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1 INTRODUCTION

The PRO-IDEAL PLUS ICT Forum intends to support the ICT policy dialogue between the European Union and Latin America and thus fostering the ICT research dimension of the policy dialogue in scientific and technological cooperation.

The ICT Fora will act as ICT meeting points of stakeholders from the target Latin America countries and will be devoted to discuss the opportunities and challenges for FP7-ICT research cooperation between Europe and Latin America, and the role of ICT research as an enabler for growth, competitiveness and innovation.

It is envisaged to hold at least one ICT Forum in each Latin America country with S&T Agreement with the EU, i.e. Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico, and to synchronise these ICT Fora with Information Society policy dialogue events, such as the Joint Committee meetings linked to the S&T Agreements or regular Information Society meetings, such as the dialogues between EU-Brazil.

The first tentative calendar was set up in September 2009 and it was included in Annex 1. The new tentative calendar for 2010-2011 has been updated with the collaboration of all partners that have been in contact with the national institutions in charge of the implementation of the S&T Agreement, i.e. MINCYT (Argentina), CONICYT (Chile), CONACYT (Mexico) and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Division of S&T, (Brazil).

The synchronisation of the ICT Fora with major ICT policy dialogue events is being more difficult than expected. As of today 15 March, and due to different reasons, the dates for these meetings are not yet known. Therefore, the ICT Fora Schedule as presented is flexible and may be subject to changes.

Apart from the ICT Fora synchronised with S&T Agreement events, it was foreseen to hold an ICT Forum linked to preparatory events related to the EU-LAC summit that will be held in Madrid on 18 May 2010. To this regard, since October 2009 INMARK, with the support of the EC ICT International Relations Unit, has been in contact with the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology and tried to organise the first ICT Forum synchronised with the Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology that will take place on 14 May. After several meetings with the responsible of the Conference, the decision of the Ministry of Science and Technology was not to mix the political agenda with European projects activities.

Therefore, the Consortium is trying to find an alternative to hold an additional ICT Forum in Latin America or in Europe. To this regard, initial contacts started with CEPAL – Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe, in view of a possible collaboration with future Information Society events.

In the graphic below we present the tentative calendar of the ICT Fora, together with the schedule for the ICT Days as well as the awareness raising events in the framework of the PRO-IDEAL project.

2 ICT FORA TENTATIVE CALENDAR

PRO-IDEAL & PRO-IDEAL PLUS EVENTS - TENTATIVE CALENDAR 2010-2011 (*)

Type of Event	Country/Town	Tentative Date	Synchronised with
ICT Forum	Chile	Oct 2010	Joint Committee Meeting Chile-EU
ICT Forum	Cuba, La Habana	7 Feb 2011	XIV Convención y Feria Internacional Informática 2011, 7-11 Feb 2011
ICT Forum	Argentina/Buenos Aires	March / April 2011	Joint Committee Meeting Argentina-EU
ICT Forum	Mexico	2011	Joint Committee Meeting Mexico-EU
ICT Forum	Brazil	2011	Joint Committee Meeting Brazil-EU
ICT Forum	t.b.d.	2010-2011	CEPAL (Initial contacts started)

PRO-IDEAL PLUS ICT DAY	
Costa Rica (16 Feb 2010)	In conjunction with the KoM
Mexico (8 -9 November 2010)	In collaboration with ICT NCP
Colombia / Medellín (11 - 12 Nov 2011)	SEPG LA 2010 (Software Engineering Process Group Latin America), 10-12 Nov 2010
Cuba, La Habana (8 Feb 2011)	XIV Convención y Feria Internacional Informática 2011, 7 - 11 Feb 2011

PRO-IDEAL Awareness raising/Training sessions	
Montevideo (23 March 2010)	With the participation of Ideal-Ist
Chile (25 March 2010)	With the participation of Ideal-Ist
Buenos Aires (30 - 31 August 2010)	39 Jornadas Argentinas de Informática. 30 Agosto - 3 Septiembre 2010
Montevideo (2 - 3 Sept 2010)	
Chile (Oct 2010)	PRO-IDEAL PLUS ICT Forum
Brazil (2011)	PRO-IDEAL PLUS ICT Forum/EU-Brazil Summit

* NOTE: This tentative calendar partially depends on dates of third-party events and will be adapted accordingly, once these dates are confirmed.