



## New opportunities for ICT research cooperation between the EU and Cuba

*La Habana, 15 January 2009*

In the frame of the 13th International Convention and Fair – Informática 2009, WINDS-Caribe will organize a Collaboration Seminar titled “Strengthening the international cooperation in ICT research” on the 10th of February at the Palacio de Convenciones of La Habana city.

The workshop seeks to get together ICT researchers, key government representatives, and private sector entrepreneurs from Cuba to meet with EU counterparts and to be introduced to FP7 collaboration possibilities. The participation of the WINDS-Caribe project partners in this event is part of the strategy of expanding the cooperation possibilities for the ICT R&D actors and initiatives of the country.

The WINDS-Caribe partners (MENON, UNIBE and FUNREDES) will present the current financial support opportunities for research and development projects with FP7, the work carried out by the project in the first year of its lifecycle, and the interactive tools that the WINDS-Caribe website offer to support the submission process to FP7 calls.

The Seminar counted with the local support of the Cuban Ministry of Informatics and Communication (MIC).

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'Framework Programmes' (FPs) have been the main financial tools through which the European Union supports research and development activities covering almost all scientific disciplines. FP7 is the current programme which runs for the period 2007-2013 and is open for the first time to countries that are not member states of the European Union (called 'third countries').

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The WINDS-Caribe project ([www.winds-lac.eu](http://www.winds-lac.eu)) aims at deepening strategic R&D cooperation between Europe and the Caribbean by building a multinational and multistakeholder community involving relevant R&D European and Caribbean actors (researchers, policy makers, users) and by identifying common needs, research issues and opportunities for cooperative R&D between the two regions, setting the basis for the formulation of a common strategy for future research.

### **Regional WINDS-Caribe Seminar in Cuba**

Palacio de Convenciones de La Habana  
10 February 2009 - 10.00 a 12.30

The event is public and free; for space reasons, please confirm your participation to [communication@winds-lac.eu](mailto:communication@winds-lac.eu)



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