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*Virtual Campuses in Italy*
All definitions on virtual campuses state that “a virtual campus provides distance learning opportunities with a variety of non-traditional ways for accessing education, regardless of where the students reside”.

The debate originated in Italy from the introduction of the “Università Telematiche” (Telematics Universities) imposes a separate analysis for:

a) Telematics Universities (Università telematiche)
b) Introduction of e-learning strategies in traditional University courses

Among the experiences of the second type have to be noted the ones we are carrying out at the University of Cassino

c) ICT for creating communities of research, of learning and of practices
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In Italy Telematics Universities have been introduced with the so-called Moratti-Stanca Law (from the names of two Minister of the former government who proposed it).

It is beyond the aim of this presentation the description of all the features of the law but it can be said that:

a) It states what rules and duties those universities are subjected to,

b) It creates a Committee those Universities are submitted to for approval and accreditation,

c) It states that whatever distance education strategy the University uses it has to guarantee the presence of the students at the ending examinations (both for single courses and final theses).
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List of the 8 Italian telematics universities (with the links to their web sites):

"Giustino Fortunato" (Benevento)  http://www.unifortunato.it/
“Leonardo da Vinci” (campus on line of the university “G. D’Annunzio”) (Chieti)  http://www.unidav.it/
IUL “Italian University Line” (Florence)  http://www.iuline.it/
“Uni-tel” (Milan)  http://www.uni-tel.it/
“Pegaso” (Neaples)  http://www.unipegaso.it/
Uninettuno (Rome)  http://www.uninettunouniverity.net/
“G. Marconi” (Rome)  http://www.unimarconi.it/
TelMa (Rome)  http://www.unitelma.it/
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The National Council for University recently produced a document where among other things it noted:
- also if the Law suggests the introduction of e-learning strategies at different levels the great part of the requests of accreditation is for new telematics universities,
- Telematics universities don’t make research (or don’t make it adequately)
- There is great anxiety for the use of distance learning in medical professions
- The introduction of e-learning in traditional courses create the problem of the e-tutor, which has not been adequately solved
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The Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI), together with French and Finnish partners, launched in 2003 the project ELUE (financed from European Commission) to collect statistical data on the diffusion of e-learning in the three countries. The results have been published in 2006 and the text is available online (pdf format) on the web site of the CRUI:

http://www.crui.it/data/allegati/links/3143/E-LUE%202006%20ita.pdf
(for the English version substitute ita with ingl)

In the following slides some results of the study concerning Italy are reported*.  

* From the book “University towards e-learning: a focus on Finland, France, Italy”, ELUE project
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The collection of data on the use of e-learning come from a survey. It was submitted to all Italian Universities. The answers are reported in the table below *

| Universities which filled in the questionnaire | 59 | 76.6 |
| Universities which did not filled in the questionnaire | 18 | 23.4 |
| **Total** | **77** | **100.0** |

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GRAPH 1. The adoption of an e-learning policy in Italian universities
(Percentages of respondent universities)

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GRAPH 3. Adoption of an e-learning policy in universities by geographic area (Percentage of respondent universities)

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GRAPH 5. University centres for ICT/e-learning
(Percentage of respondent universities)

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GRAPH 7. Number of university centres for ICT/e-learning in universities
(Percentage of respondent universities, by number of centres)

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GRAPH 9. The presence of a repository for the online contents.
(Percentage of respondent universities)

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GRAPH 11. E-learning as a subject of university research
(Percentage of respondent universities)

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## TABLE 5. The involvement of lecturers in distance education

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<th>% of lecturers who are involved in distance education</th>
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Women and written culture in the Middle Ages:
http://edu.let.unicas.it/womediev/
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BMB on line (Bibliography of Beneventan Manuscripts):
http://edu.let.unicas.it/bmb/
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The Open Catalogue of Manuscripts  http://www.malatestiana.it/manoscritti/