



WINDS-LA Special News



**ICT LYON 2008 & BRUSSELS MEETINGS:
KEY DAYS FOR EU-LA COOPERATION IN ICT RESEARCH**

The [WINDS-LA](#) Project, in cooperation with [SOLAR-ICT](#), is organising a full week of events in order to promote Latin American ICT research capacities and competencies in Europe and to facilitate contacts between researchers from both regions. All those who are interested in disseminating their expertise and broadening their networking opportunities have a chance to take part of these events: attending in person to all conferences and meetings or sending their project ideas that will be arranged and circulated among key people of each filed.

ICT-Lyon 2008 Event (25-27 November 2008) Lyon, France

Organised by the [Directorate General Information Society and Media](#) of the European Commission (EC) During this event, the Latin American (LA) delegates in Lyon will be welcomed in a dedicated stand called “Latin America ICT Gateway” that will be the point of reference for all Lyon participants willing to have information on LA ICT competencies & capacities and willing contacting LA potential project partners to work together. On the 26th of November, a dedicated Networking Session will be organised to facilitate the contacts and enhance even more the networking activities between LA partners and the European counterpart.

Project Concept Note Day (28 November 2008) Lyon, France

In the aftermath of the ICT Event, the ‘Project Concept Note Day’ will represent an excellent opportunity to capitalise on the information received, the contacts made and the ideas that arose during the ICT Lyon 2008. The WINDS and SOLAR partners will assist the participants in structuring a draft idea into a proper Concept Note, gathering all key elements necessary to make an early assessment of a project idea.

Pre-Screened & Networking Day (1 December 2008) Brussels, Belgium

With the support of the European Commission, SOLAR and WINDS-LA coordinate this event to refine Latin American delegates’ concept notes in order to transform them into a real pre-project document.

SOLAR-ICT and WINDS-LA joint Final Event (2 December 2008) Brussels, Belgium

The meeting will take place at the Residence Palace and aim to show the results achieved by both project in a unique event. The agenda foresees speakers from the projects’ Latin American partners’ countries, the European Commission and ICT stakeholders. The Event will also be an opportunity for the projects to present their results and showcase of identified Latin American excellence as well as being an invaluable opportunity for networking and brokerage in the field of EU-LA ICT collaboration.

Key Data

- To be part of the Latin American delegation in Lyon and Brussels, please express your interest by email to [Soraya Hidalgo](#).
- It is important to register your institution in the [WINDS database](#) and fill in the project idea in a [template form](#) (DOC format).
- Unfortunately, WINDS-LA cannot cover any kind of expense. We could put your organization in contact with the national Liaison Offices to ask for local support. Please, let us know sending an e-mail to communication@winds-la.eu
- In case you cannot attend the events, we suggest you to register your institution in the [WINDS database](#) and fill in the project idea in a [template form](#) to have the chance European researchers can take into account your proposal when they look for partners for their projects.
- All practical information to visit France and Belgium can be found in this PDF file: [Practical instructions](#)

Read [more information](#) about each event.

If you have any questions, send a message to communication@winds-la.eu

We look forward to your participation!