In the context of the “Development Innovations and Alliances” programming, e-government is seen as a tool to promote efficiency and transparency in the public sector, as well as a tool to facilitate citizen participation in public affairs. The initiatives are based on the two mutually reinforcing concepts of horizontal cooperation and private sector participation.

Main areas of action:

**Capacity Building**
- On-line course “Introduction to the formulation of e-Government strategies” (Spanish and English, shortly in Portuguese)
- On-line forum for more than 500 graduates of the e-Government course
- Inter-American Network of e-Government Training

**Technical advice**
- Portfolio of “best practices”
- RED GEALC (Inter-American Network of e-Government Leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean)
- Regional workshops on e-Government “best practices” (Chile, Brazil, Peru; Caribbean, Mexico and Canada at future dates), with the Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA)
- Inter-American Forum on Best Practices (online): e-Government, e-Procurement

**Implementation**
- MuNet (Municipios Eficientes y Transparentes) program will support the definition of e-Government strategies for 22 municipalities of the Andean region and Central America. MuNet is sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency and the Andean Development Corporation
- Private sector alliances with Sonda, Axesnet, Vesta, Microsoft and Stewart Title provide e-Government solutions to the region
- Funded by ICA, FOCOH (Horizontal Cooperation Fund) will support direct exchange of successful e-Government experiences

**Supporting material**
- e-Government: the experiences of Chile, Brazil and Canada (co-published with ICA)
- America Latina Puntogob (Spanish; co-published with FLACSO)

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