



# FOUNDATION FOR THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

## PRESENTATION

The Foundation for the Urban Environment (FFUE) is a permanent “charitable institution of public interest” created by Royal Decree in 1999.

Its **objective** is to promote the urban environment through publications and other activities, in particular the interface and synergy between:

- Land use and planning, including heritage conservation
- Transport and mobility, and
- Environment; global and local (climate and energy policies, clean soil, water and air, etc.).

To this effect it has developed links with international organisations and associations active in the field of land use (e.g. ISOCARP, IFHP, INTA, IFLA) including heritage conservation (e.g. ICOMOS, Europa Nostra), of transport (e.g. ITF, UITP, CER, T&E) and of environment (e.g. EEA, SHE, INTECOPOLIS).

Its scientific advisers are Prof. Ilya Prigogine(†), Nobel Prize and pioneer in studies on traffic flows, Prof. André Berger, well known for his work on climate change and Prof. Philippe Bourdeau, former Chair, Scientific Committee of the EU Environmental Agency.

## PUBLICATIONS 2003-2011

It initiated 6 publications between 2003 and 2011 (references on [www.ffue.org](http://www.ffue.org))

2003 *Le train, la gare et la ville* (P. Laconte Ed.)

2005 *L'aéroport et la ville. De luchthaven en de stad* (P. Laconte Ed.)

2007 *Brussels : Perspectives on a European Capital* (P. Laconte & C. Hein Eds.)

2007 *Bruxelles, la Belgique et l'Europe : un urbanisme cosmopolite* (P. Laconte Ed.)

2009 *La recherche de la qualité environnementale et urbaine : le cas de Louvain-la-Neuve - Belgique* (P. Laconte Ed.)

2011 *Climate Change, Energy Shortage, Biodiversity Loss - Overview of Global, European and Local Policies and Practices, Club of Rome European Support Centre and EU-Chapter, Vienna/Brussels* (P. Laconte)

Articles are also referenced on [www.ffue.org](http://www.ffue.org).

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Since 1999 the FFUE sponsors a monthly lunch debate around “Ville et société (City and society)” at the Brussels Cercle Royal Gaulois artistique et littéraire. Proceedings on [www.ffue.org](http://www.ffue.org).

In 2000 it co-organised the Bologna International Exhibition “The Other Modern – The Traditional City and its Architecture in the 20th Century – Between past, present and future” and the International Conference on the same subject in the context of Bologna 2000 European Cultural Capital. This exhibition travelled to Berlin the same year and to Strasbourg in 2001.

In 2001, it organised in NY, in collaboration with the World Bank, the Conference “Cities on the Move: Towards Sustainable Urban Development” and in Brussels the Conference “Pôles de développement ferrés et urbains” (Rail induced urban development).

In 2002, it was a partner in Proyecto Cities, an exploration of best practices in urban planning by Fundacion Metropoli, which culminated in “Cities and Regions Summit: smart land, smart cities”. It has produced a “Charter of Environmentally Sustainable Development”.

From 2003 to 2011, it organised yearly conferences and events related to Belgian issues. Its latest conference, in June 2011, covered “Mobility East of Brussels”.

## PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME 2012

- . *Mobility East of Brussels*, Proceedings of the 2011 Conference, in French and Dutch (P. Laconte Ed.)
- . *Bureaux d’hier, logements de demain* (C. Lasserre, P. Laconte *et al.*)
- . *Villes et quartiers durables en Europe – Critères d’évaluation et pratiques* (P. Laconte & J.-F. Guet Eds.)
- . *Sustainable Urban Environments in Europe – Evaluation Criteria and Practices* (P. Laconte & J.-F. Guet Eds)
- . *Interconnection between main Brussels Stations (“Jonction Nord-Midi”): challenges and proposals* (P. Laconte Ed.)
- . *Developments around the Brussels S-Bahn Louvain-la-Neuve terminal* (P. Laconte, Ed.)

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