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News from the Club

Finally, the Club met last Sept.18 in Paris (see under) and prepared its first "decentralized" meeting to be held in Lyon next Oct.28.

The Club had a successful meeting in Paris at IAURIF : nine agencies of the network were represented (Besançon, Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lyon, Marseille, Martinique, Oise-la-Vallée, Paris and IAURIF / Ile-de-France). The ISTED network and the Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development have also participated to the meeting.

Key – points :

* the decentralized meeting in Lyon was confirmed for **Wed.Nov.28** : based upon the conclusions of the meeting, the international activities of the agencies will be discussed just a week after during the monthly meeting of directors, Wed. Dec.5 in Paris / Fnau.

* **Activities of the agencies**

Cooperation between the agencies of Marseille & Tanger (Morocco),
Technical advisory by Dunkerque to the city of Annaba (Algeria),
Cooperation project by Bordeaux with Valparaiso (Chile),
Studies by Apur / Paris in Rio, Amman, Mexico and Cairo,



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Numerous activities of the Lyon agency, especially in Hochiminh City, Ouagadougou and Addis Ababa,

Iaurif is on the way to achieve its works in Casablanca, starts some actions in Algiers and Phnom Penh, studies also some new opportunities in Tripoli & Damascus.

* **European project - financing**

Based upon two recent training seminars, C.Boisset (Lyon) has summarized the most interesting remarks for the agencies, including the idea of subscribing to data banks and projects information through the Fnau network.

Club Meeting at the Lyon Agency Nov.28, 2007

*The French urban planning agencies,
operators of decentralized cooperation*

9.30 Welcome address by G.Buna, Vice Pdt of the Greater Lyon area, & O.Frerot, CEO of the urban agency. Introduction by M.Belliot (Fnau) & G.Antier (Iaurif/Paris).

10.00 The potential assets of the decentralized cooperation : round-table

Participation of French & foreign Mayors and technicians

11.30 The agencies, operators of the cooperation policy of their local communities

Case-studies : Dunkerque, Paris, Marseille, Lyon

12.30 Debate

1.00 pm Lunch

2.30 How can an agency work within the field of the international cooperation ?

Q/A session and debate

4.45 Conclusion : beyond the decentralized cooperation, the international studies, processes of call for biddings, etc.

5.00 End of the meeting



Lyon

Who & where ? News from the agencies



Cooperation Marseille & Tanger

The Marseille urban agency (AGAM) and the agency of Tanger (Morocco) have agreed last April 2007 over several projects of expertise (regional development scheme, urban projects, infrastructures..) and of professional training. A mission was driven on June at the request of the City of Marseille about the daily urban trips in Tanger (global policy, plan for management). The cooperation agreement was firmied in Marseille at the end of this year.



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On another hand, the founding meeting of the “Cergy Mediterranean Workshops” will also be held in Marseille on 2008 in partnership with the World Bank. The idea is to organize every year a workshop in another Mediterranean city in cooperation with Marseille.



The 7th European Planners Biennial Meeting was held in Budapest from June 21 to 23, 2007, the central topic being this year “Making (urban) places”.

Upgrading the river banks – which have been often left away during the last decades – looks to be a permanent and common willing among the cities around the world. Another shared concern is the development of the public transportation within the historical cores, in order to limit the use of the private car.

*The FNAU International Letter is able to announce already now to its readers that the next Biennial will be held in Nancy (France) in 2009 over the following topic : **Which place for the mid-sized cities within Europe ?***

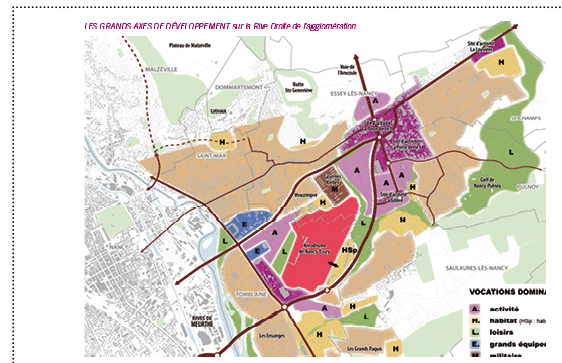


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French & Moroccan urban agencies have now some regular opportunities to meet each other, either through some cooperation agreements, either through some networks such as Fnau.

A meeting was for example held in **Rabat** on May 21-23 under the care of the French Foreign Office & of the Moroccan Ministry in charge of housing and urban planning. The agencies of Montbéliard, Clermont, Tours, Nancy, Paris and Ile-de-France have introduced their own concepts in terms of **urban projects** in relationship with the various scales of their territory.



A project of cooperation agreement between Fnau & Majal, the network of the Moroccan urban agencies is also under preparation, in order to strengthen the links and exchanges, for example within the various Fnau thematic clubs.

And a delegation of the agencies and their Ministry participated once more into the Fnau Annual meeting held this year in October in **Toulouse**.

A week later, precisely on October 11, another meeting was held in Morocco between French & Moroccan cities concerned by decentralized cooperation projects in the field of **urban transports**.

The World Bank, French bodies and administrations (AFD, Certu, DAEI, etc.), and various representatives from cities or urban agencies of Lyon, Nantes, Aix-en-Provence and Grenoble discussed particularly three topics : the institutional organization in Morocco, the needs in terms of professional training and the role of the decentralized cooperation regard to these tasks.

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