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Editorial

Competitiveness of Mediterranean cities

In the framework of the Mediterranean Economic week, the Knowledge Networks Agency for Middle East and North Africa, KNA-MENA gathered on 21st November 2007, with the collaboration of the World Bank and the city of Marseilles, a committee of experts, to identify the adequate methods helping to define the urban strategy.

The achievements relying on the experience of urban development strategies, improved in the framework of Cities Alliance (led by the World Bank), focused particularly on the 21 Agendas, the Blue Plan and the European Union's implementations.

Mediterranean cities, impressed by an important concentration and far less decentralisation regarding the local authorities, are destitute of both competitiveness and financial resources.

Upon this situation, how and at which dimension implementing a strategic procedure? Which qualification is required with regard to the active competition of the decentralised cooperation? With which financial resources and which kind of projects could cities' managers improve their urban policy? Pooling information in the form of indicators, in the framework of urban observatory, constitutes a priority which the international organisations have to join.

The recommendations of experts, presented to the Commission "Méditerranée" of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), will certainly strengthen the undertakings of the commission in 2008.

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Programmes and activities

Launch of the CES Route association

The 23rd World Road Congress held on 17 -21 September 2007 in Paris was the occasion to launch an association gathering all the former CESRoute trainees.

The president of this association named «*International CES Route Network*» and lodged by Isted is M. Toussaint Aguy who is currently technical adviser at PIARC. One of the principle targets of the association is the promotion of CESRoute training within road administrations and different institutions interested by taking in charge the participation of future trainees.

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Ukrainian twinning « Civil aviation »

The contract of Ukrainian twinning dealing with the harmonisation with European Union norms of the legislation and standards of Ukraine in the field of civil aviation was signed by all the concerned sides.

Sylvain Ladiesse, local twinning adviser, is ensuring from Kiev, since September 10th and during 15 months, the implementation and the organisation of the different activities related to the project.

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Study tour of urban Chinese

A delegation of 20 urban Chinese was hosted by Isted and DGUHC, the delegation was accompanied by the responsible for the urban planning and design institute of Shanghai connected with the Chinese Ministry of construction.

This first visit will be followed later by two others, they are organised in the framework of a convention between the Chinese Ministry of construction, the MEDAD and Isted.

The study tour of this year took place at Paris from 26th November until 3rd December 2007. The programme dealt with three thematic: planning (important urban projects), housing and urban transports.

This visit entailed many encounters with key personnel from ministries, territorial communities, professionals and site visits with operators.

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Creation of urbanism Master with the cooperation of Addis Ababa University

Isted is participating one year ago, to create an urbanism master studying the urban growth -This Master will lead to a Ph-D- with a multidisciplinary team of lecturers from Addis Ababa University.

Both teaching programmes, which are carried on in the framework of a cooperation project set up by the French Embassy, will be lodged at AAU. Those programmes will allow acceding to a diploma shared with French universities which participates to the project.

A modal of the Master should be validated at the end of this first year, on the occasion of a workshop that will be organised at Addis Ababa. This workshop will gather professionals of different sectors: urban, teaching and foreign cooperation.

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