

Programme

Three days of events and highlights

Wednesday 02/12/09

From 6:00pm: Welcome for participants at the «Village»

8:00 pm: Cocktail party and reception at City Hall in Nancy followed by La Cité Radieuse at the Opera House.

"La Cité Radieuse", Choreographer Frédéric Flamand pays tribute to Le Corbusier and his vision of a truly human architecture. Sets by architect/town planner Dominique Perrault.

Thursday 03/12/09

Morning

8:30 am: coffee
9:30 am: introductory plenary session
12:00 noon: lunch

Afternoon

2:00 pm: coffee
2:30 pm: workshop or tour
4:30 pm: workshop
8:00 pm: gala night

Friday 04/12/09

Morning

8:30 am: coffee
9:00 am: workshop or tour
11:00 am: workshop
12:30 pm: lunch

Afternoon

2:00 pm: coffee
2:30 pm: final plenary session
4:30 pm: biennial closes

A superb setting

The event will take place in venues on the Unesco-listed Place Stanislas, famed for its gilded ironwork. This is a great opportunity for participants to get acquainted with Nancy's historic heritage: the medieval gems of the Old Town, the Art Nouveau masterpieces of the Ecole de Nancy, splendid 18th-century architecture and majestic public spaces.

Infos pratiques

For registration, hotel bookings and the programme, consult www.aduan.fr/events

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Tours

Projects in and around Nancy

Join architect/planner Alexandre Chemetoff in an exploration of the Plateau de Haye, a new urban centre which is home to the largest slab-type social housing block in Europe and currently undergoing one of France's costliest rehabilitation projects: 457 million euros. The tour will continue with Rives de Meurthe, a flagship urban regeneration neighbourhood five minutes from Place Stanislas: a unique living environment based on the presence of water.

From Art Nouveau to modern architecture

Nancy earned itself worldwide fame as a seminal Art Nouveau centre, with artists like Emile Gallé, Victor Prouvé, Louis Majorelle and Antonin Daum. The city's architecture bears witness to the movement and its scope with the Daum Room in the Museum of Fine Arts, the Villa Majorelle, the Ecole de Nancy Museum, the Maison Prouvé and the school of architecture.

The sodium circuit

Europe's largest producers of soda ash, the Novacarb and Solvay plants in Nancy have made a move into the alternative energy field, with a focus on promising new markets.

Esch-Belval: an adventure in town planning

1.3 million square metres of floor area to be built at an overall cost of 3 billion euros; housing for 5000 people; and 25 public amenities including a university for more than 4000 students. How do you go about attracting investors to this 650-hectare brownfield site straddling the border with Luxembourg?

150 years of industry and innovation

A look at the historic Saint-Gobain site in Pont-à-Mousson, dating back over 150 years and belonging to a company now employing 260,000 people around the world. Complete with blast furnaces, centrifugation, test facility, research centre, etc.

Eiffel: transformation of an industrial site

They're European and world leaders. They're growth and performance champions. They've opted for setting up in Nancy, on the site that produced all the steel components for the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty.

A trip through the 18th century

From the stronghold of the Dukes of Lorraine to Stanislas's Royal City, Nancy's remarkable architectural heritage is there in its streets: three squares with Unesco World Heritage listing, the Dukes' Palace, the Cordeliers Church and Monastery, etc.

The Château des Lumières site

A tour of Europe's biggest heritage venture: the rebuilding of the Château de Lunéville, ravaged by fire on 2 January 2003. The goal is to recreate the original 18th-century castle, with an emphasis on the crafts and craftsmen involved.

Two neighbourhoods in Metz: from the Amphithéâtre to the Impérial

The Amphithéâtre neighbourhood is an ambitious 38-hectare urban project in the middle of Metz, with the Centre Pompidou-Metz at its heart. From there the tour will continue to the Impérial neighbourhood, currently up for Unesco World Heritage listing.

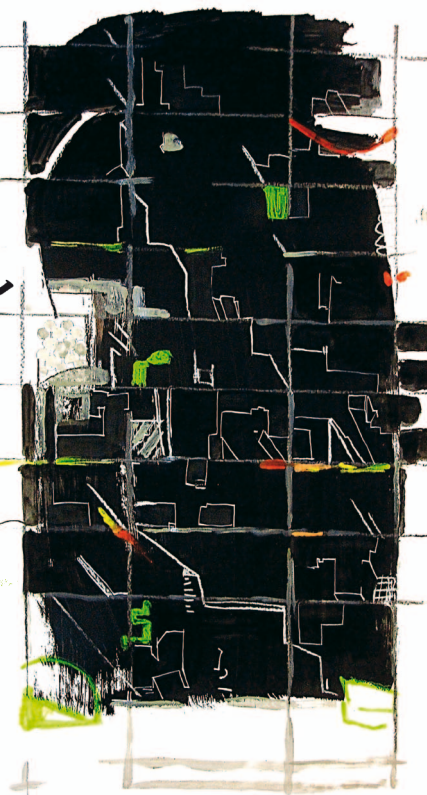
Luxembourg City and the Kirchberg Plateau

First a tour of the Old Town, then a visit to the Kirchberg Plateau, a 360-hectare urban site that is home to such spectacular architectural achievements as the Court of Justice of the European Communities, the Philharmonic Concert Hall and the MUDAM, the Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean.

