

CITIDEP has its headquarters in Lisbon, Portugal, European Union, but it is open to researchers from any country in the world, through **national chapters** and **multi-national research clusters**.

CITIDEP was created in September 1996 and has currently about 70 affiliates in 8 countries, with 2 organized chapters (Portugal and USA) and others soon to be (Mexico, France). Chapters are autonomous, sharing common by-laws, mission and research goals.

CITIDEP has a particular aptitude for applied research, based on national and **multinational, multidisciplinary** teams. We face the challenge of combining research on technology and engineering with research on social sciences and humanities, keeping a focus on participatory democracy and information technologies; and the no lesser challenge of linking such research to concrete measures in support of the civil society.

Reflecting our profile as a Research Center, among our membership we count 22 Ph.D.'s, 14 Ph.D. candidates, 23 holding a Master, and 3 Master degree candidates. About 70% of our membership is actively engaged in research, including as post-grads or faculty members of:

Univ. de Lisboa, Univ. Nova de Lisboa, Univ. Algarve, Univ. Aveiro, Univ. Coimbra, I.P.Viana do Castelo, Univ. Lusófona, Univ. Estadual de Londrina - Brasil, Univ. de S. Paulo, Université de Paris, London School of Economics, MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard U., Univ. of Massachusetts, Univ. of California, Ohio U., Univ. of Illinois, Univ. of Colorado, Univ. Autonoma del Estado de Mexico, Univ. de Guanajuato - Mexico, Colegio Mexiquense.

Reflecting also our commitment to link research to *praxis* in society, many **CITIDEP** members are professionals with responsibilities in both the private and public sectors; some of them are leading activists of major Non-Governmental Organizations.

Our associates have a rich and diverse background, including: Political Science, Planning, Economy, Business, Management, Communications, Computer Science, Electronic Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Environmental Engineering, Biology, Social Service, Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Philosophy, Pedagogy, Literature, among others.

Research and Projects (examples)



Timothy Sieber, PhD Anthropology, coordinates the **EXPO'98 Impacts** Project, researching the social impacts and public perception of Lisbon's waterfront development .



Pedro Ferraz de Abreu, PhD Planning coordinates the **IMS** Project (**Intelligent Multimedia System**), researching the use of new information technologies in public participation for Environmental Impact Reviews.



Ana Teresa Chinita, MSc. Environment, coordinates the expert panel in the **IMS** Project, in particular in the area of **Waste Management**.



Manuel Antunes, PhD 'ABD' Sociology, coordinates the user survey in the **Public Access to Environmental Information** Project, for the Lisbon / Tagus Valley Regional Administration of the Portuguese Environmental Ministry.



Nuno Vieira, Lic. Biology, coordinates the design of **Public Access to Information and in support of complaints over the Internet regarding Noise**, for the same project.



Lucie Laurian, PhD Planning, coordinates research on the **use of information technologies by Non-Governmental Organizations** (Project "**IT and Grassroots**").



Prudencio Mochi, PhD Political Sciences, coordinates rserach on **New Information Technologies and Democracy**, with a focus on strategies for developing countries.



Expert Panel working session for the IMS Project

Research and Projects (examples)



Melvin King, PhD H. and MIT Emeritus, Urban Planning, researches and promotes **Low-income Community Access to information technologies**, "**South End Technology Center**" Project.



Mark Hasegawa-Johnson, PhD Electronics, besides developing and maintaining **CITIDEP** Internet infrastructure in support of **CITIDEP** projects, leads research in **Speech Recognition**.



Antonio Fernandes, Eng. Electronics, coordinates the **DRA-LVT Information System** Project, **integrating data bases, network and internet access**, and testing **Java**.



Pedro Borges, Computer Technician, implements the **Public Access via Internet to Air Quality Data**, from Lisbon's Air Management Commission, using **CGI technology for Internet Graph Data**.



