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## Editorial

### Pooling the know-how

During the meeting held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the conclusions of the seminar of leaders that took place on August 2007, were exposed to the board of directors of Isted.

Upon the position of Isted regarding the assistance of project management in governance and sustainable development, the administrators pointed out three geographic headlines: countries neighbouring Europe, (Mediterranean basin and central Europe), emerging countries and the overseas communities. This will be possible by an alignment with the French Agency for development (AFD) which acts strongly in those areas and by pooling with other public and private operators from the international cooperation. These perspectives will be confirmed by a contract of agreed objectives with the MEDAD.

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## News about the Association

### Laure Criqui, european twinning task manager

Graduated from the Institute of Political Studies of Grenoble and with a Master in "urbanisation and development" from *London School of Economics and Political Science*, Laure Criqui replace Alice Dapogny in managing the European twinning. She worked as an adviser in technical programmes and governance during 15 months at the Embassy of France in Rabat.

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## Programmes and activities

### Regional Seminar on urban mobility in Mediterranean, Skhirat (Morocco), 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008

The seminar was organised under the auspices of the ministry of the interior of Morocco, by the World Bank, the city of Marseille, the bleu plan, Codatu, MedCites, the French Agency for Development and the Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning (MEDAD).

The World Bank honoured this workshop by the participation of its vice-president of the MEDA region M. Daniela Gressani, the director of transport M. Jamal Saghir as well as by the attendance of about ten different representatives of the region.

The workshop sessions were organized around four specific topics:

- Urban Transport and Institutional organization, Planning, and Financing
- Economic issues (costs, fares, subsidies) and financing (public, private, PPPs)
- Conventional urban transport services (street-based and rapid transit)
- Traffic management.

On this occasion, an evaluation report "mobility and transport" was disseminated, it is achieved by the Certu ([patricia.varnaison@equipement.gouv.fr](mailto:patricia.varnaison@equipement.gouv.fr)), from Systra study.

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Internet (for the communication of the seminar):

[www.euromedina.org/bibliotheque\\_fichiers/interventions\\_skhirat.htm](http://www.euromedina.org/bibliotheque_fichiers/interventions_skhirat.htm)

### Strategies in transport sector AFD

The suggestion of Isted has been accepted in the frame work of the bid of tender

launched by the French Agency for Development regarding the editing a summary document about transport challenges for the sustainable development. On the basis of sectorial information regarding the specifications of the transport market and the strategies of the intervener of the sector, it is about drawing up a note on transport challenges for the sustainable development. Isted had mobilized the competence of M. Claude Abraham, senior economist engineer who will be assisted by M. Dominique Auverlot (Center for Strategic Analysis). They will lean on a panel of sectorial experts that will lead to cover the whole modes. The temporary report is planned to be issued in two months.  
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### **Observatory port in Guiana / Suriname / Brazil**

In the perspective of improving terrestrial connection between Guiana and its neighbours; Brazil (upon the project of construction a bridge over the Oyapock border river) and the Suriname, the DDE of Guiana put in place an observatory port. The first phase of the assistance mission of the DDE of Guiana which is led by Isted, started with Suriname. The port actors of Paramaribo have been introduced in order to set the port profile and to identify the availability of information sources that could be the subject of regular exchanges between the port's communities of both countries. Ports' representants of Surinam are going to visit Guiana, in order to set a partnership agreement to create a forum for exchanges and meetings. The second phase of the project will concern the port of Macapa in Brazil.  
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### **Bulgarian light twinning – railway transports**

Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning has won a light twinning with Bulgaria for duration of 6 months. This twinning aims to put in place legislation about the railway security and interoperability. The activities of this project, led by Benoît Chevalier, leader of the Project and six key experts, have started from December 2007. Isted is the authorised organism in charge of the administrative, financial and logistics management.  
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### **Security and safety maritime twinning with Morocco**

This twinning which is implemented upon MEDA funding (budget 900 000 €) in accordance with the twinning procedure, occurred from November 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 until December 24<sup>th</sup> 2007. The project leader (CP) was Jean-François Lévy and the resident twinning adviser (CRJ), Olivier Mornet. The twinning entailed the following topics: technical specification related to the port's information system aiming at outfitting Moroccan ports for tracking dangerous and pollutant goods in best conditions, reforming maritime code and proposition of texts, training and competence transfer, training for inspectors, coastguard's specification, reinforcement of administrative competence and maritime administrations. Isted is the authorised organism in charge of the administrative, financial and logistics management.  
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### **Workgroup IGD**

In the framework of a workshop facilitated by l'institut de la gestion déléguée (IGD) dealing with "contractual management" used for essential services, Isted will take part regarding urban constraints related to the planning and the management of these services. This comment should be concluded by the edition of a document of reference at mid 2008. The Achievement of the approaches initiated by IGD in connection with the four elements: State/local authorities/ services' operators/ users, are under process in both Benin and Togo. An other one is under preparation in Vietnam and Isted is planning to take part and support this action.  
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## **Current events**

### **Internet**

- Bulletin *Villes en Développement* "Mobility and urban development" – n°78 December 2007  
[www.isted.com/periodiques/villes-developpement/bulletin\\_pdf/bull78f.pdf](http://www.isted.com/periodiques/villes-developpement/bulletin_pdf/bull78f.pdf)
  - The workgroup urban governance  
[www.isted.com/pole-ville/pole-ville-gouvernance-urbaine.htm](http://www.isted.com/pole-ville/pole-ville-gouvernance-urbaine.htm)
  - The Item "urban Agenda" is regularly updated  
[www.isted.com/agenda/agenda.htm](http://www.isted.com/agenda/agenda.htm)
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### **Villes en développement**

• **New acquisitions**

Atlas du Liban, territoires et société – Éric Verdeil, Ghaleb Faour, Sébastien Velut – Beyrouth, IFPO, CNRS, 2007

Giving a new vision of the Lebanon territory and shedding lights on the important changes which occurred since nearly thirty years, here is the purpose of this atlas. This product is the result of France Lebanon collaboration.

Livre blanc du développement et de l'aménagement de Phnom Penh, Economic, social and environmental diagnostic, trend, prospective and orientations before the project of the urban master plan of Phnom Penh 2020, final report – Municipality of Phnom Penh, office of urban affairs – Phnom Penh, municipality of Phnom Penh, Embassy of France in Cambodia, 2007 (study realised by the office of urban affairs, directed by M. Rithisen Chhay, with the support of FSP project assistance to the management and urban development in Cambodia, directed by Éric Huybrechts).

Housing policies – In *Trialog* 93 n°3-2007

Issuance dedicated to the experiences in housing policy in many latin american and Asian countries Démographie. Une Afrique dense et urbanisée – Luca Patriat – In *Marchés tropicaux et méditerranéens* n°3234 vendredi 11 janvier 2008

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