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 2021 Executive Committee, consisting of Argentina, Belize, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay and Trinidad & Tobago (under Colombia’s presidency), supported by OAS in the role of Technical Secretariat, IDB as promoting agency and the Network’s manager, has prepared the 2022 Work Plan.

Now, the 2022 Executive Committee, consisting of Bolivia, Brazil, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, and Trinidad & Tobago (under the presidency of Ecuador), with the support of the OAS in its role of Technical Secretariat, the IDB as sponsoring organization, and the Network’s manager, has prepared this execution report of the 2021 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 digital government agencies or bodies in the region, in order to contribute to strengthen digital government practices, as well as to promote bonds among governments and society organizations and international agencies.

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 defined by the Red GEALC member countries as a regional public asset.

3.1.1) Two regional interoperability pilot projects
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done (list of trusted lists and viewer on them).

3.1.2) Cross-border interoperability regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was carried out in conjunction with Argentina in the month of July¹.

3.1.3) Cross-border digital signature regional webinar.
Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina (Hybrid format).
Status: It was carried out with a face-to-face segment² and an open streaming segment³.

3.1.4) Cross-border interoperability regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was held as a thematic track during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas⁴.

3.1.5) Cross-border digital signature regional webinar.
Venue: Bogotá, Colombia (Hybrid format).
Status: It was carried out with a face-to-face segment⁵ and an open streaming segment⁶.

3.1.6) Consolidation of a regional cross-border digital service document.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: In process, to be delivered in February 2023 as a result of the Program for the strengthening of cross-border electronic transactions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

3.1.7) At least four cross-border interoperability work group meetings and four cross-border digital signature work group meetings
Venue: Virtual.

² https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/taller-de-firma-digital-avanza-en-lista-regional-de-listas-de-confianza/
³ https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/foro-de-transformacion-digital-en-la-universidad-de-buenos-aires/
⁴ https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/agenda-de-los-tracks-tematicos-de-la-vii-reunion-ministerial-de-gobierno-digital-de-las-americas-red-gealc/
⁵ https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/20-de-mayo-taller-de-firma-digital-transfronteriza-en-bogota/
Status: Done jointly, the second Tuesday of each month.

3.1.8) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done7.

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) Abrelatam – Condatos: support in the conduct of the two conferences in 2022 and implementation of a GobCamp of open data in the framework of the two conferences.
Venue: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
Status: Done8.

3.2.2) Working group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done.

3.2.3) Two exchange meetings on the progress of the implementation of PIDA in the relevant countries.
Venue: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
Status: Carried out within the framework of Gobcamp by SICA countries and Uruguay.

3.2.4) Two technical exchanges on data set opening and open data use to prevent and fight corruption.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Partial. PIDA Implementation Guide was prepared and presented for the preparation of these exchanges.

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) First regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done9.

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7 https://www.redgealc.org/líneas-de-trabajo/servicios-transfronterizos/
9 https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/jueves-21-webinar-regional-de-ciberseguridad-infraestructuras-
3.3.2) Second regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was held as a thematic track during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas\textsuperscript{10}.

3.3.3) Regional Document
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was decided to take as a reference the joint document prepared by the IDB and the OAS.

3.3.4) Working group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Held the second Thursday of each month.

3.3.5) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done\textsuperscript{11}.

3.4) Digital government measurement

Purpose: To become a support platform for research conducted in the framework of Red GEALC in accordance with the promoting agencies.

3.4.1) Support regional studies of digital government public policies.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done.

3.4.2) Working group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done.

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) First public innovation regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.

\textsuperscript{10} https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/agenda-de-los-tracks-tematicos-de-la-vii-reunion-ministerial-de-gobierno-digital-de-las-americas-red-gealc/

\textsuperscript{11} https://www.redgealc.org/lineas-de-trabajo/ciberseguridad/
Status: Done\textsuperscript{12}.

3.5.2) Second regional webinar on public innovation.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was held as a thematic track during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas\textsuperscript{13}.

3.5.3) Working group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done.

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) First emerging technologies regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done\textsuperscript{14}.

3.6.2) Second emerging technologies regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was held as a thematic track during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas\textsuperscript{15}.

3.6.3) Regional document update
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Presented during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas.

3.6.4) Working group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done.

3.7) Public software

\textsuperscript{12} https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/webinar-experiencias-en-innovacion-y-tecnologia-en-la-region/

\textsuperscript{13} https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/agenda-de-los-tracks-tematicos-de-la-vii-reunion-ministerial-de-gobierno-digital-de-las-americas-red-gealc/

\textsuperscript{14} https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/webinar-de-tecnologias-emergentes-grabacion/

\textsuperscript{15} https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/agenda-de-los-tracks-tematicos-de-la-vii-reunion-ministerial-de-gobierno-digital-de-las-americas-red-gealc/
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) First Public software regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done 16

3.7.2) Second regional webinar on Public software.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: It was held as a thematic track during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas 17.

3.7.3) Drafting of regional document.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Presented during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas.

3.7.4) Working group meetings.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done.

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.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Done 18.

3.8.2) To strengthen the network’s positioning and to coordinate with other mechanisms.
Venue: Virtual.
Status: Participation in articulation instances with Aladi (from the digital signature working group), Digital Nations (participation of Uruguay and México), eLAC (presidency of Ecuador), United Nations (translation of the electronic government ranking together with Agesic).

16 https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/26-de-julio-webinar-regional-de-software-publico/

17 https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/agenda-de-los-tracks-tematicos-de-la-vii-reunion-ministerial-de-gobierno-digital-de-las-americas-red-gealc/

18 Redgealc.org
3.8.3) Digital citizenship regional webinar  
Venue: Virtual.  
Status: It is planned to be carried out in December 2022 or in the first quarter of 2023.

3.8.4) Working groups cross-sectional webinar  
Venue: Virtual.  
Status: It was held as a thematic track during the VII Ministerial Meeting on Digital Government of the Americas19.

3.9) Red GEALC Annual and Ministerial Meeting  

Purpose: Meeting of top authorities from the region.

3.9.1) VII Ministerial Meeting and XVI Annual Meeting Action Plan.  
Venue: Virtual.  
Status: Done.

3.9.2) Meeting documents.  
Venue: Virtual.  
Status: Done.

3.9.3) Meeting conduct and document approval.  
Venue: Virtual.  
Status: It was held 10th and 11th November.

19 https://www.redgealc.org/contenido-general/noticias/agenda-de-los-tracks-tematicos-de-la-vii-reunion-ministerial-de-gobierno-digital-de-las-americas-red-gealc/