José Portela, PhD Mathematics Pedagogy, leads research on the **use of Internet as Teaching Aid**, heading a "Competence Center" under the Nónio Program, in Viana do Castelo (IPVC).



João Joanaz de Melo, PhD Environment, coordinates research in the area of **Environmental Planning and Sustainable Development**, and the Institutional Cooperation between **CITIDEP-FCT/UNL**



José Manuel Palma, PhD Psychology, coordinates research in the area of **Environmental Psychology** and **Risc Perception**.



Filomena Henriques, Lic. and Pos-Grad. in Social Service, leads a program for **the use of Internet in HighSchools and Children "Gardens"**, Odivelas, with a focus on sustainable municipal policies and teacher training.



More documentation and other information relative to these and other projects, is available at CITIDEP Web site:

<http://www.citidep.pt/>

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To pursue its objectives, **CITIDEP** proposes to:

- a) Organize and develop disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary studies and research projects;
- b) Offer grants for research and study, including for masters and doctoral study, and host and orient grantees of the Center itself or other institutions;
- c) Collaborate with educational institutions to develop new curriculum materials relating new information technologies and participatory democracy;
- d) Sponsor and collaborate with other scientific institutions in the holding of colloquia, conferences, and seminars, with the aim of fostering debate and furthering knowledge on these issues;
- e) Promote and collaborate in training activities;
- f) Constitute a Documentation Center, with access to international computer networks;
- g) Contribute to research and development of computer-based tools that support participatory democracy;
- h) Inform public opinion and raise public awareness, through its own publications, including international ones, and through the general mass media;
- i) Provide services that help to promote participatory democracy, as well as related research and development activities;
- j) Promote and collaborate in initiatives that lead to legislative reform in the area of new technologies and participatory democracy;
- k) Collaborate with public institutions, such as national, regional and local administrations and parliaments, as well as federative multinational institutions such as the European Parliament, United Nations, and others;
- l) Support individual citizens and citizens' groups in public consultation processes, namely in environmental impact reviews, land use plans and city master plans.

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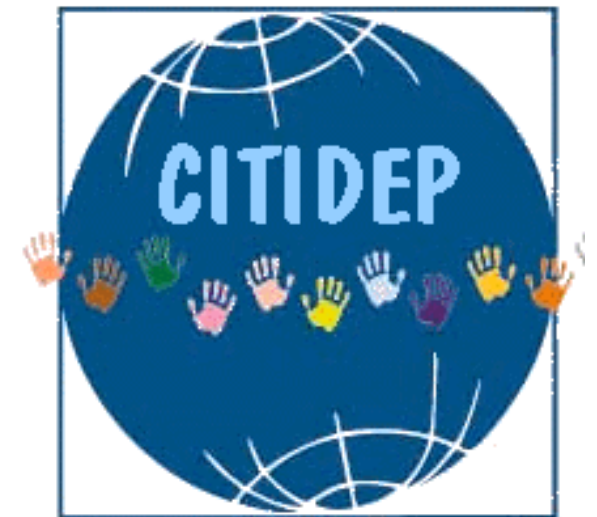
CITIDEP Research Clusters and Domains

- Research Cluster "**Supporting Areas**"
 - Meta-Research
 - Mathematical analysis, Models and Simulation
 - Pedagogy, Learning and School Curricula
- Research Cluster "**Information Areas**"
 - Communication and Media
 - Information Technology
- Research Cluster "**Social Areas**"
 - Social Frameworks:
 - Ideology, Ethics, Economy and Political Science
 - Society and Institutions:
 - Planning, Legislation and Public Administration
 - Society and People:
 - Social Movements, Communities and the Individual

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Research Center on Information Technology and Participatory Democracy

CITIDEP is a private, non-profit, multi-national research institution, whose primary objective is to study participatory democracy, in particular through research, development and demonstration of new information technologies, of its impacts, and of ethical, social, political and planning frameworks that enable participatory mechanisms in the *information society*.



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