitating networking on the theme and at gathering project ideas for the next European Commission FP7-ICT calls.

The session will last 1h and a half and will be divided in two parts:

- 1st part: brief summary of the Working Group results to date, short round of presentations by participants, presentation on FP7 and on future call for proposals, notes on e-Government developments in Europe
- 2nd part: presentation by the participants on their expertise and of project ideas. This part is very important since the project ideas presented during the session will be promoted in the ICT Lyon Conference 2008 by the WINDS Consortium. The Lyon event is the biggest ICT event in the world, WINDS will be there with a

*stand and therefore presenting a project idea in the online session is a unique occasion to be visible among EU researchers.*

*In the next days we will communicate the instructions to access the online meeting; in the meantime interested participants need to:*

- confirm participation (if not done already)*
- send a single PPT slide with the project idea that will be projected during the session*

*Places are limited (to allow interaction), so please confirm your presence and send your PPT slide by next Monday 7th of July.*

*Best regards,*

*Barbara Vetturini*

*WINDS-LA working group coordinator on e-Government and Services to Citizen*

Here is the message sent for the instructions on how to participate to the online session using the DIMDIM SW. This message was sent only to the contacts that had answered to the previous message:

*“Estimados colegas,*

*como anticipado, para facilitar el networking entre distintos actores y la colaboracion al rededor de ideas de proyectos, la semana que viene vamos a organizar una sesión online de networking. La sesion agregará investigadores procedentes de sectores como eGobierno, inclusion digital, software, medioambiente.*

*La sesion tendrá lugar el día **MARTES 15 JULIO a las 18.00 hora de Bruselas**. La sesión se llevará a través de la plataforma DIMDIM (una plataforma open source que no necesita instalar ningún client y que funciona con todo los sistemas operativos). El mismo día, unas horas antes de la sesión, todos los participantes confirmados recibirán una invitación para conectarse al sistema de colaboración.*

*Para estar seguros que durante la sesión todo funcione bien y cada participante pueda hablar, escuchar y ver las presentaciones, el día de **LUNES 14** organizaremos una **sesión de prueba** a las 18.00 hora de Bruselas. Para conectarse a la sesion de prueba asi como a la sesion del martes, siguan este link <http://webmeeting.dimdim.com:80/portal/JoinButton.action?confKey=windsla>.*

*Les acordamos que para presenar su proyecto o idea de proyecto tienen que enviar una presentacion PPT de una lamina (slide). Esto es muy importante porque las ideas que se presentaran durante la sesion seran promocionadas por WINDS-LA en el marco de la Conferencia ICT2008 en Lyon.*

*Para cualquier duda contacten con Barbara Vetturini, [bvetturini@scienter.org](mailto:bvetturini@scienter.org)*

*Saludos y hasta el lunes (para la prueba) y el martes (para la sesión),*

*Fabio Nascimbeni  
Coordinador WINDS-LA”*

### 5.3 Online sessions objectives, agenda and FP7 training component

The objective of the second set of networking sessions was to facilitate networking among ICT researchers in different fields from Europe and Latin America in view of preparing proposals for the next FP7 ICT calls.

After a brief introduction on the session logic and working methods, a presentation on FP7 was given by F. Nascimbeni (WINDS-LA), focusing on open possibilities for international cooperation, mechanisms for participating, next calls and possibilities.

Each participant presented a project idea, which was commented both by the WINDS-LA team and by the other participants. All the presentations are available in the WINDS working space at [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu). Most of project ideas presented were judged as relevant to FP7-ICT. Strong complementarity between some of the ideas was noted, and some contacts will be followed-up by the presenters.

Some participants (especially in the health and learning sessions) offered their availability to follow up the session in their collaboration environment after the end of the WINDS-LA project.

The following agenda was followed during the on line sessions:

#### AGENDA

- Presentation of the online Session Objectives and Agenda
- Brief Summary of the Working Group First Session Results
- Short round of Presentations by Participants
- Presentation on FP7 and on Future Calls
- Presentation by the Participants on their expertise and Project ideas (previously sent to Coordinator)
- Q&A

All the presentations given during the sessions can be downloaded at [www.winds-la.eu](http://www.winds-la.eu).

