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EUROPEAN SIMULATION PLATFORM SINAPSI, STARTS ITS FIRST TESTING SESSION ON NOVEMBER 2009

The 3D e-learning platform, SINAPSI, for the teaching of soft skills, directed by CNR-ISTC (the National Research Council Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Technologies) is going to start its first testing session on November 2009, in France, Slovakia and Italy.

The SINAPSI platform was created within the frame of the Leonardo da Vinci, European projects. Its main objective is to contribute to the outspread and improvement of teaching programs and professional trainings in Europe. SINAPSI project has developed an e-learning platform for the teaching of soft skills* by using a technical software that allows a group of people to communicate and interact on line, in a 3D virtual game, based on adapted scripts.

The Department of Relational Sciences of Federico II University (Napoli, Italy) and particularly the Laboratory of Artificial Life and Robotics are going to start testing the platform within Italian Universities. MF & Partners Consulting, management consultancy and training company, notably in charge of the French tests, is going to test the platform within small and medium size French companies. PDCS organization (Partners for Democratic Changes in Slovakia) is going to set up the tests in Slovakian administrations.

A second test session will be done after the first one, in 2010, to be able to activate the eventual modifications that will be consecutively made to the first test sessions. All the information about SINAPSI is available on www.mfpartnersconsulting.com (European projects) and on the official CNR-ISTC website: <http://www.nac.unina.it/sinapsi>.

***Soft skills** : Soft skills is a sociological term relating to a person's "EQ" (Emotional Intelligence Quotient), the cluster of personality traits, social graces, communication, language, personal habits, friendliness, and optimism that characterize relationships with other people. Soft skills complement hard skills (part of a person's IQ), which are the technical requirements of a job and many other activities.

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