

Editorial

Isted for a sustainable development

An extraordinary Board was held on 17th December 2008 and a new road map of Isted has been adopted. Refocused on Urban development and services, transports and infrastructures, the institute will develop its activities for a sustainable development in order to reinforce the French and European presence and its influence on the international scene, gathering both public and private partners, the State and territorial authorities, companies and NGO's, researchers and teachers, Four kinds of interventions will be developed:

- Twinning in favour of countries members and partners of the European Union;
- Services for and in partnership with its members;
- The implementation of programmes with international institutions;
- Facilitation and dissemination within international networks.

This road map gives to the best wishes that all the team of Isted presents you for the new year 2009, a particular dimension based on confidence and renewed support s of all our members and partners.

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Programmes and activities

Plenary Group of ERA-NET TRANSPORT II

On December 1st and 2nd, the first Plenary Group of ERA-NET TRANSPORT II took place in Köln. It brought together all the stakeholders of transport research in Europe: European Commission, Technology platforms, national programme managers and owners, research institutes.

Isted ran a workshop with representatives of industry and research communities in order to identify potential synergies with ERA-NET TRANSPORT II: exchange of expertise, identification of topics, exchange of information.

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Actions of capitalization Project FSP 2007-14 "support with urban Governance"

In the prolongation of the recommendations of the working group on urban governance, case studies were engaged by Isted on three countries of the zone of priority solidarity: In Cameroun at the time of the development of a new master plan by the Urban Community of Douala, in Ethiopia with matter of the definition of a land information system for the secondary cities, in Mali on the inter-commune dialogue in three agglomerations (Bamako Kayes Ségou). Each study led by a tandem of North-South expert associates a network of professionals and academics who on the basis of work will try to release from the concrete recommendations on the development and the setting works of projects supporting the urban governance

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Seminar "transports à haut niveau de service"

Within the framework of the the agreement France-China on the sustainable urban development (DUD), the Transport Institute of Tongji and the France-China Institute of engineering and management of the University of Tongji organised a first conference on urban transport systems (Shanghai, 11th -14th November 2008).

More than two hundred participants intervened on the following topics: mobility issues and urban transport policy; scientific and technical approaches; optimisation and use of urban transport networks; planning, funding and organisation issues.

An important number of French and Chinese experts from universities, administrations and factories attended this event.

The French Agency for Development (AFD) supported the Chinese authorities on the regarding the theme of effectiveness energetic of project.

The principle of a study tour in France within different cities that put in place "THNS" was retained.

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Prolongation of civil aviation twinning with Ukraine

The twinning on Civil Aviation in Ukraine, 18 month initial implementation period, has been extended by the Steering Committee for 6 more months, i.e. until June 2009. This extension will allow the French Civil Aviation General Directorate and the Polish partners of the Civil Aviation Office to follow up on the activities such as the assessment of new working procedures and organisation and on the harmonisation of the Ukrainian legislation with the EU norms.

Meanwhile, two Ukrainian delegations have done study tours for on-the-job training in France and Poland.

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Twinning with Israel: first meeting

On December 10th, the team in charge of the twinning on Urban transports in Israel have met with the short-term experts who will intervene on the project, as well as with the International and European Affairs Direction of the Meeddat.

This meeting gathered around 15 persons and initiated a continuing cooperation within the team before the beginning of the activities. After the presentation of public transports in Israel and of the main lines of the twinning, fundamental information and first thoughts on the project were commonly discussed.

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Current events

Internet

- Urban governance – Publications

Internet: www.isted.com/programmes/gouvernance_urbaine/gouvernance_publications.htm

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Villes en développement

- **New acquisitions**

Décentralisation et la démocratie locale dans le monde. First world report of united cities and local governments – united cities and local governments, World Bank – Paris: Cités unies et locaux unis, 2008

Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralisation (GOLD): Global comparative analysis of the situation local authorities in each region of the world: evolution of territorial structures, skills, management and administrative capacities, local democracy,

Internet: www.cities-localgovernments.org

Aportes de la cooperación descentralizada Unión Europea-América Latina a la cooperación territorial en América Latina. Elementos para el debate - Union

Europa-América Latina – María del Huerto Romero – Colección Estudios de investigación N°1, 2007 – Observatorio de Cooperación descentralizada Union Europa-América Latina

El objetivo central es reflexionar sobre la pertinencia y la posibilidad de que la cooperación descentralizada publica entre Europa y América Latina refuerce de manera decisiva los procesos de cooperación territorial que ya existen en América Latina.

Internet: www.observ-ocd.org/

Entre tradition et modernité : quelle gouvernance pour l'Afrique? Actes du colloque de Bamako 23-25 janvier 2007 – IRG – Paris: Institut de recherche et débat sur la gouvernance, 2008

Formulated around three significant topics reflecting the different aspects of governance

in Africa: the choice of leaders, management of public goods.

Internet: www.institut-gouvernance.org & www.afrique-gouvernance.net

Aménager la ville africaine. Guide des procédures d'aménagement urbain à l'usage des municipalités africaines gestionnaires de villes moyennes (Afrique francophone) –

Jean-François Tribillon, Marie-Thérèse Manchotte, Act consultants – Cotonou: PDM, 2008

A reference manual suggesting lines of thoughts, orientations of actions, appropriating instrument for urban and land policy of cities by African local government

Internet: www.pdm-net.org

Manuel de l'animateur urbain : les bases du métier – Gret, Emilie Barrau avec la collaboration de l'équipe du PMRU-Congo – Paris: Editions du Gret, 2008

Achieved in the framework of the micro-realizations in the urban sector (PMRU), a cooperation programme between the European Union and the Republic of Congo, in 2002 and 2006, this guide suggests theoretical and practical guidelines for moderators.

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