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Press release

Tools and methods of territorial intelligence for sustainable development



The sixth international conference of territorial intelligence will take place in Besançon from October, the 16th to the 17th 2008. More than one hundred of European, Asian, American and African researchers will participate with European actors of territories development.

Within the framework of this scientific exchange, the possibilities given by the tools and methods of territorial information analysis that contribute to sustainable development will be presented. It will be interesting, on the one hand for the scientists who study the territories and their dynamics and, on the other hand, the territorial actors who look for tools to draft, manage and evaluate development projects.

Lastly, it will offer to the territorial partnerships methods to share information and tools for cooperative analysis that allow meeting the inhabitants' needs in a relevant, efficient and sustainable way.

This international event is organized by the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et de l'Environnement C. N. Ledoux (Institute of Humanities, Social and Environmental Sciences C. N. Ledoux) of the University de Franche-Comté, within the framework of the caENTI, coordination action of the European Network of Territorial Intelligence, which is composed of 7 universities and 7 actors belonging to 7 European countries (Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Belgium and France), as well as a Taiwanese university. From their experiences, and inspired by the scientific methods developed by the laboratories, the caENTI members designed, improved and experimented scientific methods and tools of territorial intelligence accessible on the portal <http://www.territorial-intelligence.eu>.

The caENTI is funded by the 6th framework programme of research and technological development of the European Union. It is one of the three European projects in the field of humanities and social sciences that is coordinated by a French research team. It belongs to the thematic « Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society » that aims to support and promote social sciences to lead quality research activities in fields linked to public policies.

The caENTI started on March, the 1st 2006 and will finish at the end of February 2009. This conference will conclude the action. It will be the occasion to start a project of network of excellence in territorial intelligence with the ambition to gather the specialists of this emergent discipline at the worldwide scale. From now on, this project is supported by the French National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS).

**Jean-Jacques Girardot, scientific coordinator, and the caENTI members,
invite you to attend:**

**the presentation of the caENTI results and prospects,
on Thursday, October the 16th from 14h to 14h40**

**Then, you could meet researchers and territorial actors
within the framework of the thematic workshops that will take place
on Thursday, October the 16th from 15h to 19h and Friday, October, the 17th from 08h30 to 18h**

UFR SLHS, Parisiana building, entrance 36 rue Mégevand, second courtyard, in Besançon.

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