



The sustainable city, utopia or already a reality? To answer this question we need to explore both the long and short term, the local and the global, new and existing infrastructure.

The Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea is hosting an international conference, **Sustainable cities today. Inventing a new urbanity for tomorrow, 20-21 January 2011** at **Paris-Marne la Vallée** (ESIEE/Cité Descartes) in partnership with PRES Université Paris Est and Epamarne.

This conference, organised by the office of the Commissioner general for Sustainable development, will explore different scenarii for the city of the future, identify new trends, consider the challenges of demographic and climate changes and investigate the effects of different life styles and shrinking resources.

The conference will favour a multidisciplinary approach (engineering and social sciences) and explore the interface between research and operational programmes. There will also be an emphasis on international solutions, with a large number of non-domestic speakers.

The conference will address a wide audience of decision makers from the public and private sectors, local authorities, research, and planning circles.

The provisional programme can be viewed at:

<http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Faire-la-ville-durable-inventer,18826.html>

A pre-registration form will be available on-line on this site at the beginning of November (400 places will be available). Fees **300 euros inc. VAT** (VAT 19.6%)