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Empowement and Social Innovation in e-STAS 2010

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Madrid, February 16, 2010- About 250 international experts and professionals in Technology and Social Action will meet on 10th and 11th March at the Echegaray theatre in Malaga, Spain, to participate in conferences, debates and other activities for de fifth edition of e-STAS, the Symposium of Technologies for Social Action. For second year, e-STAS topic will be "Innovation for citizen empowerment through new technologies".

e-STAS is an international and multistakeholder event that is a meeting point for all who work to make new technologies a tool for inclusion and social innovation.

The event will be attended by a large number of international experts on empowerment and social innovation such as Alfredo Olivera, founder and creator of LT22 Radio "La Colifata"; Eduardo Codina, cyber-researcher of LT22 Radio "La Colifata"; Jose Gomez-Marquez, Humanitarian of the Year; Tristan Nitot, co-founder and President of Mozilla Europe; Javier Bauluz, founder of P+DH and Pulitzer Prize; Raquel Isaula, national coordinator of the Sustainable Development Network of Honduras; Osama Mansar, Director and founder of Digital Empowerment Foundation; Serge Ferré, Strategy Director of Nokia; Sally-Jean Shackleton, Executive Director in Women'sNet; Olivier Schulbaum, co-founder of Platoniq; Bazlur Razlur-Rahman, Executive Director of the Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication; and Marc Vidal, from Cink, among others.

The novelty of this fifth editiion of e-STAS will be the Empodera Awards for Innovation for Citizen Empowerment through New Technologies, the first international awards on this topic. It will reward to the social entrepreneurs and the best initiatives in the field of social innovation. The deadline for applications ends on 26th february and it can be made through the website: http://www.e-stas.org/empodera/?idm=2

The registration period for e-STAS is still open. Those interested can register at the website of the event: http://www.e-stas.org/?idm=2

About the Fundacion Cibervoluntarios:

<u>Fundación Cibervoluntarios</u> is a non-profit organization made by social entrepreneurs passionate about new technologies, communication and volunteering; we work day by day with the main objective of using new technologies to promote social innovation and the citizen empowerment. We want to maximize the rights, opportunities and capabilities of each person within their environment through the use of new technological tools and applications that are available for them.

Our bigger value is our 1800 Cibervolunteers, social change agents who contribute to promote the use and knowledge of technological tools among people with fewer opportunities to access and training ICT. They have an important role between local and global information society and the way they contribute is usually innovative and creative in order to detect problems and give solutions to the needs and demands within their area.

The Cibervolunteers teach the potential use of new technologies in a useful, simple and effective daily to groups with little chance of access and training, either through the network either in person, face to face, giving courses, lectures, conferences, workshops, events, seminars, among others.

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