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**This is the Newsletter edited by the
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**FNAU is the non-profit association of the
French public urban planning agencies**

After six years of activity, our Club enjoys some rather positive results in terms of information, & through the Newsletter, the English website and the regional meetings. Considering our projects in 2010, please see below..And have a look on some recent issues about the urban Africa or the transport financing, beside some news of our agencies abroad.

*For them and for the other ones starting on 2010 this activity, and of course for all the faithful readers of the English newsletter, be this year an unforgettable Year of the Tiger
G.Antier & P.Berger, Club Leaders*

News from the Club

As every year, **the annual meeting of the Fnau Clubs** was held last Jan.28 at the Fnau HQ's and gave the opportunity to comment the **2009 report and our projects for 2010**.

2009: two meetings in Paris (nov.) and in Dunkerque (may), this one being on the topic of *the creation of urban agencies within developing cities*, and 4 new issues of this Newsletter. The Club took also part into several important international meetings :

* the symposium « *Cities and climatic change* », organised with the World Bank, AFD, Isted, etc., in **Marseille last June 28-30** : strategies for adapting the cities, challenges and new linkages between urban planning and urban shape within this new context, etc..

* the summit **Africities in Marrakech on Dec. 16-20** (coordinated by Isted & *Cités Unies*) ; the Fnau General Delegate also participated into the annual meeting of the Moroccan agencies in **Essaouira on Nov.13th**. And the annual meeting of the Fnau network held in **Nancy** last Dec.3-4th was particularly opened to the European and international framework

2010 :

>> **Strengthening the French agencies as operators of decentralized cooperation :**

After Rhône Alpes in 2007, PACA in 2008 and Nord Pas-de-Calais in 2009, the club will held next June 2010 a new regional meeting in Bordeaux. Main topic : *the assets and contribution of the agencies to the international cooperation of their communities*.

>> **Enhancing FNAU and the agencies as "exporters" of the French know-how in the field of urban planning & development :**

After having participated with FNAU at the Nanjing WUF 4 on Nov.2007 (French & English booklet about the International activities of the Agencies), the club will also take an active part with FNAU into the following events :

* the **5th World Urban Forum next March in Rio de Janeiro**, in the framework of the new « *French Partnership for Cities & Territories* » which intends to associate the various French operators of urban planning & development. It also includes the preparation with Fnau of a booklet (in French, English & Portuguese) about *today's Strategic planning* : its concept, and various case-studies driven by such or such agency in France and abroad.



* the **Shanghai Universal Exhibition, May to october, 2010** : there will be two pavilions (Paris Ile-de-France & Rhône-Alpes) within UBPA / « *Urban Best Practices Area* », and a « *French week* » on July 12 to 17. Participation by the agencies & Fnau is still to be precised.

>> **Developing the agencies as consultants** : a meeting of the Club will be organised at the end of 2010 about the commercial activity, the international call for biddings, and the integration of the agencies within temporary study groups.

- *Morning : dialogues for a better understanding of the urban strategies driven by the World Bank, UN bodies, Afd , etc..;*

- *Afternoon : dialogues with consultants looking for the profiles & know-how of the public agencies, in order to extend their competences when submitting for Calls of interest / for biddings : ways to set up a partnership, consequences for the organization & staff of the agencies.*

Books Review

Who pays what for urban transport ?

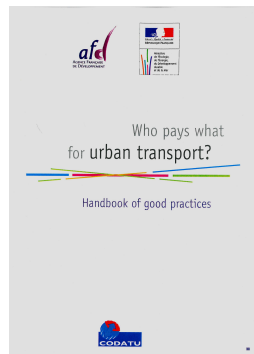
A handbook of good practices, CODATU, nov. 2009, 220 p., [in [English](#) & French].

Summarizing on 110 pages the difficult question of the urban transport financing, and this with numerous examples taken from the so-called «good practices», that was really a challenge. However, this handbook is easy to read, as being well illustrated by diagrams and revealing examples.

Managed by AfD & the French ministry MEEDDEM, driven by Codatu & Certu, it really needs be found on most of the students' (and consultants !!) bookshelves.

Interesting synthesis about various topics such as the Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM). A CD gives a full version (in English !) of the case studies and subject-based analyses of the paper. In fact, this handbook might appear as a kind of « best practice » by the editors...

Soon to be downloadable on www.codatu.org



«Competitive Cities and Climate change»

L.Kamal-Chaoui & A.Roberts (eds), OECD Regional Development Working Papers n°2 / 2009.

This report offers a comprehensive analysis of how cities and metropolitan regions can change the way we think about responding to climate change. Six main chapters analyse the link between urbanisation, energy use and CO₂ emissions; assess the potential contribution of local policies in reducing global energy demand; discuss mutually reinforcing policies such as the combination of compact growth policies with those that improve mass transit linkages; evaluate a number of tools, including the «greening» of existing fiscal policies, financing arrangements to combat climate change at the local level, and green innovation and jobs programmes.

One of the main messages is that urban policies (e.g. densification or congestion charges) can complement global climate policies by reducing global energy demand, CO₂ emissions and the overall abatement costs of reducing carbon emissions. It highlights best practices principally from OECD members, but not only.

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Competitive Cities and Climate Change



OECD
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Paris, France

Who & where ? News from the agencies



The inter-communal structure of **Saint-Omer** concluded formally last Nov.16 with the Municipality of **Lalo (Benin)** a cooperation agreement for 2010-2012, in order (i) to work on an inter-communal development plan (locally : the Couffo district), (ii) to set-up a GIS , and



(iii) to support an integrated project of drinking water network for 5.000 consumers, co-financed by the Water Agency « Artois -Picardie» and the Greater Lyon Urban Community with Saint-Omer and Lalo.

The St Omer agency is also asked by the « Nord - Pas de Calais » Regional Council to develop an engineering consultancy about **regional planning and mapping tools within the region of Kayes (Mali)**. This partnership might be the way to create a structure such as an urban agency, which was the main topic of our last regional meeting in Dunkerque on 2009.



In **Marseille**, the Agency welcomed last December a delegation from the Housing & Urban Planning Ministry of Niger and the Urban Community of Niamey, following the feb.2008 mission held within a partnership between the agency, the Consulate from Niger in Marseille, the three schools of architecture of Montpellier, Luminy (France) and Montevideo (Uruguay). The first study for redeveloping **the Niamey downtown** is now able to be continued.

On your agenda



Damascus , April 11-13, 2010 : 1st Regional conference about the sustainable urban transport launched by AFD with Codatu and other numerous partners on four main topics : strategic framework, multi-modal integration, urban structuring, & social / environmental assessments. These topics to be more precisely studied within four thematic workshops to be set up two years from now, with a regional conclusion meeting on 2012. These meetings will be held alternatively in the south & north of the Mediterranean Sea.

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