

## **FIRST at the Conference: 'Fostering EU-Latin America ICT Policy Dialogue' as a best case of EU-Latin America ICT R&D collaboration**

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After the great success of the FIRST Encounter Seminar held in Poznań, Poland, on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011, a new milestone is approaching: the opportunity to cooperate with other FP7 projects working in the International Cooperation arena, to take advantage of the FIRST project outcomes and to contribute to the European and Latin American policy dialogue on ICT research cooperation. This step will be implemented during the upcoming Conference: **'Fostering EU-Latin America ICT Policy Dialogue'**, taking place in **Brussels** on the **28-29 November 2011**.

The FIRST Encounter Seminar organised in Poznań was intended to present the Latin American Technology Platforms on Future Internet and Information and Communication Technologies Components, to share information with stakeholders of the European ICT Technology Platforms and to seek possible ways for international cooperation among ETPs and LATPs. The project aims, indeed, to extend the concept of European Technology Platforms to Latin American, by gathering strategic stakeholders from the different sectors included in the Future Internet, ICT Components and systems fields into one national ICT Technology Platform per country in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico.

Seizing the occasion of the Conference **'Fostering EU-Latin America ICT Policy Dialogue'**, the FIRST Project will bring the successful example of best case in EU-LA Collaboration and will contribute in defining future perspectives of collaboration to set up the next step for LA-EU cooperation. This event will be an important forum for European and Latin-American research stakeholders to discuss strategies to intensify cooperation in Information and Communication Technologies. It will bring together stakeholders from ICT research, industry and industry federations, decision-makers, European and Latin-American research and innovation funding agencies, as well as SMEs and large companies from each region interested in cooperation with Latin America and with Europe.

### **About FIRST**

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### **About Future Internet**

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Among others, this event will be a brokerage occasion and a chance to build project ideas between the two continent Platforms. A particular focus will be placed on the development of cooperation with Latin America under the current Calls for Proposals of the 7th Framework Programme and the upcoming Horizon 2020, with the aim of encouraging possible participation of stakeholders of the two continents in common project proposals.

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