# Forum TAL initiative

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## What's TAL

The acronym TAL (Automatic Processing of Language) denotes technologies of automatic processing of spoken and written language.

## What's forumTAL

the Ministry of Communications set up the forumTAL in order to promote the technological innovations and research in the field of language.

## Objectives I

- 1. Monitoring the activities of institutions involved in TAL to promote synergies and stimulate new interest;
- 2. Promoting research and development in the field of linguistic tools;
- 3. Studying the initiatives that can lead to an enlargement of the market and to the development of national competitiveness in this sector;

## Objectives II

- 4. Promoting public and private investment in the area, including the preservation of the Italian language and its dissemination in the world;
- Studying research and tools in the area of TAL with particular attention to European initiatives;
- 6. Promoting the use of Italian technology in other countries.

## ForumTAL Members

- CNIPA
- CRUI
- Expert System
- Fondazione Ugo Bordoni
- ILC CNR
- ISTC CNR
- Loquendo
- Ministero delle Attività Produttive
- Ministero delle Comunicazioni
- ISCOM Ministero delle Comunicazioni
- Ministero della Giustizia
- Ministero dei Beni Culturali
- MIUR

#### Some achievements

- White paper on TAL
- Website : www.forumtal.it
- 4 confernces organised
- LangTech 2008

## White paper on TAL

#### The book contents:

- areas of development,
- size of current and future investments,
- characteristics of the market,
- state of education and training.