

# Interlegis: Virtual Network of Communication and Information That Enlarges Brazil's Democracy and Citizenship

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**Abstract.** This article aims to present the Interlegis program developed by the Brazil National Congress, in association with Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), which is about modernization and Integration of the Legislative command, in its federal, state and municipal levels and about promotion of the transparency and interaction of this command with society. The ways used are the new information technologies (internet, videoconferences and data transmission), that allow communication and exchange of experiences between the legislative houses and legislators and between the legislative and the public, seeking to raise the participation of the people on the legislative process.

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## 1 Introduction

The Interlegis program is a virtual network of communication where circulates information that integrates the Federal Senate, Deputy Chamber, Account Tribunal of the Union, Legislative assemblies, Municipal chambers and the citizen.

Its strategic priority is to enlarge and solidify the modernization process of the Legislative command, in order to improve communication and the information flow between legislators and increase public's participation and representation on the legislative process.

Today, more than 1500 municipal chambers have already received computers and printers from the Interlegis program to process information, connect to the internet and put their own information at the disposition of the citizens. The Senate, the Chamber, the tribunal and the assemblies, count with extremely useful rooms and with special rooms that are prepared to the realization of events like videoconferences, where legislators and the community can debate live issues of society's interest. It is Brazil's democracy getting better and modernizing.