

# **WINDS-Caribe Newsletter**

## ***Fostering EU-Caribbean ICT research cooperation***

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Welcome to the fifth issue of the **WINDS-Caribe Newsletter "Fostering EU-Caribbean ICT research cooperation"**, produced by the WINDS-Caribe project with the support of the European Commission (Seventh Framework Programme for RTD), presenting reflections, news and events related to Europe-Caribbean cooperation in ICT research.

Enjoy your reading,

[The WINDS-Caribe team](#)

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One of the main objectives of the WINDS-Caribe project is to build and animate a EU-Caribbean ICT research stakeholder community able to foster synergy, dialogue and exchange among the FP7-ICT research community and other research communities at Caribbean level.

This second year of project activities is the time to turn EU-Caribbean cooperation efforts into tangible results, by stimulating contacts and dialogue between European and Caribbean researchers on themes of common interest in order to encourage and support Caribbean research groups to participate in upcoming Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) calls.

To stimulate this dialogue, WINDS-Caribe offers a number of tools and support activities:

- the **WINDS-Caribe Virtual Community** is working in its full capacity with more than 70 participants from the Caribbean region and from Europe. Some specialized clusters are planned to be launch soon in order to follow-up the most relevant ICT research lines and cooperation interests.
- the **WINDS-Caribe helpdesk** is available to present project ideas and to ask for support for participating in FP7-ICT projects.
- the **WINDS-Caribe database** is still open for Caribbean research groups willing to be promoted among European counterparts.
- the **WINDS-Caribe Seminar on UE-Caribbean Cooperation** will take place on October 20 in Brussels, where key ICT research leaders from Europe and the three Caribbean regions (Spanish, French and English-speaking) will attend to analyze ICT research initiatives and discuss future strategies to foster EU-Caribbean cooperation in ICT research.

All these services are open: Caribbean institutions (research centres, universities, NGOs and SMEs) interested to promote their R&D capabilities and to participate in FP7 projects as well as European ICT research networks and institutions interested in working with the Caribbean are invited to get involved.

## WINDS-Caribe Virtual Community: join in the debates!

- Are you a Caribbean researcher seeking to get involved in FP7 projects?
- Are you a European researcher looking for a specific expertise from the Caribbean region?
- Do you want to contribute to the definition of long-term EU-Caribbean cooperation strategy in ICT research?

The WINDS-Caribe Virtual Community is up and running, and is the place for you. The main goal of this tool is to foster debates around ICT R&D in the Caribbean and trigger project collaboration between Caribbean and European researchers, in the context of the ICT component of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7-ICT).

The screenshot shows the WINDS-Caribe Virtual Community website. The header includes the WINDS logo (Latin America Caribe) and the text "Supporting ICT Research between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean". The user is logged in as "alejandra.davidziuk". The main content area is titled "PLATAFORMA WC-VC - PLATEFORME WC-VC - WC-VC PLATFORM" and contains text in English, French, and Spanish describing the community's purpose. The left sidebar has a "Main Menu" with links to "WINDS-Caribe WEB", "WC-VC Chapters / Cartas / Chartes", and "Files - Fichiers - Archivos". Below that is a "Search Forums" section with a search box and a "Go" button. The right sidebar includes "People" (Participants), "My Profile", "Messages" (No messages waiting), "Online Users" (last 5 minutes: alejandra.davidziuk), and a "Calendar" for July 2009.

The Virtual Community allows distance participation in an effective collaboration environment, with the goal of increasing the amount of ICT researchers participating in the upcoming FP7 calls, and to improve the communication and dialogue among them. Each participant can use his or her own language since the platform counts with an automatized aid feature to linguistic inter-comprehension between English, French and Spanish. In the community it is possible to post project ideas, ask questions on participation mechanism, find partners in Europe and in the Caribbean.

Today, more than 70 researchers from the three language Caribbean regions (Spanish, French and English-speaking) and Europe are active in the community.

Along with information exchange, a discussion currently taking place to foster EU-Caribbean and intra-Caribbean cooperation in a long term perspective, focusing on commenting and improving the EU-Caribbean Roadmap on ICT research that will be discussed by key stakeholders in the Final project Seminar.

Join us at <http://www.winds-lac.eu/community!>

## WINDS-Caribe Seminar in Brussels

On the **20th of October 2009**, this key event will gather ICT research leaders from the Caribbean and Europe to discuss about outstanding ICT research initiatives from Cuba, Martinique, Dominican Republic and the English speaking Caribbean, among other countries from the region, and to discuss future strategies to foster EU-Caribbean cooperation in ICT research.

In the Seminar morning session, participants will get an overview of the ICT research capacities and dynamics of the Caribbean and will have the possibility to find research partners from the region. Key themes for the region are ICT and environment, energy, education, health, business and trade, among others.

In the afternoon session, participants will be able to join an open discussion with key stakeholders (including representatives from the European Commission, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Cuban Ministry of Communications and Informatics, the Caribbean Embassies in Brussels) on how to shape the Roadmap on EU-Caribbean Cooperation in ICT research, developed and proposed by the WINDS-Caribe project.



**Venue: ACP Secretariat, Avenue Georges Henri 451, Brussels.**

Find the event program and the online registration forms at [http://www.winds-lac.eu/brussels\\_seminar](http://www.winds-lac.eu/brussels_seminar).

The event aims at gathering around 60 selected participants, including representatives from the main European ICT research networks, ICT industry, university networks, the Caribbean Embassies in Brussels, the European Commission. Book your seat!

## FP7 News and calls for proposals

### Be ready for ICT FP7 Call 5!

The fifth Call for proposals of the ICT FP7 was published on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009, with a budget of EUR 732 million.

