

Editorial

Urban Governance

Within the framework of the n°5 "Africités" Summit held in Marrakesh, the 16th and 20th of December 2009, the French Ministry of Foreign and European affairs (MAEE) has officially launched the main lines of the French cooperation in supporting urban governance and the European Charter in local governance.

Inspired by the democratic governance's concept, urban governance consists of adopting methods of action and decision-making partnerships, involving especially disadvantaged residents. Focused on the strengthening of institutional and human abilities, those strategic directions underline the access to basic services, land safety and access to housing for poorest population, development of former areas, local economic development, strategic planning based on an efficient project management and the strengthening of financial resources. All in all, it is a matter of promoting a governance to the service of a sustainable urban development.

The implementation of those main lines is based on a French partnership for town and territories, steered by the French Ministry of Foreign and European affairs (MAEE) and the technical secretariat of ISTED. It gathers urban cooperation actors in all their diversities in order to act in a coherent and coordinated way.

Best wishes 2010 from the team of ISTED for our e-letter's readers.

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News of the association

Céline Nacéri Dion, task officer for the European twinnings

Holder of a MS named "Strategy of International Cultural Exchanges" and of a Master degree in Politics, Céline Nacéri Dion is replacing Laure Criqui as a task officer for European twinnings of ISTED.

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Aria Technologies is joining ISTED

ISTED is now adding one more member: Aria Technologies. Since his creation in 1990 by a researchers team coming from EDF (French National Electricity Board), this independent company is dedicated to the study and the simulation of the atmospheric environment and also leads projects to fight against pollution of the air in France (Paris, Rouen, Toulouse) and in the world (Rio, Roma, Milan, Kaliningrad, Beijing, Tunis et New-Delhi, to Qatar and in Romania). Aria works for institutional customers (ministries, agencies for environmental protection) and industrials. With his 25 employees in France, it achieved a turnover of 3M€ en 2008.

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Cities & territories

Symposiums “Better town, better life”

The Shanghai World exhibition 2010 will be held from May 1st till October 31st 2010. Within this framework, the Ile-de-France region, the city of Paris and also the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Paris created a common association named “Paris Ile-de-France Expo 2010 Shanghai” (PIDES 2010), which is organising a pavilion in a section especially reserved for the best urban practices. Among the events already planned on this pavilion, from 12nd to 17th of July 2010, a series of three symposiums about exploitation of the heritage for a sustainable metro-pole, technologies applied for urban local development and strategy for urban governance. ISTED signed a partnership agreement with PIDES' association. He will bring a scientific support and will mobilize institutional partners but also Chinese managers for those events whom the aim is to provide their contribution to the ultimate declaration of Shanghai concerning the main theme “Better town, better life”.

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Infrastructures & services

3rd meeting of the High Level Group Era-Net Transport

The ERA-NET HLG met in The Hague (NL) on November 27th to discuss the launching of a large scale transnational cooperation for research on electro-mobility. Since the last meeting in May, France has developed a position paper reviewing the research topics, with the objective to create long-term sustainable conditions for the development of electromobility in Europe looking to 2025. One of the issues to consider was also the modalities of the cooperation, either purely transnational, or using the ERA-NET Plus (EN+) mechanism in which the EU is topping up research funds provided by member states. The decision was to prepare for an EN+, a task force comprising France, the Netherlands and Germany will finalise the proposal for March, when a next meeting is scheduled.

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Ministerial Conference on Road Safety

The First Global Ministerial Conference on road safety took place in Moscow on November, 19th and 20th 2009, at the World Health Organization's initiative with the support of the World Bank and the International Auto mobile Federation. Thanks to a collective awareness concerning consequences due to road accidents, she gathers 1500 representatives from 150 countries and gives the opportunity to launch a decade about road safety. Without financial commitment, the ultimate declaration remain weak regarding to the identified needs to fight against the scourge killing more than 1 million of people every year, mainly in emergent and developing countries. But main actors, international institutions and ministries confirmed their commitment. GRSP (Global Road Safety Partnership) provides, for their own activities, important financial supports (from private and the EU) and the renewal of financial support from private companies for the new period of the Global Road Safety Initiative (GRSI).

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Funding and the “Public Urban Transport” club

The cooperation for urban mobility in the developing world (CODATU) achieved, for the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea (MEEDDM) and the French development agency (AFD), a study about financial mechanisms of Public urban transport in the world and published a document on the matter. At the same time, ISTED led an analysis about a French offer on Public Urban Transport, by interviewing international managers of companies and consultant agencies about their expectations and the support of our French public power. One of their recommendation is the implementation of a club dedicated to Public Urban transport. Those documents and propositions were confirmed by managers from the MEEDDM and the AFD during a seminar organised in November, 30th in la Défense.

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News

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• Publication: *Villes en développement* n°86, September 2009: Urban Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons from the past

www.isted.com/periodiques/villes-developpement/bulletin.htm

Villes en développement

• New acquisitions

Voyage en Afrique urbaine, urbanisation, modernité et société. Sous la direction de Pierre Gras, préface de Claude Jamati. Paris : L'Harmattan, 2009

Africa is undeniably in a process of fast urbanization. This book detects this changing Africa as in an urban than in societal. It gives the opportunity to apprehend a complex reality for a better understanding of the urban challenges and also a wider knowledge of this emerging "Africa of towns".

www.editions-harmattan.fr

Habitat social au Maghreb et au Sénégal, gouvernance urbaine et participation en questions. Coordonné par Julien Le Tellier et Aziz Iraki. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2009

Actes du séminaire « Habitat social durable : regards croisés Maghreb-Sénégal » (Rabat, juin 2009). This publication written with the assistance of a research institute (CDC), centres around three main chapters: urban governance and solidarity economics, urban dynamics and social housing politics in Maghreb and Senegal, participation, social engineering and financial mechanisms of the housing to Maghreb and to Senegal.

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Quartiers populaires, quartiers politiques. Préface Robert Castel. Denis Merklen. Paris: La Dispute /Snédit, 2009

Research works about the working classes place in contemporary societies, proposes problematic of their situation due to their localization, studies in France and Argentina.

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Modèles pour les villes d'avenir. Un Kaléidoscope de visions et d'actions pour les villes durables. Voula P Mega. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2009

Reflections about multiple examples of model for a sustainable town: stakes, prospects and innovations to take up the challenge for a sustainable development, European initiatives since the last decade.

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Les politiques d'efficacité énergétique au Vietnam ; actes de la conférence internationale sur les politiques d'efficacité énergétique. Hô-Chi-Minh-Ville, 9-10 April 2008. Paris: AFD, 2009 (notes et documents n°51)

Jointly organised by the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIT), AFD and ADEME, this seminar restores the interventions and some questions about generalization of good practices and techniques for energy management, about an implementation of an institutional and organizational framework acting for priority action for energy management, and on the question of financing and the bilateral cooperation.

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