CITIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
WHERE are the significant experiments? WHO is doing WHAT?

All cities are unique, yet at the same time they all face similar challenges. www.citego.info is an international documentary resource site to exchange, showcase innovation and highlight significant experience in the field of urban governance. The access is totally open, respecting the “creative commons” principles.

All over the world, in spite of the obvious differences of context, city-dwellers are facing the same challenges: lack of housing, ecological crises, saturated labour markets, need for integrated policies and participatory processes... Innovative solutions are, however being developed, and are making headway. Cities are as much laboratories where to experiment more sustainable and responsible models, involving local populations. They can contribute to building a holistic approach to cities.

How to organize the exchange of experiments between these “cities-laboratories”? This is a challenge that CITEGO wants to address, contributing to the defragmentation of the different sectorial approaches, in a way that will reach beyond the specificities and meet the challenges of this century.

The web database gathers short texts (2-6 pages) classified by thematic folders as urban governance, mobility, urban networks, energy, housing, citizens participation... The articles can either be analyses, or case-studies, proposals, book’s summaries. The authors indicate the links towards further information about their article’s topic. Authors are university researchers, city networks, NGO, experts and practitioners in the field of town planning and management. They are selected by an editorial committee and can propose other contributors of their contacts... to collectively and gradually answer the question: WHERE are the significant experiments?

A part of the website is dedicated to a web portal, making visible the different stakeholders and organizations working on the contemporary urban issues, answering to the question: WHO is doing WHAT?

Finally paper publications complete the web tools, giving opportunity for different authors to be published in several languages.
The objectives of this workshop are:

- to present the different aspects of the CITEGO project: webdatabase, webportal, paper publications
- to receive propositions from potential contributors that are interested to publish their articles on CITEGO
- to initiate a debate on this project with different stakeholders from universities, NGO, state and international organisations, various experts: utility, pertinence, adaptations

Some CITEGO’s contributors:
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