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The Spirit of Cities

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The Spirit of Cities

Europe's cities and metropolitan areas are now home to three-quarters of the continent's population. Because of – or despite – today's problems, any vision of Europe's future development must take account of this crucial urban aspect.

The Europe of cities is most definitely back!

Is there such a thing as a model of the «European city» and if so, what are the big issues facing it right now? What is the place of our cities in the world economy and how are they coping with globalisation? How are they reacting to today's economic, climatic, demographic and social challenges, and what are their concrete responses? How are they cooperating with the broader economic world? What planning strategies and tools for governance and economic intervention are they resorting to in the current difficult period?

These are some of the questions to be looked into in the course of the biennial.

Workshops

«Eco-neighbourhoods» in Europe's cities

«Eco-neighbourhoods» are currently taking shape in Malmö, Fribourg, Stockholm and many other cities. Their purpose? To save on natural resources, limit energy consumption, minimise travel, encourage the use of public transport, combine urban functions and provide homes for socially diverse groups. Are all these neighbourhoods following the same model? What can we learn from these experiments?

Medium-sized cities and «metropolisation»

Can Europe's medium-sized cities vie successfully with metropolises? If so, how? By making the most of local resources? By enhancing their relationships with neighbouring cities and reinforcing their identity?

The future of urban periphery farmland

A major shift is taking place in the city/country relationship. Peripheral farmland cannot be considered simply as a reserve to be drawn on for future urban extension: it also represents a significant economic and ecological potential which must be protected and highlighted. But how? Via urban planning? A specific land use policy? Professional guidance? Economic incentives?

Border cities: new development hubs for Europe

Border cities have long been isolated entities, but with the building of Europe and the on-going removal of borders, their situation has changed radically. They are now core parts of Europe and are forming new relationships with cities they were once cut off from. What new urban geography is emerging from this «territorial reversal»? And what new development hubs are appearing?

Unesco World Heritage: a development asset for Europe's cities?

Most European cities have a valuable urban heritage. For many of them, a place on the Unesco World Heritage listing for their historic – and sometimes more recent – districts has meant mobilisation of local energy and increased attractiveness. Exactly what kind of urban heritage is involved? How do cities put together a successful bid for listing? And what are the results in terms of economic development and tourism?

Governance for major European territories

Joining forces, or how to encourage effective, flexible cooperation within large metropolitan areas. Which governance tools can ensure the success of integrated urban policies in these territories?

Redeployment for Europe's industrial cities

In both Eastern and Western Europe a number of cities have been faced with the radical decline of the industries their prosperity was based on. What have been the consequences of this change? How have cities coped with this downturn and what redeployment strategies have they adopted?

The New Town concept: still valid for Europe's cities?

The concept of the New Town as a development tool for big cities originated and was implemented in Europe during the 20th century, in particular in England and France. Does the strategy fit with the needs of today's cities? What positive results has it yielded?

Exporting European urban models to the world

Since the late 18th century, Europe's urban models have spread worldwide. Washington, Cairo, Damascus, Casablanca and many other cities testify to their appeal, even in the absence of a colonial context. Confronted with the new American and Asian models, is the European version continuing to inspire today's planners and city managers?

Towards a new vision of urban travel?

Over the last forty years the rampant spread of the car has brought congestion to many European cities. How are we to facilitate urban travel without generating traffic jams, pollution and social discrimination? Public transport, walking and bikes now offer viable alternatives to the private car: among the policies currently being implemented in Europe's cities, which ones have proven their effectiveness?

Small and medium European cities

What part are small and medium-sized cities playing in the development of Europe's territory? Networking is one alternative to the concentration of metropolises, and so administrative regions and networks of small cities have a role in backing up the metropolitan networks. How best to highlight the history, culture and local identity of small to medium cities? How to jointly ensure competitiveness and quality of life?

Development strategies for European cities

The attractiveness of many European cities hinges on their ability to design and implement development strategies taking the fullest possible advantage of local resources and incorporating all aspects of sustainable development. What strategies have been put to work? And what are the prerequisites for success?

The post-Kyoto metropolis: learning from the Greater Paris discussions

In 2008 the French government launched an international consultation process for the future of Paris and its region in terms of the «post-Kyoto metropolis». Ten town-planning teams – 6 French, 4 from elsewhere – came up with propositions, and the findings were made public in April 2008. What is to be learnt from the exercise? And could the results fuel proposals for other European cities?

European Capitals of Culture: the urban dynamics

Since the 1980s, many European cities have competed for the EU's annual European Capital of Culture award. This coveted honour means the chance for the winning city to boost its reputation and attract a host of visitors with cultural events. What benefits have accrued from this gambit in the past and what is their effect on urban development?

Development strategies in peripheral European cities

Cities on the fringe of Europe, whether on the mainland or on islands, find themselves with common problems relating to sustainable development and specific difficulties including preservation and enhancement of biodiversity. How do they react? And how do they mutualise their resources?

European cities and climate change

Climate change demands new ways of designing and planning cities: urban organisation, transport systems, neighbourhood development, etc. How are town planners going to adapt their tools and models to this changed context?