#### 5.4 Reporting on Participants and presented Projects

The following table reports on the participation to the on line sessions

	<b>ICT research and health</b>	<b>ICT research and learning</b>	<b>ICT research for Env., inclusion, government, energy</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total N° Participants (excl. WINDS team)</b>	13	12	10	35
<b>Total N° Projects presented</b>	11	8	10	29

In the opinion of the WINDS consortium, having been able to share 29 project ideas (that will be followed up until the ICT Lyon Conference and that have been shared with all the members of the WINDS-Clusters) is an important result.

Following the sessions, all proponents of project ideas have been contacted in order to refine their idea and to be able to promote and discuss it (either in person or through WINDS-LA) during the ICT event in Lyon. The participants have been requested to prepare fiches on their project ideas (following a specific template) that will be brought to the ICT Lyon event and presented to EU researchers, to facilitate inclusion of LA partners in EU projects proposals.

**Online session “ICT research for health”, 14 July 2008**Participants list

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Plataforma PESCA	Carlos Sanchez Bocanegra	Grupo Pesca	ES
Sistema para atencion acientes remota	John Fredi Lopez	NISSITECH	CO
Platform for endoscopic surgery knowledge exchange	Miguel Hector Fernandez Carrion	Universidad Complutense de Madrid	ES
Metodologia y plataforma open source	Arturo Simich	Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería	PE
Economía e Historia Aplicada a la Salud	Maite Mijares	Fundacion Ecuatoriana de Telemedicina y eSalud	EC
MEDNET	Juan Carlos Zapata	Fundacion eSocial	
IRCCS on GARR	Sabrina Tomassini	GARR	IT
Rural Telemedicine	Graciela Russomando	Universidad Nacional de Asunción	PY
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Presentations given during the session

Multilingüismo en Educación Digital	Ginger Paque	DiploFoundtion	VE
Detección de necesidades de desarrollo en TIC	Hugo Carrión	Centro de Investigación para la Sociedad de la Información, el Conocimiento y la Innovación.	EC
Formación de Profesores y Blended Learning	Maurizzio Betti	Universidad Católica de Temuco	CL
Formación de facilitadores de Educación en Línea	Roberto Roggiero	NUEVARED	EC
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## 6 Conclusions and lessons learnt

As an overall conclusion, the work done by WP4 has reached its objective of informing the members of the WINDS website and community on WINDS and on FP7, of training interested parties on how to approach FP7 funding, and of facilitating networking and projects emersion. As it was expected, animating six communities counting with a whole of more than 800 potential participants and 155 active participants (meaning participants who actually wrote a message or posted a comment) was possible only by adopting a step-by-step methodology. It started with a broad set of information services targeted to the whole community and that moved into more specific collaboration and brokerage services for the actors interested and mature to discuss a project ideas. What WINDS was able to do was to give – for a limited time – a collaboration agenda to the clusters created in the first part of WP4, as well as a number of tools to increase the chances to participate in FP7. It must be noticed that cross fertilization among different clusters took place, mainly due to the presence of some actors in more than a cluster and to the attention of the animators in spreading specific transversal information to all clusters.

During the Clustering and Thematic Networking activities all of the institutions identified in the 10 Initial Thematic Clusters have been contacted, invited to join the WINDS-LA project (by registering in the project website) and made aware of WINDS-LA aims and objectives. Furthermore, for the 6 clusters identified, animation activities led to the validation of the theme as an issue in the WINDS-LA project, and the identification of some specific projects to be further elaborated and eventually addressed to FP7.

The Clustering and Thematic Networking activities had strong impact on two important components of the project: on the 10 Thematic Clusters described in D4.1, and on the WINDS-LA Database.

Specifically, the networking activities were able to:

- Increase the dimensions of the 10 WINDS-LA clusters;
- Involve more actors, since many of the institutions inserted in the 10 Thematic Clusters following a desk research made by WINDS-LA partners have eventually and spontaneously registered in the WINDS-LA Database;
- Facilitate a reflection on the themes of selection and the definition of a number of research specific sub-themes for each cluster;
- Facilitate the emersion, through dialogue and collaboration, of 29 project ideas, that will be followed up and accompanied – whenever feasible - towards their transformation in FP7-ICT proposals.