

# What is the Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency

The *Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency* is a group of 15 organizations that actively promote transparency, access to public information and accountability in the region's Congresses

## How we work

As a  
network

Through strenghtening internal processes (internal committees, VCs, website, protocols, etc)

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Research  
and peer  
learning

Through a diagnosis on the state of transparency in each country, mapping of experts, generating news releases, mapping of practices, etc.)

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Assessment  
tool

Through the development of a tool that can measure legislative transparency: the Barometer.

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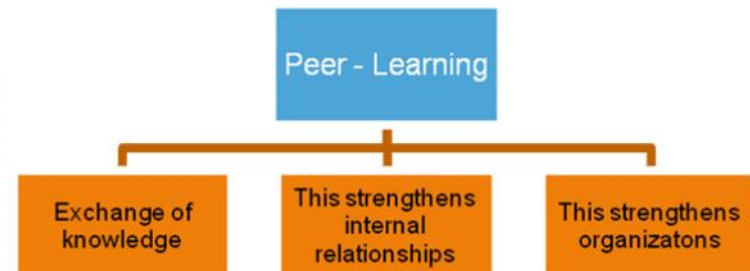
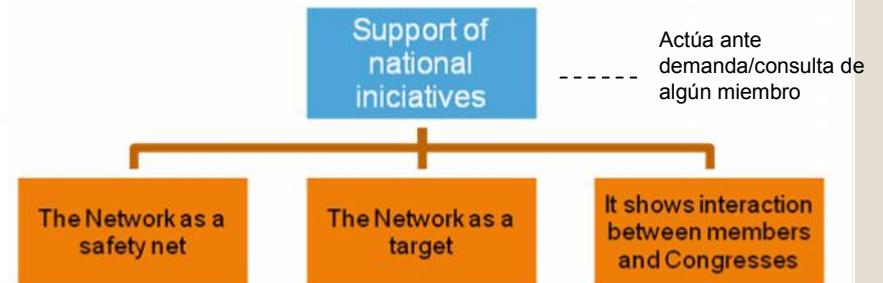
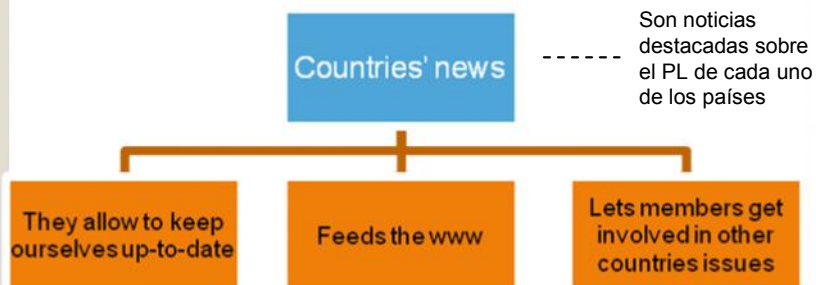
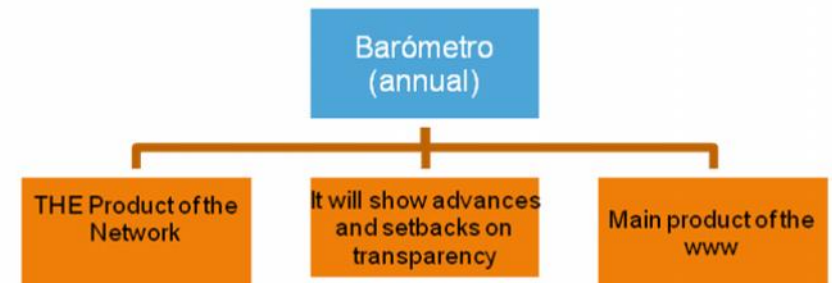
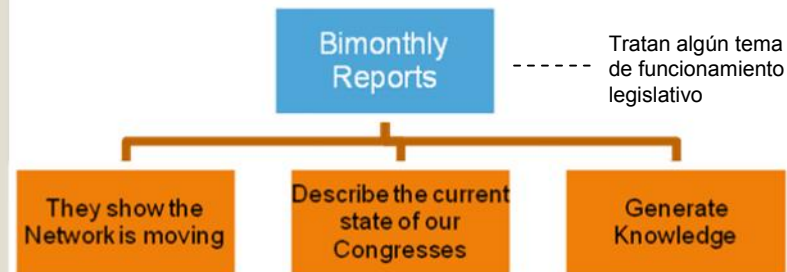
Action Plan

Through the creation of a Legislative Advisory Committee that can formally comment transparency bills in each Congress, etc.



