

PRESS RELEASE

**« TOWN PLANNING TOOLS FOR MANAGEMENT,
PRESERVATION AND MEDIATION OF ANCIENT CENTRES »
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WEEK – SITES & CITES REMARQUABLES DE FRANCE
JUNE 29th - JULY 3rd, 2020
BORDEAUX**

Sites & Cités remarquables de France, in partnership with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, and the City of Bordeaux and the Embassies of partner countries, is organising the 6th edition of its International Training Week in Bordeaux from June 29th – July 3rd, 2020.

The International Training Week is the annual meeting of stakeholders who contribute to heritage protection and promotion. It offers a practical training to international stakeholders, contributes to the development of an international platform about heritage, participates in the international outreach of participating territories and encourages the development of decentralised cooperation.

The 2020 theme will be **“Town Planning tools for Management, Preservation and Mediation of Ancient Centres”**. Open to 20 stakeholders, French-speakers and English-speakers, this week will give a practical training on the following topics:

- Urban heritage planning tools and preservation plans
- Heritage, sensibilization and citizen participation
- Heritage, town planning and landscape
- Old centres, a reference for sustainable cities

Since its creation, the five editions of the International Training Week have brought together 72 stakeholders from 32 different countries, 113 French participants, and 19 member cities of Sites & Cités remarquables.

Practical information

Place: The International Training Week will take place in the City of Bordeaux. A one-day visit out of town is scheduled on Wednesday the 1st of July.

Budget: The organiser covers the fees for 6 hotel nights (from Sunday 28th to Saturday the 4th of July), meals, travel expenses in the City of Bordeaux and during the field visit. Each participant has to cover for its air travel from the country of origin to the City of Bordeaux, as well as the visa (if needed) and extra night fees. These fees can be covered by the partner local authority or an external body (Embassy, French Institute...).

Conditions: To attend the International Training Week, people who want to participate need to send to j.fedy@sites-cites.fr their resume and a letter explaining why they want to participate in the training **before May 12th, 2020**. A simultaneous translation French – English will be provided through the week. The participants must be French-speaking or English-speaking. The training is limited to 20 participants maximum.

Member cities of the Sites & Cités remarquables network can join the training if they wish to attend one day of conferences, subject to availability.

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Sites & Cités remarquables de France

The Association of Towns and Regions of Art and History and Protected Areas

Sites & Cités remarquables de France brings together more than 270 towns and regions in France which bear the label "Town and Region of art and history" or have a protected area (Remarkable Heritage Site). These communities have come together to share their experiences, their practices and their questions on protection policy and the promotion of heritage.

Since 2000, boosted by the expertise and know-how of its network, with the support of technicians and elected representatives as well as partners and experts, Sites & Cités remarquables uses its expertise to promote a broad, unfettered vision of questions relating to heritage.

The National Association leads working groups, organizes study days, expert inspections and field visits, publishes studies and works and continually enriches its website, a veritable toolbox for local authorities.

Sites & Cités' main work areas

- **Put in network** skills of all the actors of heritage
- **Exchanges:** workshops, working groups, trainings: Sites & Cités provides open spaces for debate on current events related to heritage
- **Studies:** on towns and regions of art and history, remarkable heritages sites and their evolution.
- **Expertise:** Sites & Cités supports cities and territories in their implementation of heritage policies, with recognised experts or network partners
- **Sharing experiences:** an up-to-date platform rich of information, through its website, a complete toolbox
- **Monitoring and prospective analysis:** on current events and the future of heritage

Sites & Cités internationales

Sites & Cités remarquables mobilises its partners on issues related to heritage as a tool for territories development.

On an international scale, the Association supports its members in projects that focus on social, economic and cultural revitalisation of town and territories, proposes to set up pilot operations in partner countries, supports the establishment of regional and national networks of municipalities around heritage, and develops discussions based on an international platform on heritage.

These ambitions are declined in 6 work areas:

- Heritage, urban governance and integrated urban development
- Old town, sustainable town
- Heritage mediation, raising awareness and involving citizens in the future of their living environment
- Economic development from heritage
- Heritage and cultural tourism
- Creating networks of municipalities around heritage

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