Analysing Professional Communities as Distributed Intelligence Systems

The aim of the project was to experiment and test new research tools capable of supporting the study regarding professional communities in the economic organizations.
From a methodological point of view these tools were studied in their **descriptive** (capability of describing a predetermined context) and
prescriptive
meaning (capability of suggesting actions in order to modify that context).
On one hand the project intended to contribute to the emergent studies of Knowledge management and specifically to those which consider the communities of practices as an elective social device to produce learning, meaning and identity, at least Knowledge. On the other hand many were the potential applications within and between organizations.

From a technological point of view the research consisted in creating:
- On Line Collaborative Spaces based on the emerging theoretical and methodological elements;
- **Research Engine** capable of embodying "Intelligence" and "Wisdom" in the selection and the search of information, rather than meanings;
- a **Connection** between these research elements and the real organizational context.

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