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## First year of activities



## Desired future activities

### Exchange Program

The program consists of a scholarship for young members of each of the member organizations to visit another country. In this way the person could get in contact with the activities of another organization. South-South collaboration

- Foster information exchanges
- It involves the members in other issues peer organizations work at.
- It broadens the knowledge on different ways of intervention organizations have

### Legislative Standards

This activity tries to develop legislative standards that are suitable for Latinamerican presidential systems

- It helps put the international standards in the scope of legislators.

### Legislative Innovation Award

This initiative seeks to award those legislators that have worked deeply on transparency issues and access to public information

- It increases dialogue between legislators and organizations.
- It identifies and shares examples that could be replicated in other countries.
- It increases the Good Practices data bank already started.

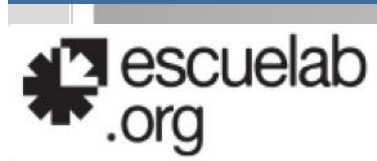


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# WHY?

- ICTs are now beginning to transform governments- citizens relationship.
- ICT tools are being developed not only to exchange information but also to facilitate interaction, participation and collaboration.
- ICTs have allowed the disclosure of certain information that would otherwise have remained unavailable.
- Growing expectations that ICTs will have significant impact on strengthening transparency, accountability, and demand for good governance (DFGG) impacting the quality of governance and of service delivery.
- Broad consensus about the importance of civil society's contribution to the adoption of ICT tools to promote transparency and demand accountability









## 3 VCs + 1 workshop

-To explore the strategic use of ICT by Latin American NGOs in their work to promote transparency in public administration.

-To exchange tools and experiences in the use of ICT to promote transparency.

-To promote the dialogue between transparency NGOs and technologists from Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Chile and Argentina



## What we talked about

- Everyone has been ripped off
- History of hack-a-thons
- The need to produce open data platforms and share knowledge and experience while working with technologists
- The need for a greater interaction and understanding between these two groups
- How to build data bases, scraping, data visualization, georeferencing & mapping, many eyes, etc.



## Some challenges

- Think of ICTs from the genesis
- Cloudsourcing: who are they
- More money needed? Non profits vs for profits
- Advocacy and ICTs

# NEXT.....

Even though the event was not necessarily focused on the development of specific projects to begin working on immediately, some developments can already be mentioned:

Initiative	Country	Organization	Actions
<b>Quien te banca?</b> (Who is supporting you?)	Argentina	Poder Ciudadano Foundation	Photos have been uploaded and candidates have received request to inform about funding for their campaigns <a href="http://poderciudadano.org/?p=2915">http://poderciudadano.org/?p=2915</a>
<b>21 de mayo</b> (Application to study the presidential speech (delivered on May 21, 2010) in order to compare it with what he has done during his year at office)	Chile	Fundación Ciudadano Inteligente (Smart Citizen Foundation)	Online. <a href="http://21demayo.ciudadanointeligente.cl/">http://21demayo.ciudadanointeligente.cl/</a>
<b>Curul 501</b>	Mexico	Fundar/Citivox	Soon to be launched
<b>Open Data Mexico</b>	Mexico	Fundar/Citivox	June 17 and 18. <a href="http://opendata.mx/">http://opendata.mx/</a>
<b>Y Mi Dinero?</b> (What about my money?)	Mexico	Fundar/OKF	Online <a href="http://fundar.org.mx/ymidinero/">http://fundar.org.mx/ymidinero/</a>
<b>2nd Hackathon</b> (June 29 <sup>th</sup> )	Peru	Escuelab	<a href="http://escuelab.org/contenido/hacke-rismocivico2">http://escuelab.org/contenido/hacke-rismocivico2</a>
<b>Roundtable sessions on ICT for transparency</b>	Peru	Escuelab	All the material has been uploaded. The talks were publicized via twitter and broadcasted live. All the videos: <a href="http://www.ustream.tv/user/escuelab/videos">http://www.ustream.tv/user/escuelab/videos</a>
<b>Promesómetro</b> (tester of promises)	Peru	Proetica	Early stages of development
<b>Desarrollando America Latina</b> (Developing Latin America)	Regional: Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santiago, Lima, Sao Paulo and Mexico City	Regional	Planning to hold the meeting by November 2011.

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