The close date for ICT call 5 is 17h00 Brussels time on Monday 26th October.

In line with the official documents published at the [CORDIS website](#), this Call will seek proposals in the following areas:

- Challenge 1: Pervasive and trusted network and service infrastructure

Objective ICT-2009.1.1: The Network of the Future

Objective ICT-2009.1.2: Internet of Services, Software and Virtualisation

Objective ICT-2009.1.3: Internet of Things and Enterprise Environment

Objective ICT-2009.1.4: Trustworthy ICT

Objective ICT-2009.1.6: Future Internet Research & Experimentation

- Challenge 3: Components, systems, engineering

Objective ICT-2009.3.1: Nanoelectronics technology

Objective ICT-2009.3.5: Engineering of networked monitoring and control systems

Objective ICT-2009.3.7: Photonics

Objective ICT-2009.3.9: Microsystems and Smart Miniaturised Systems

- Challenge 4: Digital Libraries and content

Objective ICT-2009.4.2: Technology Enhanced Learning

Objective ICT-2009.4.3: Intelligent Information Management

**Interested in knowing more? In the [www.winds-lac.eu](http://www.winds-lac.eu) website you can find specific support to increase your possibility of success!**

### Other open ICT FP7 calls

- [Clean Sky JTI 2009-01](#) (deadline: 31 August 2009)

- [Design of Future Embedded Systems](#) (deadline: 15 September 2009)

- [ICT for Green Cars-2010](#) (deadline: 03 November 2009)

- [Cross-Thematic Call: Energy-efficient Buildings](#) (deadline: 03 November 2009)

- [Cross-Thematic Call "Factories of the Future"](#) (deadline: 03 November 2009)

### IDEAL-IST Search Partners for the ICT Call 5

Challenge: 3: Components, Systems, Engineering

Objective: 3.1 [Nanoelectronics Technology](#)

Funding Schemes: STREP

Country: Ireland

Challenge: 3: Components, Systems, Engineering

Objective: 3.5 [Engineering of Networked Monitoring and Control Systems](#)

Funding Schemes: STREP

Country: Israel

Visit [CORDIS website](#) for further information.

## The PRO-IDEAL platform: a useful on-line tool to the ICT programme

The PRO-IDEAL platform is a tool open to all interested in the ICT programme – but especially to third country partners from Latin America and the Caribbean. PRO-IDEAL is a FP7 ICT project funded by the EC. Its partners are: Inmark, Spain; EMF, UK; ADI, Chile; MINCYT, Argentina; LATU, Uruguay, USP, Brazil; and collaboration with COLCIENCIAS, Colombia.

**ICT-Wiki:** Alphabetical keywords guide you through the maze of the ICT programme

**Profile yourself** and your project idea through the questionnaires or use the *Ideal-ist* platform

The screenshot shows the PRO-IDEAL website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Help, About, and Contact. Below this is a green navigation menu with buttons for Training, ICT Wiki, Project Ideas, Partner Search, Success Stories, Forum, and Project Angels. The main content area features a header for PRO-IDEAL, a description of the platform as a knowledge source, and a list of main benefits. A map of Latin America highlights countries like Colombia, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina. A 'Country pages' list includes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Colombia, and Europe. On the right, there is a 'Navigation' section with links for Contact, Registration, and Search, and a 'Search' section with a search box and a 'Search' button. A logo for the SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME is also visible.

Training modules allow for **self-learning** at your own pace

**Showcase your success** - and learn through our list of success factors

Register and **interact** with the PRO-IDEAL community in our Fora

**Discover your opportunities at: [www.pro-ideal.eu](http://www.pro-ideal.eu)**

## Upcoming Events

### **Conference CITICED 2009 -VI CREAD CARIBE**

The VI International Congress on Information & Communication Technologies and Remote Education, CITICED 2009 – VI CREAD CARIBE will take place on 26-28 August 2009 at the University Iberoamericana in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Conference will be, on the one hand, a reflection and experience interchange opportunity on the new advances in the field of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and how these tools serve as support to the remote education. On the other hand, the impact of the remote education to a better learning and the incorporation of innovating didactic-pedagogical methodologies, More information at <http://www.citiced-cread.org>

### **WINDS-Caribe Seminar in Brussels**

The WINDS-Caribe Final Seminar will take place on October 20 in Brussels, Belgium. The event aims at gathering key ICT research leaders from the Caribbean in order to inform European researchers about outstanding ICT research initiatives from Cuba, Martinique, Dominican Republic and the English speaking Caribbean, and to discuss future strategies to foster EU-Caribbean cooperation in ICT research. For more information please visit the [Event section](#) of the WINDS-Caribe website.

### **Ideal-Ist Pre-Conference Brokerage - Face2Face meeting on Call 6**

Ideal-ist, the worldwide ICT support network, is organising an international Brokerage Event in relation to Call 6 in association with eChallenges e-2009 on Tuesday October 20 in Istanbul. The Event targets a wide spectrum of companies and researchers from Europe interested in sharing new project ideas and finding collaboration partners. It will also be a worthy opportunity to present at international level your project ideas for 6th Call for Applicants and to promote your organisation at international forum.

The event is focused on Call 6 of ICT work programme 2009 – 10:

- Objective ICT-2009.2.1.Cognitive Systems and Robotics
- Objective ICT-2009.4.1.Digital libraries Digital Preservation
- Objective: ICT 2009.5.3 Virtual Physiological Human
- Objective: ICT 2009.6.2 ICT for Mobility of the Future

Please find more information at <http://www.ideal-ist.net/events/echallenges-f2f-call-6-brokerage-event/>

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