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Ellen Rusman is educational technologist and assistant professor within the Research and Technology Development Programme on Learning Networks at the Centre for Learning Sciences and Technologies (CELSTEC, <http://celstec.org/>) of the Open Universiteit, the Netherlands.

She holds a Msc. in Educational Science and Technology at the University of Twente, with a focus on curriculum development and implementation. During her study she spent several months at the Centre for Studies in Advanced Learning Technology (C-SALT) at Lancaster University, United Kingdom. After her graduation in 1998 she started as educational technologist at CELSTEC.

She has been an educational designer, trainer and consultant since, collaborating as project member and leader in local, national and international (EU) projects. She designs environments for (collaborative) learning, information and knowledge management.

She participated in several European projects, such as Cooper, E-Len, LTfLL and CEFcult. In 2000 she explored various countries during a sabbatical of one year. At the end of 2006 she started to combine her work as an educational designer with PhD research. Her main area of research interest includes the support of collaborative learn and work experiences in blended networked environments. She is specifically interested in the influence of trust and trustworthiness perceptions on collaboration, as well as on cultural influences on these perceptions. She successfully defended her thesis (see: <http://dspace.ou.nl/handle/1820/3411>) in June 2011.