

Argentina – Europe cooperation in Information & Communication Technologies (ICT): coaching workshops to successfully apply to funding opportunities

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In light of the upcoming ICT FP7 Calls, the Dirección Nacional de Relaciones Internacionales, Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva de la Argentina (MINCYT) and the recently launched PRO-IDEAL project organises a Latin American coaching workshop to foster Argentina – Europe cooperation in Information & Communication Technologies (ICT). The meeting will be held in 17-18 March in Buenos Aires and aims to provide in-depth knowledge on the European Union funding mechanisms comprised under the ICT Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

The event will be divided into two phases: 1) a general conference of half day to introduce the opportunities and challenges to participate in the funding programmes supported by the European Commission; 2) after a lunch, a coaching workshop divided into three segments to give practical guidelines to better understand the FP7 working programme for ICT areas, the specific rules for participation & proposal submission, and existing resources for Argentinean stakeholders. This face-to-face coaching course will be followed-up by a distance-coaching phase where the PRO-IDEAL partners act as tutors and the potential coaches will perform practical exercises to get fully familiar with European projects.

'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').

PRO-IDEAL Project (its acronym stands for "Promotion of an ICT Dialogue between Europe and Latin America"; <http://www.pro-ideal.eu/>) was recently launched with the aim of promoting the ICT programme of FP7 in Argentina, Brazil (Sao Paulo southwards), Chile and Uruguay.

EU-Argentina ICT Collaboration Conference and Coaching Courses

Hotel Conquistador, Suipacha 948, Ciudad de Buenos Aires
17-18 March 2009. Opening ceremony 9.00 – 13.00

The event is public and free; for space reasons, please confirm your participation to Alejandra Davidziuk at madavidziuk@mincyt.gov.ar or (+54-11) 4315- 6541

