

## The XII European Biennial of Towns and Planners in the colors of the Olympic Games

**“Cities and the Olympic Games, what benefits for the territories and their populations over the long term?” This will be the theme of the XII European Biennial of Towns and Planners, to be held on June 29th at the Grand Amphitheater of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Saint-Denis (93).**

The 12th European Biennial of Cities and Urban Planners is organized by the European Council of Urban Planners with the support of the City of Paris and Plaine Commune. It welcomes 300 participants, elected officials, planning technicians and town planners from all over Europe.

The work of the Biennale will draw on the feedback of the European cities that hosted the Olympic Games (Barcelona 1992 / Athens 2004 / London 2012 / Munich 1972 / Albertville 1992 / Turin 2006) and cities who were contenders like Lille, Stockholm, Rome, Budapest and Hamburg; and also and the city of Tokyo, set to host the Olympic Games in 2020.

Several questions will be developed in plenary:

- 1- Hosting a planetary event in the City : what are the inhabitants expecting and how elected officials can answers those expectations?*
- 2- Mutating cities : How to use the momentum generated by hosting worldwide events ?*
- 3- Hosting the Olympic games create a shock and starts a urban renewal aimed at a new long term vision of prosperity for the city and its inhabitants*
- 4- Co-operation between the various municipalities, private companies, local government and civil society is obviously essential when receiving the planet*
- 5- How does the preparation of the Olympics and other world events creates a lasting impact on the territorial cohesion of the regions who hosted them ?*
- 6- How do global games and events engage cities and regions in the energy transition, taking climate change into account and protecting the environment at the heart of public spaces?*

Planned speakers include: **Patrick Braouezec**, President of Plaine Commune; **Jean-Pierre Duport**, Prefect of the Region (H) and former Director of Architecture and Town Planning; **Joris Scheers**, President of the European Council of Spatial Planners; **Alfonso Vegara**, President of the METROPOLI Foundation; **Mercedes Bresso**, EU Member of the Turin Region and past President of the Committee of the Regions; **Anne Hidalgo**, Mayor of Paris; **Ada Colau**, Mayor of Barcelona (tbc) **Irina Bokova**, Director-General of UNESCO (tbc).

In the panoramic room of the House of Human Sciences, an exhibition will be devoted to the achievements of young urban planners and partners of the event: Antea Group, Egis, ADP Group, Groupe Rouge Vif, Société Française des Urbanistes and Vinci. Participants will then be invited to the Paris City Hall for the Closing Dinner.

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