

Project objectives:

- To identify, coordinate and share best practices in the validation approach of ongoing CWE initiatives
- To establish a sustainable community of key stakeholders from a multi-disciplinary, European (EU, national, regional) perspective to initiate a coordinated approach to Living Labs
- To measure the impact of Living Lab approach within the identified initiatives
- To establish a "Living Labs" Certificate and develop a roadmap and policy recommendations for the widespread adoption of the Living Labs concept
- Promote the widespread adoption of the Living Labs validation approach
- Define harmonized methods and tools to support involvement of citizens to increase ICT usability and usefulness.
- Establish a European network of Living Labs

Project duration:

March 2006 – August 2007

Partners:

- Centre for Distance-spanning Technology, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden (Coordinator)
- Bremen Institute of Industrial Technology and Applied Work Science, Germany
- Bremen Innovation Agency, Germany
- Waterford Institute of Technology - Telecommunications Software & Systems Group, Ireland
- EsoCE-NET, Italy
- Telematica Instituut, The Netherlands
- Helsinki School of Economics, Finland
- NOKIA, Finland
- Fachhochschule Vorarlberg, Austria
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*Coordination Action for initiation of a
European Network of Living Labs*

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CoreLabs overall objective is to initiate a European Network of Living Labs. This will be accomplished by means of coordination activities where assets and capabilities from several projects and Living Labs initiatives are merged and integrated.

Co-creative Living Labs for CWE

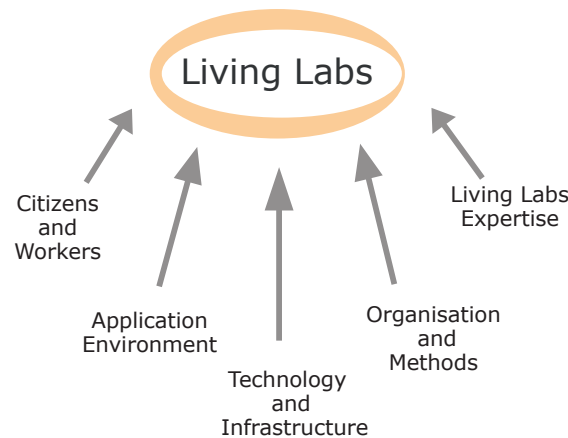
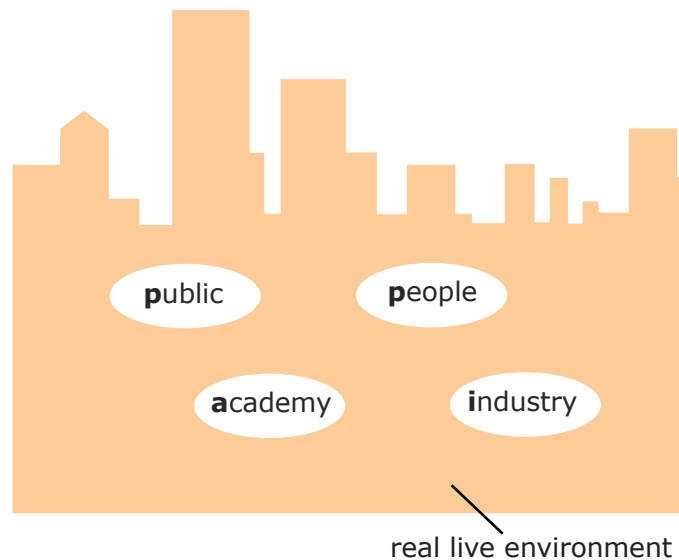
CoreLabs is a European Commission FP6 funded project in charge to conduct as broad co-ordination as possible among all European private, public and civic stakeholders towards establishing a coordinated European programme of Co-Creative Living Labs for a New European Research and Innovation Infrastructure.

What's the Living Lab's approach:

Living Labs are "functional regions" where stakeholders have formed a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) of firms, public agencies, universities, institutes and people all collaborating for creation, prototyping, validating and testing of new services, products and systems in real-life contexts. Such contexts are cities, villages and rural areas as well as industrial plants.

- Real-life Living Labs are superior to "closed Labs" in virtually all aspects; Living Labs stimulate new ideas, provide richer contexts of concrete R&D challenges and it becomes natural to perform early and continuous validation (not just prototype-testing at the end). Concepts are developed in full-day (user) contexts (users are not viewed as "workers", "patients", "travellers" or "citizens" separately).

LivingLabs look-alikes represented within the Corelabs project team are for example: Arabianranta in Helsinki, Mobile City Bremen in Germany, Testbed Botnia in Sweden, and Freeband in the Netherlands.



Existing Living Labs?

There are a number of existing regional test beds and corporate test laboratories in Europe today, which have taken initial steps in the Living Labs direction. The full fledged Living Labs will reach a much broader market than test beds do today. Through a public private and citizen partnership and the fast deployment of broadband in Europe, there are many possibilities to engage a high number of market representatives, not only on local level but on European and even global level. Open source makes it possible to integrate different kinds of technologies, test methodologies and business innovation models, being the corner stones of Living Labs operations.

A European Network of Living Labs

In the i2010 Communication and the first Annual Report on the European Information Society, a European Network of Living Labs is one of the actions for the second cluster for Investment and Innovation in Research. Living Labs have a regional importance for product development that requires good knowledge of specific local markets however a broad market with a high number of citizens as test users could influence technology development to a much larger extent. A European network of Living Labs will be a strong tool for making the industry innovation process more efficient and dynamic by involving citizens in development of new services, products and societal infrastructures.



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- 1 Register and/or Login
Go to the AMI Communities Web site:
<http://www.ami-communities.eu>
At the top right corner, click "login/register" and follow the instructions.
- 2 When logged in, join the Living Labs Special Interest Group:
At the top menu, click "MySpace"
Under title "My profile", click "Join Communities"
Check the check-box "LivingLab@Work SIG" and click OK.

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