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**FNAU is the non-profit association of the  
French public urban planning agencies**

*Already seven years ago was launched the Fnau International Club !! With several positive results : this Newsletter, started on March 2005, the decentralised meetings, since 2007, a successful workshop in Rennes at the Fnau 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, our active participation active into 3 booklets about the agencies international activities or about the strategic planning, etc. More negative is the fact that few French agencies remain involved into the international cooperation; also the English website [www.fnau-international.org](http://www.fnau-international.org) updating is permanently complicated by bogs... But we are full of hope in 2011, as you will see hereafter.*

*And we wish you a splendid Year of the Rabbit.*

## News of the Club

As every year, **the annual coordination meeting of the clubs was held in Fnau last Jan.27** : we summarized the 2010 report and our projects for 2011.

**Two important meetings were held, in Bordeaux on June 9th and in Rennes on October 21st** (being a workshop in the framework of the Fnau Annual Meeting).

After Lyon (nov. 2007), Marseille (may 2008) & Dunkerque (may 2009), the Club has in fact organized a decentralized meeting, this time in Bordeaux, the central topic being « **which ways for the cooperation abroad by the French urban agencies ?** ». Some thirty people (7 agencies were represented) have attended the meeting, which included: presentations of the French system of cooperation, of the upcoming « *French Partnership for Cities & Territories* », and of the link between agencies & territorial communities (based upon the case-studies of Lyon, Paris, St Omer & Marseille).



The French AFD / Agence Française de Développement was very much involved into this meeting, as it was a kind of mid-term step for the publication of a document associating Fnau & AFD and introducing the part played by the urban agencies within the French cooperation abroad.

This booklet was officially launched on october within the 31st Annual Fnau meeting, in parallel with a workshop prepared by our Club about « **Developing sustainable cities ?** », with participation by some 70 people, among which the delegation of the Moroccan urban agencies invited by Fnau.

The Club has also taken an active part into the preparation of another booklet about « **Strategic planning in the service of sustainable development** », realized in the aim of WUF 5 in Rio, on March 2010.

Our Club has also published the issues **n°20 to 23 of this Newsletter** (in French & English) in February, April, July & October. Informations are available and updated about meetings & publications of the Club, international activities of the agencies, conferences and summits, and reviews of books about the urban development around the world.

## Already on your agenda in 2011 :

- A meeting next Feb.9 in Lyon about :
  - **The urban strategy of the financial backers**
  - **The contractual activities of the agencies abroad**

This meeting will follow a dinner-debate about « **What Chinese Urban Policies after Shanghai Expo 2010 ?** »

- A meeting co-managed by the club « Geomatics » on May 26th about « **Technical assistance abroad for GIS** »
- A participation (*to be precised : workshop, debate ??*) to the Annual conference of **Cités Unies France** on July 7-8
- The publication of the **n°s 24 to 27 of this Newsletter**
- The organization of a professional workshop on Oct.20, in the framework of the 32nd Fnau Annual meeting, in Paris, the central topic being « **the international cooperation of the urban agencies : new fields, new topics, new professionals** ».

## Books Review

**Le temps des ports « *The Era of the ports* »,**  
P.Grass, Paris, Ed.Tallandier, 298 p., 19,90€

The growth both of the Asian container terminals et and of the giant ships rang the decline of numerous industrial ports in Europe, while enhancing the ports at the first rank of globalization.

This well-documented book Provides a good description of the decline & growth of these cities in the world since 1940.

Sites of memory, unusual spaces – while so familiar - they met several deep changes such as the US revitalization of the 70's or the expansion of the tertiary sector during the 80's (see the London Docklands). They are facing now a brutal property speculation in the developing world, while the European ports become a kind of display for modernity, such as in Bilbao or Barcelona.

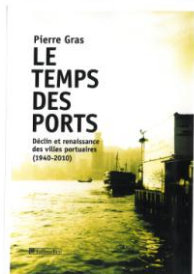
Therefore we can better understand how the last three quarters of century have progressively set up economic, urban et even cultural relationships between the harbor and the city. Now the questions are the future of the « container – model »... or the raise of the coastal waters.



**Urbatopics**, J.Haëntjens, Ed. de l'Aube, 2010, 137 pp, 16,00 €

The author considers that cities like Barcelona, Bilbao, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Lyon, Nantes or Vancouver are « Urbatopics » (*from Urban Utopias*) because they might be building the urban planning of the 21st century. He tries to analyze their methods in order to strengthen their attractivity and invent new economic, social and political relationships. This because the sustainable city will have to invert the processes and practices which do characterize the urban development since sixty years.

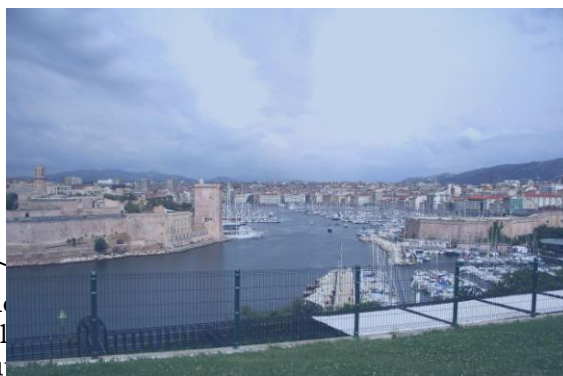
But through which urban strategies ? And how can be imagined for the cities a development process in better accordancy with the earth resources ? This is a book giving us Various landmarks for today ...and most probably also for tomorrow.



## Who & where ?



**A French Agency for Sustainable mediterranean Cities & Territories**, created by Datar and several local institutions, will be soon launched in **Marseille**. Its main task will be to promote integrated and exemplary processes of urban & territorial development within the countries of the “*Union for Mediterranee*”. It should further become an *Urban Agency for Mediterranee*.



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**CODATU XIV was held last Oct. 24-27 2010 in Buenos Aires** about « *Sustainable Transport & Urban Quality of Life* », with 300 people from some twenty countries concerned by this nodal point. Political, economical and financial stakeholders, as urban professionals & researchers, have widely discussed five main topics : urban transport policies ; new ways for a sustainable transport ; the individual motorized transport and its role into a sustainable urban mobility; how to improve the quality of the public transportation ? ; urban transport within the main argentine cities.



**The Lyon Agency in Addis Abeba**

Study (*with Egis Rail*) of a 12 Km-long BRT line as a complementary project with the 2 LRT lines ;

Assessment study of the Master Plan, in the aim of its updating, in relationship with an increased rhythm of construction and of urban development

Assistance to project management in the nearby Region of Oromya, for a regional planning study aiming to set up its long-term development as the numerous on-going peri-urban projects.

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