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Ellen Rusman is educational technologist and assistant professor within the Research and Technology Development Programme on Mobile Media 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.

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. She was 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 in June 2011 (see: <http://dspace.ou.nl/handle/1820/3411>). She participated in several successful European projects, such as Cooper, E-Len, LTfLL and CEFcult, which designed learning support for intercultural professional communication. She currently works in several European projects, such as PREATY (formative assessment for learning), WEspot (mobile assisted inquiry based learning) and ELENA (early 'neighbouring' language learning). She will present ELENA by means of a video conference during this conference.