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The project Latin America Interconnected with Europe (ALICE2) through the program, CLARA Communities, version 2010 (COMCLARA2010) offers researchers of the institutions connected to National Research and Education Networks (NREN) partners to CLARA, the opportunity to strengthen their working ties in the field of their research interests, strengthening their relations and using telecommunications and computing resources that can be used through RedCLARA.

The Program Committee, appointed by the Board of CLARA, will accept a total of eight proposals that meet the above requirements. Those who are elected may have several benefits, including the hiring of one of the members of the community, funding for participation of the principal organizations of the community in a Congress of relevance in the use of networks, access to room service video conferencing, collaborative application development and CLARA technical assistance for one year.

In addition, communities that accept to apply for these facilities and that fulfill the requirements for eligibility, may invite researchers from the European Community and other countries integrated via the Internet Advanced Networks to join in them.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Having a themed community consisting of researchers from institutions members of National Research and Education Networks (NREN) associated with CLARA.
2. Have members in at least seven Latin American countries, of which at least two shall be the subregion of Central America and Mexico (Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama), two of the subregion Pacific South America (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile) and two Atlantic Subregion of South America (Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina).
3. Have a work plan to be in the next 12 months and preferably have a work already in progress.
4. Having a leading researcher, advisor and convener, which we call "Home Organizer", recognized by community members belonging to the institutions of national networks of research and education associated with CLARA (see the website of its National Network, whose list is at:  
[http://www.redclara.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=217](http://www.redclara.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=217) )

Moreover, research communities COMCLARA2010 convened for the program must belong to one of the following research areas:

- Health
- Materials Technology
- ICT (e-Government)
- ICT (Grids)
- ICT (Digital Libraries)
- Technologies for Energy (renewable energy)
- Food
- Water
- Social Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Astronomy
- Education
- Natural Disasters
- Cultural Heritage (Archeology and Intangible Heritage)

The call to apply for the program will be open on Monday, February 1st, 2010, finding complete information, including format to complete and the documents provide for the evaluation of applications, will be available at the website <http://COMCLARA2010.redclara.net> . The call will end on Friday 9th April 2010.

## **SCHEDULE**

It will be strictly follow this schedule:

**February 1st** | Call and start receiving applications from communities.

**February 1st to 26th** | Query response from applicants period via e-mail address [comclara2010@redclara.net](mailto:comclara2010@redclara.net)

**April 9th** | Closure of receiving applications.

**April 16th** | Publication of the results of the competition and the start of the CLARA network communications with the communities chosen for the implementation of measures envisaged by them in their program application