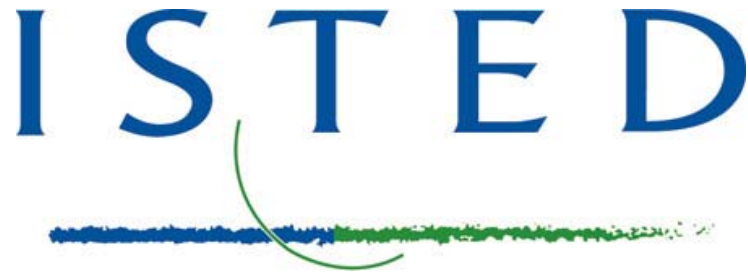


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Editorial

Informing on cities around the world

Through various means, Isted is continuing its activities of building knowledge, dissemination and communication about cities around the world. Therefore, establishing and developing databases accessible to the public at large represent the crucial element of its ambitions, thus, the web site "World local Authorities" – www.almwla.org – developed for ten years with Dexia and Ubifrance, will be renewed and improved through a partnership open to other participants, financial backer and federations of local.

This renew will be in achieved in connection with the web site "Emerging Cities" – www.villesendevenir.org – That encounters a great international success (see here-after).

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News of the Association

Steering Committee & Executive boards

The steering committee was held on Friday May 23rd 2008.

The executive boards will be held on Wednesday June 18th 2008 at 3 pm and followed by a general meeting of Isted

You can find on the web the constitution of the steering committee, executive boards and the list of Isted members

Internet: www.isted.com/organisation/qui-sommes-nous.htm

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Programmes and activities

"Emerging cities", Arab version

The Arab version of "Emerging Cities" is issued. This book sheds synthetic, instructional and illustrated lights on the relevant urban problems, is already available in French and English versions and sooner, it will be translated into three others languages: Spanish (under process), Chinese and Japanese.

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International Geographic information Market

In accordance with the resolution of the national council for geographic information (CNIG) of June 2006, Isted achieved a foreshadowing study of the evaluation of the international geographic information market, with the support of Club Export Afigéo and the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning (directorate of research and scientific and technical affairs and directorate of economic and international affairs)

A call for contributions will be launched in order to gather the whole actors to the second period of this study that will end by the end of 2008.

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Best practices in financing urban transports

The French Agency for (AFD) and the directorate of economic and international affairs (DAEI) of the MEEDDAT have jointly launched a survey in order to collect the best practices for financing urban transports
Codatu is the leader of the survey. It expressed its wish to associate Isted to his mission.

The intermediary results will be set forth in a session during the Codatu conference XIII (12-14 November 2008, Ho Chi Minh-City, Vietnam).
It is about analysing the various practices of financing urban transports through two series of monographs, the one deals with studies of cases of many cities (mainly, Curitiba, Tshwane–Pretoria, Istanbul, Ho Chi Minh City, a french city, San Francisco), the other deals with studies financing mechanisms: financing and tolling system; public recovery of the area covered by public transports; modes and modalities of public transport financing by the users; modes and modalities of contributions from employers and commercial activities; public-private partnerships in public transport; public financing.
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Railway security in Bulgaria

Since 2005, the French and Bulgarian administrations work together on inter-polarity and railway security issues in the frame work of institutional European twinning. Regarding these relationship, the Bulgaria's Transport Ministry asked the twinning team to organise the coming of Jean-G rard Koenig, French expert specialized in railway accidents. This latter went to Bulgaria 26 -28 March 2008 in order to assist the authorities in the survey related to the Sofia-Kardam train incident (8 dead and 9 injured persons in the night 28th-29th February). Recommendations have been addressed to the Transport Ministry and to the director of the accidents investigation board on the last April 14th 2008
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Current events

Internet

• English version of the bulletin *Villes en d veloppement* n 78 "Mobility and urban development"
www.isted.com/periodiques/villes-developpement/bulletin_pdf/bull78a.pdf
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Villes en d veloppement

• New acquisitions

L'Afrique face   ses d fis d mographiques. Un avenir incertain. – Under the supervision of Beno t Ferry – Paris: AFD, Ceped, Karthala, 2008
The African population will probably duplicate during the coming forty years, passing from 750 million inhabitants in 2006 to 1,4 milliard in 2040.
Sub-Saharan Africa is already facing demographic challenges so today, it is really wondering about its future.
This book is the result of a group work composed by Ceped as requested by the "AFP" on the thematic "Demography, reproductive health and sustainable economic growth in Africa".
Pol ticas urbanas y convivencia en ciudades de America Latina, hacia una gestion integral de la ciudad. – Charlotte Boisteau (dir.), Clara Xifra (Col.) – Cahier du LaSur11-Cahier de la Coop ration 4 – Lausanne:  cole polytechnique de Lausanne, 2007
El libro que se presenta a continuacion constituye el primer documento conceptual que aborda la tematica y la problematica de la Red CONVIVAL "Pol ticas urbanas y convivencia en ciudades de America Latina" desde una perspectiva interdisciplinaria.
Villes du Gabon – Under the supervision of Guy Burgel and Jean-Claude Ndong Mba – In *Villes en parall le* n 40-41, January 2007
Special issue, contributions are announced around three important chapters: urbanisation process: temporalities and spatial practices, urban system: function and activities, urban planning: techniques and society.
L'environnement urbain   Colombo. Diagnostic et enjeux – Under the supervision of Guy Chemla and Philippe Billot – Colombo, CMC edition, 2008
A publication achieved in the frame work of the European programme Asia Pro Eco. It gathers all the contributions collected during a regional conference. This book presents a first approach of environmental imperatives of Colombo.
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