

## Objective and structure (29/9/2017)

Its objective is to promote the urban environment through conferences and debates, publications and newsletters, occasional briefings and “think tank” activities (as opposed to commercial consultancy). **The Foundation for the Urban Environment Pierre Laconte (FFUE) focuses on the interface and synergy between:**

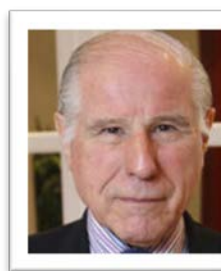
- 1. Land use and planning, including cultural heritage conservation and improvement.**
- 2. Transport and mobility.**
- 3. Environment, at global and local level (climate/energy/resources/policies).**

The initial Foundation’s capital has been a grant by its founder Pierre Laconte, put in a blocked bank account in line with the requirements for the obtaining of permanent “institution of public interest” status.

Neither the President-founder nor the board members get any remuneration. All amounts resulting from contracts with public authorities for its [publications](#) and from other activities are added to his initial grant. Development related expenses are exclusively covered by the founder in addition to the initial grant. The FFUE is eligible to receive outside support for setting up new projects in line with its objectives.

The FFUE is a permanent “Institution of public interest” authorized by Royal Decree of August 8th, 1999 ([Belgian Official Journal October 1st, 1999, updated in 2013](#)).

**Its board is composed** (09/2017) of the President P. Laconte and members A. Michielsen, C. van den Hove, E. Gessler, B. Laconte. C. Lasserre is honorary member.



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Its board includes the President P. Laconte and members A. Michielsen, C. van den Hove, E. Gessler and B. Laconte.

Scientific advisers: Pr. Vte I. Prigogine† - Pr. Ph. Bourdeau - Pr. A. Berger - Pr. E. De Keuleneer - B. Clerbaux.

**Its founding scientific advisors** have been Nobel Prize Prof. Ilya Prigogine (who passed away in 2003), Prof. H. Bourdeau (ULB) and A. Berger (UCL).

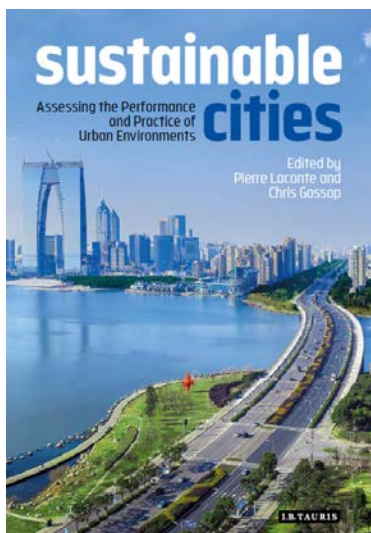
In 2016 FFUE has been welcoming the following additional scientific advisers: Prof. E. De Keuleneer, Managing Director of the University Foundation, Spatial Planner and Arch/Town-planner B. Clerbaux (ACP, Former SG of the European Council of Spatial Planners), M. van der Stichele, formerly DG, Ministry of Brussels-Capital, A. Michielsen, honorary Chairman of the Board of Solvay, C. du Monceau, 1st Alderman of Ottignies-LLN, Prof. P. Lombaerde (UA), Prof. M. Hubert (U. St-Louis), A. Camu (Flora) and H. Demets (Computer Software Consultancy Bvba). In 2017 Jacques de Gerlache (Greenfacts) and Philippe Joye (ACP, Tractebel) have been added to the list.

This informal advisory group could be expanded in line with the FFUE further orientations.

Inviting international personalities as part of an international advisory board is planned to start in 2018. Individuals and institutions potentially interested in specific FFUE objectives and their implementation are being approached to help setting up new projects in line with its objectives.

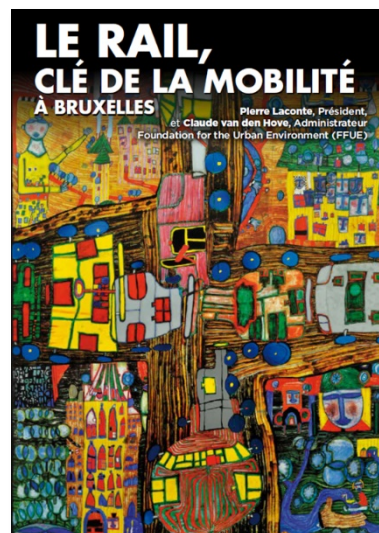
\* **Read more on** <http://www.ffue.org/presentation/>

## Publications 2016



“a masterpiece gathering the wisdoms of well-known experts from different fields concerning sustainable cities”

[Chen Yulin, Jiang Yang – Review on « Sustainable Cities: Assessing the Performance and Practice of Urban Environments » in \*China City Planning Review\* vol. 26, No. 2, 2017, pp. 75-78](#)



"Un organe de contrôle indépendant pour décider des orientations de la Stib" - Plaidoyer de deux éminences grises contre le métro Nord à Bruxelles  
[Pierre Vassart, \*Le Soir\*, 25/10/2016 – PDF](#)