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Project:

“REGIONAL PLATFORM ON PC  
ELECTRONIC WASTE IN LATIN  
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN”

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## Principal objective

- To implement an associative regional platform which, by means of applied research, capacity building and communications management, will foster, articulate and circulate initiatives to promote solutions for the prevention, the appropriate management and the right final treatment of electronic waste generated by PCs in LAC.

## The specific objectives are:

- To build a body of knowledge on PC electronic waste in LAC, to promote incidence processes, and processes to establish and develop pertinent policies in the matter.
- To build on the capacities of the diverse social agents, in order to establish an aware and informed community, which can participate in the construction of a system for the prevention of PC electronic waste and its final treatment. This system must take the particular characteristics of LAC into account
- To facilitate articulation and cooperation amongst the various social agents, to promote and replicate experiences which will encourage the development of prevention and recycling of PC waste in the Region
- To produce a communications system which will offer useful information and become a by-word for content and experiences related to electronic waste from and for LAC



In order to achieve these objectives, the activities of the project take place in three areas:

- Applied research, where information will be generated, strategies will be planned and intervention tools will be constructed.
- Capacity building, which will consist in the advancement of a legal framework, the creation of a waste management system, the design of a business model to support this management, and the training of specialized professionals in the field.
- Communications management, to cover the articulation of initiative and partnerships and, lastly, the circulation of information on the project's initiatives.

## GENERAL PROJECT OUTPUTS

- Development of a **network of agents** representing the different sectors involved, in order to encourage the production of joint work proposals at national, regional and global levels
- Progress with regard to **theoretical methodological models which are replicable, useful and flexible** based on empirical information supporting the development of strategies of change and political, cultural and economic achievements which respond to equitable conditions and the environmental requirements of the diverse conditions of implementation.
- Proposal of a system of **electronic waste prevention** which takes into account conditions in LAC.
- A **package of methodological tools** aimed at the effective circulation of knowledge at a national, regional and global level.
- An **aware and well-informed political social community** which is interested and involved in the process of implementation of solutions regarding electronic waste at a national and regional level.

- A **proposal for a legal framework** which offers an initiative at the national level in order to solve electronic waste.
- Development of a **recycling system model** which takes into account social PC reconditioning projects
- Creation of a **group of specialists in electronic waste** graduated from Latin American and Caribbean universities, specialized in the subject of electronic waste
- A **useful information system** for the circulation and exchange of experience regarding this subject within the Region.

## ACHIEVEMENTS EXPECTED FROM THE PROJECT

- Improvement in the environmental conditions within the Region due to the recycling of hazardous substances which will be subjected to final controlled treatment.
- Protection of resources by means of the re-use and recovery of PC valuable materials.
- Job creation in the areas of re-use of information and communication technologies and of recycling of electronic waste.
- Improvement in the work conditions of vulnerable sectors.
- Exchange of experience and knowledge between north-south and south-south, taking local contexts into account.

## STAGES OF INTERVENTION

- Argentina
- Costa Rica
- Central America
- Ecuador
- Peru
- Colombia



## **An associative project**

- SUR Corporation of Social Studies and Education
- EMPA
- Research for Justice Institute (IIJC for its abbreviation in Spanish)
- Central American Association for Economics, Health and Environment (ACEPESA).
- Centro Regional de Basilea
- UNESCO
- FLACSO
- CONAMA –CHILE
  
- Otros



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