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1 INTRODUCTION

A set of support actions are foreseen in the project to accomplish the main goals of the project: to foster and enhance the policy dialogue in the region on the scope of ICT research and development between Europe and Latin America as well as to improve international cooperation on ICT research between both regions. Part of these actions is a set of events such as ICT Fora, ICT Days and Interactive Workshops and Round Tables, where the latter is the main focus of this report.

A series of at least two Round Tables in Mexico, Colombia, Cuba and Costa Rica are foreseen with cross-country participation highly encouraged. Round Tables will serve to strengthen ICT dialogue, to identify and discuss ICT research priorities in LA target countries, and to consider their long-term perspective and alignment with the EU research priorities.

Results from these Round Tables will be collected and synthesised and will serve as basis for a Roadmap on ICT research for LA target countries in view to strengthen international cooperation with the EU. (Deliverable 4.4, Roadmap for ICT research collaboration).

Tentative lists of ICT stakeholders to be invited to participate in the Round Tables have been defined in Deliverable D4.1 List of selected key players in ICT research policies by country (Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba). Round Tables participants will involve relevant people from academia, industry and institutions in the field of ICT and S&T policies, including FP7/ICT/INCO NCPs and members of other initiatives for international cooperation, like EURALINET, IDEAL-IST, GISELA, UEMEXCYT II, RedCLARA, CUDI, RENATA, etc.

The next sections show the organisation and tentative schedule of the Round Tables per target country.

2 ROUND TABLES ORGANISATION

To hold the scheduled Round Tables a previous organisational work is required, including:

- Selection of the participants (among 10-20 per Round Table), based on tentative lists included in D4.1 and securing the participation of representatives from government, research and private sector.
- Identify key topics for discussion, including common topics for all countries, so we can compare the results that will feed into the roadmap, for instance the identification and discussion of ICT research priorities in each country and their alignment with EU research priorities. Also of great relevance would be the definition of strategies to enhance ICT R&D collaboration between both regions.
- To enrich the previous activity, we will take as a very valuable input, the results of the analysis of information and ideas derived from the Safari Interactive Workshops that took place recently during the ICT Days in Colombia and Mexico.
- Selection of a focus group technique to be used in all Round Tables where appropriate.
- Draft the final agenda for the Round Tables.
- Announce the Round Tables by the appropriate communication channels and Press releases.

Latin America partners ITESM, UNAL, SOFTEL and CAMTIC will chair the Round Tables in their respective countries.

3 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ROUND TABLES

3.1 Mexico

Colombia and Mexico are synchronizing their agendas in order to promote cross-country participation; hence the Round Tables are scheduled as follows:

- First Round Table, to be held in May 2011;
- Second Round Table, to be held in August 2011, if possible synchronised with other events of the cluster projects (FORESTA or FIRST) in Mexico.

3.2 Colombia

Colombia and Mexico are synchronizing their agendas in order to promote cross-country participation; hence the Round Tables are scheduled as follows:

- First Round Table, to be held in Medellín in May 2011;
- Second Round Table, to be held in Bogotá in August 2011.

3.3 Cuba

In Cuba, the first Round Table has been scheduled for March 2011, if possible synchronized with the ICT Forum and Interactive workshops of the project; the second Round Table has been scheduled for June 2011.

3.4 Costa Rica

In Costa Rica, the first Round Table has been scheduled at the beginning of March 2011; the second Round Table has been scheduled in August 2011.

4 CONCLUSIONS

A constructive and proactive discussion during the Round Tables is expected in view to draft a roadmap for the ICT research agenda in the corresponding LA target countries. ITESM as the work package leader of WP4 "Round Tables and Road mapping for ICT collaboration" will be in charge of the compilation and integration of the results of the Round Tables of all LA-target-countries. These results are the basic components for the elaboration of the final LA-EU-roadmap-document. In Table 2, a summary of Round Tables schedule per country is shown.

Table 2: Summary of Round Tables Schedule

	Date of Round Table 1	Date of Round Table 2
Mexico	May 2011	August 2011
Colombia	May 2011	August 2011
Costa Rica	March 2011	August 2011
Cuba	March 2011	June 2011