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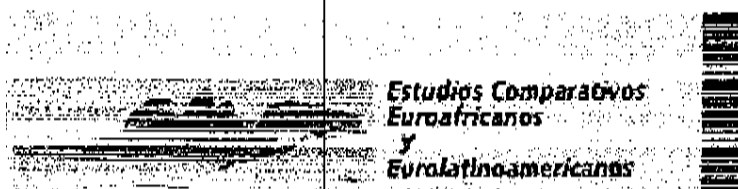
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(SCIENCE AND SOCIETY) FROM GRUPO DE  
ESTUDIOS COMPARADOS EUROAFRICANOS Y  
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Intent Letter to join the project: "SKILL SHORTAGE. e.learning @LIS CALL 2002 ("SCIENCE & SOCIETY")

The Euro-African and Euro-Latin-American Comparative Studies Group challenge is, since 1989, building an approach to the quotidian of its specific territory. This approach came as an attempt of recycling resources from Universities, artists, institutions and citizen. This period has been documented in the Curriculum of our group by 7 "Rencontres" of different actors involved in our project in: Teror, Las Palmas (Gran Canaria), Jameos del Agua (Lanzarote) and Molino de la Antigua (Fuerteventura), Lleida, Spain; La Habana and Matanzas, Cuba; Mazatlán (Sinaloa), Mexico. We have published: *Mundos Ibéricos/Mundos Francófonos*, Universidad de Las Palmas, 1995, and *Descolonización*, Universidad de Matanzas (Cuba), 2000.

In 1999 we focused in local gobernanza based in a deconstructed civil society organisation. We assumed then, as our challenges, those exposed by "SKILL SHORTAGE. e.learning @LIS CALL 2002 ("SCIENCE & SOCIETY"), as we started <http://www5.ulpgc.es/servidores/agora/> for the means of offering a network for problematic and pragmatic of municipalities in Europe, Africa and Latin America, including virtual library, curses and open debates on the matter. We have, also, opened a debate list: <http://www.rediris.es/list/info/agora.es.html>, where we are working, at the moment, the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of Agora Journal on Local Gobernanza in Europe, Africa and Latin America. We plane to offer, since January 2003, *Interculturalidad/Identidad* and then, a series of approaches of meaninfull approaches in our object, as we may help members, students and visitors in going into alternatives encountering their local projects.

We have, also, offered a PhD programme, Las Palmas, Paris IV and Paris XII Universities (1999-2001): "the nowadays municipalities in Europe, Africa and Latin America". We are planning to offer a post graduated degree about the matter, based mainly in "e-strategies of networking e-learning", but within a framework of "Rencontres" with actors, that we use as a mean of maintaining our efforts linked to quotidian.

We assume objectives exposed in: <http://www.edscuola.it/archivio/ire/alis/objectives.htm> as real alternatives, and our modest actions pursuit them. Joining the consortium is at great interest for our group, as we assume there is a need of convergence of modest intents, to perform responses to nowadays demand. For a non profit organisation such us, joining a consortium is some how a challenge. Apart from our products, our actions, and our claim in linking intents in approaching objectives driving to offer alternative responding to actual demands, we, at the moment, can not specify proposals of tasks, as our infrastructure is not solid yet. We are, also, experiencing the process involved in the project Science and Society

SKILL SHORTAGE. e.learning alternatives for local Gobernanza. We have actually opened this debate in: <http://www5.ulpgc.es/servidores/agora/com01.htm> and next November 3rd-12 we are celebrating a "Rencontre" in the Universidad Autónoma of Sinaloa (Mexico), on citizen participation, involving several actors: our group, Sinaloa University, local institutions, civil society organisations and those interested in the matter. As usual, this "Rencontre" will be extended to e.debate in our web.

The Euro-African and Euro-Latin-American Comparative Studies Group is a non-profit association, registered in Spain with the number 165247. The coordinator is Carlos Ortiz de Zárate, profesor in Las Palmas University. Our postal address is Carvajal 3 portal 8 5ºA, 35004 Las Palmas, Spain; tel: 0034928247693, email: [carloszarate@telefonica.net](mailto:carloszarate@telefonica.net). José Luis Béraud, profesor at Sinaloa University, Mazatlán (México), [beraud@red2000.com.mx](mailto:beraud@red2000.com.mx), is also cooping in coordination. There are 120 members in our group coming from academic, activism in civil society orientated local development, or local decisions makers willing to implement a gobernanza based in civil society recognition, from Europe and Latin America.

Our engagement in the consortium- 1) advancing within the purposes of our group, exposed belong 2) participating actively in approaches related to those activities, and 3) getting involved in the process of actualising the common objectives of the consortium-, are those we are already performing, by members efforts and funds coming from Erasmus-Lingua programs, the Canarian Government, local authorities, universities and so.

EN LAS PALMAS A TRAVEZ DE Septiembre de 2002  
 EL GOBIERNO DE LAS PALMAS

