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## e-Business Area – Competence Centre in Electronic Commerce

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The Competence Center in Electronic Commerce emerged as a result of the European project e-MINDER. It is a project belonging to the IST program (Information Society Technologies), which was promoted in Galicia by the Supercomputing Center of Galicia (CESGA). Other eight associated centers from Spain, Poland and Cyprus participated in it. The project was centered on the undertaking of situation studies and activities supporting the SMEs in the peripheral European regions.

During the realization of e-MINDER, different work areas of the Center started operating (Observatory, Support, Formation, Communication), and continued until the conclusion of the project. These areas provided a frame for the realization of the services and activities carried out by the Center, which can be consulted on the web page of the project:<http://www.e-negociogalicia.com>.

After the finalization of the project e-MINDER, the Competence Center in Electronic Commerce continues working as CESGA's e-Business area, supporting the SMEs by the realization of specific projects. The undertaking of innovation, development and research projects, in which the companies can participate directly or using the projects' results, is promoted by the Center. These projects are based on the identification of the needs resulting from previous research or on the direct demand by the SMEs.

The Center has developed more than ten European and regional projects with the aim of promoting the companies' innovation in terms of e-Business. The final aim is the improvement of the situation of the business network and the Galician society regarding Information and Communications technologies. The SMEs interested can participate in new initiatives related to e-Business by presenting their ideas and needs in order to design a project in collaboration with the Center by e-mail to [info@e-negociogalicia.com](mailto:info@e-negociogalicia.com).