1) Background

According to bylaws approved during the III E-Government Ministerial Meeting and VIII Red GEALC Meeting held in Cartagena, Colombia, on December 3 and 4, 2014, the Executive Committee must prepare the Annual Work Plan and submit it to the General Assembly for approval.

The 2023 Executive Committee, consisting of Bolivia, Brazil, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Paraguay and Trinidad & Tobago (under Ecuador’s presidency), supported by OAS in the role of Technical Secretariat, IDB as promoting agency and the Network’s manager, has prepared the following 2022 Work Plan.

2) Purpose

The Annual Work Plan is the tool that coordinates actions aimed at achieving Red GEALC’s objectives to “promote and keep spaces for reflection, mutual knowledge, horizontal technical cooperation, training and exchange of experiences among e-government agencies or bodies in the region, in order to contribute to strengthen e-government practices, as well as to promote bonds among governments and society organizations and international agencies”\(^1\).

3) Work areas

3.1) Cross-border services

Purpose: To generate capacities and to support the implementation of the cross-border e-signature and digital services to speed up adoption regionally, strengthening reliable and safe e-transactions to promote digital economy and e-government in a framework of integration based on a collaborative model.

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\(^1\) Source: Red Gealc Statutes: www.redgealc.org
3.1.1) Cross-border digital signature regional webinar
Venue: Virtual.
Date: First semester.
Resources: Participating agencies working time.

3.1.2) Cross-border interoperability regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Participating agencies working time.

3.1.3) Update of the List of Trusted Lists.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Participating agencies working time.

3.1.4) Update of a regional cross-border digital service document.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Participating agencies working time.

3.1.5) Cross-border interoperability work group
Venue: Virtual.
Date: To be defined (4 during the year).
Resources: Participating agencies working time.

3.1.6) Cross-border digital signature work group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Date: To be defined (4 during the year).
Resources: Participating agencies working time.

3.1.8) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Participating agencies working time and IDB funds.

3.2) Open data

Purpose: To deepen efforts to generate and strengthen open data, as well as policies and initiatives to open data regionally.

3.2.1) Regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: First semester.
Resources: Working group time.
3.2.2) Regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.2.3) Regional Document
Date: Second semester.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.2.4) Regional GovCamp
Date: Second semester.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Participant countries.

3.3.5) Working group meetings
Date: To be defined (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3) Cybersecurity

Purpose: To contribute to generate useful input to prepare and implement cybersecurity policies for the countries in the region.

3.3.1) Regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: First semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3.2) Regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3.3) Regional Document
Date: Second semester.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3.4) Working group meetings
Date: To be defined (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.
3.3) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Participating agencies working time and IDB funds.

3.4) Measurement of digital government

Objective: To become support for the investigations carried out within the framework of the Red Gealc in accordance with its promoting organisms.

3.4.1) Support regional studies of digital government public policies.
Place: Virtual exchanges.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working group time.

3.4.2) Working group meetings
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Date: To be defined (4 every year).
Resources: Working group time.

3.5) Public sector innovation

Purpose: To make progress on the exchange of good practices to strengthen the implementation of innovation policies of the public sector in the region.

3.5.1) Regional public innovation webinar focused on digital inclusion and gender issues, to promote regional cooperation on the matter.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.5.2) Second regional webinar on public innovation.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.5.3) Working group meetings²
Date: To be defined (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

² The meetings of the Innovation and Emerging Technologies working groups (3.6.4) will be held jointly, by decision agreed by both groups.
3.5.5) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Participating agencies working time and IDB funds.

3.6) Emerging technologies

Purpose: To identify emerging technologies and to promote knowledge on the subject matter to support digital transformation in the region.

3.6.1) Emerging technologies regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.2) Second regional webinar on emerging technologies.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.3) Regional document update
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.4) Working group meetings
Date: To be defined (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.5) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Participating agencies working time and IDB funds.

3.7) Public software

Purpose: To make progress on the co-creation and adjustment of public software based on the collaborative model defined by Red GEALC member countries as a regional public asset.

3.7.1) Public software regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester.
3.7.2) Second regional webinar on public software.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Working group time.

3.7.3) Working group meetings.
Date: To be defined (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.7.4) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Participating agencies working time and IDB funds.

3.8) Cross-sectional
Purpose: To disseminate the progress made by the region on e-government around Red GEALC and to share working group actions in a cross-sectional manner.

3.8.1) Updating content on Red GEALC’s web and social media.
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: Network member countries’ working time and IADB funds.

3.8.2) To strengthen the network’s positioning and to coordinate with other mechanisms.
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: Executive Committee working time.

3.8.3) Working groups cross-sectional webinar
Date: Second semester.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: Working group time.

3.8.4) Red Gealc 20 years communication material
Date: Second semester.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: IDB funds.

3.9) Red GEALC Annual Meeting and commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the creation of RED GEALC.
Purpose: Meeting of top authorities from the region.

3.9.1) XVII Annual Meeting Action Plan.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester.
Resources: Executive Committee working time.

3.9.2) Meeting documents.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Executive Committee working time.

3.9.3) Meeting conduct and document approval.
Venue: To be defined.
Date: Second semester.
Resources: Network member countries’ working time.