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Editorial

Safe, Affordable, Comprehensive

The programmes implemented by Isted focus on three goals which are real key factors for a sustainable development: safety, affordability and integration. Safety concerns initially the people during their daily life who are exposed to both natural risks such as flood and to other dangers during their moving, in particular on roads and in cities. It concerns also the goods transportation and its follow-up at different stages. Affordability represents a crucial element in fighting against poverty, both in essential services and permanent opening-up of territories. Integration should prevail to make easier both the transportation of properties and people until their final point of destination, by common urban transports in cities, and the goods traffic. The evaluation implemented by the World Bank (1995-2005) on transports projects highlights the need of a global and integrated approach in this sector, taking into account the rapid urbanization and its impact on the environment as well as the necessity of a thorough evaluation with efficient indicators.

Internet: http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTTRANS/Resources/exec_summary.pdf

News about the association

Fiduciary funds for infrastructure in Africa

Jean-Didier Blanchet, former president of Isted, and Xavier Crépin, chief executive officer of Isted, went to the European Union in Brussels and then to the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg, in mid-2006, in order to collect information about the new EU-Africa partnership for infrastructure. An agreement, establishing fiduciary funds for infrastructures, has been lately signed (on 23rd April) among European Commission, the BEI and many State Members including France. For 2007-2012, the fund will be provided by contributions of European Development Funds (EFD, 60 millions Euros) and by voluntary contribution from State Members. France's contribution (French Development Agency) will be 5 millions euros in 2007. The fund will improve loans of the EIB for an amount of 260€ millions.

Internet: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/europe_828/union-europeenne-monde_13399/relations-externes_853/ue-afrique_4012/signature-un-accord-instituant-un-fonds-fiduciaire-union-europeenne-afrique-pour-les-infrastructures-23.04.07_48874.html

Programmes and activities

CESRoute

The 2007-2008 CESRoute training session started on Monday 9th April and will be completed in eight weeks (1st module). We hosted, this year, one trainee from each following countries: Algeria, Morocco, Rwanda and Senegal. The "Roads" Advanced Study Course which has been launched in 1997 is an international personalized training in road management, covering areas in which France has high-profile know-how and contractor firms are active. This training relies on the good skills and qualifications of its different partners: the network of the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure, Tourism and the Sea; the key public actors in the road works; Engineering companies. The CESRoute aims at selecting, training and establishing an international network of best qualified managers in the road infrastructure sector.

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ISLAND programme

After 31 months of thorough research and experimentation of an innovating system in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, the ISLAND programme will end on 31st May 2007. This technical tool, drawn from a European one called "OSIRIS", aims at communicating information from the institution to the population in a rapid way. Its priority is flood risks. A final seminar was held 14th-16th May 2007 in Hanoi – Vietnam in order to evaluate the results and consider actions. This seminar entails one day of experimenting the system within the pilot site of Hai-Duong. In order to disseminate those results, ISLAND published a "brochure". Two websites are also, disseminating information about this programme.

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Internet: www.isted.com/programmes/island/francais/index.htm and www.mica.edu.vn/island/

New Institutional twinning with Estonia

The French ministry of transport won a light twinning for 6 months duration. The purpose of this twinning is to improve the safety in the Estonian railway sector. 76 days of expertises are planned. The first mission has already started in April 2007.

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Visit of the Lithuanian transports vice Minister

In the framework of the railway twinning with Lithuania, a delegation from the Lithuanian ministry of transports came to France 16th-20th April, its members are: Ceslovas SIKSNELIS, vice minister; Darius JARMANTAVICIUS, Minister counsellor; Stasys DAILYDKA, director general of Lithuanian railways; Bernard CHANTEMESSE, resident technical advisor. After their meeting with different transport structures in Paris which are: the French Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure, Tourism and the Sea, the SNCF and the RFF, they went to Figueras to meet the Spanish delegation that has presented them the Perpignan project – Figueras.

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A Website and a CD-ROM devoted to UDRP

The Unesco that hosted the international final seminar of the Urban development Research Programme in May 2004, has financed a website devoted to UDRP. Located in the website of Gemdev which is a scientific partner of the programme, this new site gives access to two-thirds of research reports (complete text), to the summary of the results, to seminar action, to the final evaluation led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as to the whole of the produced documents. CD-ROMs were sent to the Unesco, in charge of disseminating them for its state members.

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Current events

Villes en développement

• New acquisitions

Villes réelles, villes projetées. Fabrication de la ville au Maghreb. Nadir Boumaza – Paris: Maisonneuve et Larose, 2006. Collective work managed by Nadir Boumaza, studying the process of building cities and the issues of planning. This work discusses also the differences between an existing city and a programmed one.

Reducing risks to cities from disasters and climate change – Environment and Urbanization – Vol. 19 N°1 April 2007. This issuance focused on the metropolis sensitiveness to the climate as well it gives some explanation about the climate changes. Contact: marie-therese.rieu@i-carre.net

Internet: www.isted.com/villes-developpement/accueil_documentation.htm

• Cities Alliance – Annual report 2006

Isted has just disseminated the annual report 2006 of Cities Alliance to its members and partners. As soon as the initiative of the World Bank has been launched in 1999, Isted has build relationships with CA's Secretariat. Thus, led in 2003 to a partnership agreement which is conducted so far. Internet: www.citiesalliance.org

• From Shanghai to Bangalore: reappraising business models

An International seminar organised by Isted, Erudit, Irsam, Ismea, and lued at UNESCO, Paris 7th-8th June 2007. It aims at studying the new business models implemented in both India and china, pointing-out the junctions between these models and the variable used in their frameworks. Registration: colloque-asie-ducassel@neuf.fr / Internet: www.isted.com/agenda/ShangBang_eng.pdf

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