

Île-de-France Europe Days 2009: the programme

Tuesday, September 29th: « Île-de-France, a European ecoregion »

2.15 pm **Opening of the Île-de-France Europe Days 2009**

2.30 pm **Debate « On the way towards Copenhagen »**

From 7 to 18 December 2009, at the 15th Copenhagen Conference on climate, the signatory countries of the UN Framework Convention on climate change will have to reach an ambitious agreement to succeed the Kyoto protocol. Beyond the challenges for the European Union, it is today necessary to give to the territorial level a real place in the future world agreement on the climate. How can local authorities act on their territory today? How can they make their voice heard at the international level?

5.00 pm **Sustainable development stands and cocktail bio**

Presentation of Île-de-France initiatives in favour of sustainable development in partnership with Regional environmental organizations: Natureparif (Biodiversity Agency), Bruiparif (Noise Agency), Ordif (Waste Agency), Ddidf, (a business angel in sustainable development) and Kolam (an ethic Fashion Designer) and the Val-de-Marne County Council

8.45 pm **Special Screening of Alain Resnais's movie "Les herbes folles" at the cultural center of Uccle with the partnership of Brussels-Capital Region (by invitation only)**

Film supported by the Île-de-France Region, in competition at the 2009 Cannes film festival (special award of the jury to Alain Resnais for his entire work)

Wednesday, September 30th: « Île-de-France transports Europe »

12.30 am **Opening of Île-de-France - Europe new premises - Cocktail reception (by invitation only)**

Meeting between the Presidents of the Bassin parisien Regions (Paris Basin) and Antonio Tajani, Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of transports

2.30 pm **Presentation of transport projects of the « grand Bassin parisien » (Greater Paris Basin)**

In particular the study of the « western link », the new railroad directed offer freight. The western link will contribute more to the meshing and to the irrigation of the European space and will allow Paris Basin to be linked with the big European and international flows of transportation of goods.

6.00 pm **Concert of artists from the Parisian subway at Luxembourg's square**

Brass Band funk 70 ' Gang and duet of balafons

Thursday, October 1st: « Île-de-France makes talents grow »

9.00 am **Within the framework of the breakfasts of the AER (Assembly of European Regions), presentation of the European project Gender4Growth.**

"Gender4Growth" project aims at increasing women employment rate. The objectives of this INTERREG IVC project are to facilitate the implementation of the European Charter for equality between women and men in local life, and more particularly its article 27 concerning economic development. The Île-de-France Region is leading this project in cooperation with seven partners: Institute of the Catalan woman, Balearic Islands Region, Venetia Region, Budapest Center of social resources, Timis County, Greek center of gender equality research and Lidköping municipality. The consortium intends to identify innovative practices and to formulate recommendations for a better gender recognition in regional policies.

10.00 am **The innovative entrepreneurship exhibition and debate**

Île-de-France has the ambition to promote and support innovative projects carried out by regional companies. The forum will present the Île-de-France know-how in this domain (regional clusters, innovative companies and organizations). The debate will focus on the future European innovation strategy in presence of European Commission representatives.

12.00 am **Closing reception of the Île-de-France Europe Days 2009**