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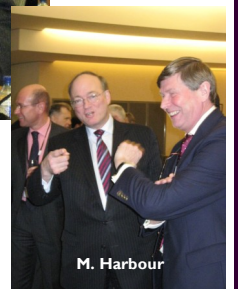


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In the last edition of our Newsletter, you were invited to take part in the January meeting of the European Parliament Ceramic Forum (EPCF). Our successful networking allowed us to listen to the reports of a great number of European Commission official. For TBE, the main issues discussed were the draft Construction Product Regulation (CPR) and the recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). Mr T. Mikkeli, Deputy Head of Unit DG Enterprise and Industry, and Guillaume Mascarin, assistant of MEP Catherine Nérès (French Socialist) rapporteur for the CPR, were both in attendance. As for the EPBD, Mr L. Deridder, Policy Officer DG Transport and Energy (TREN), and the assistant of MEP Mrs Silvia-Adriana Ticau (Romanian Socialist) rapporteur for this file.

Some other MEPs in attendance were Den Dover (UK), Paul Rübzig (Austria), Jo Leinen (Germany), Hannes Swoboda (Austria), Harald Ettl (Austria) and the two chairmen, Michael Cashman and Malcolm Harbour both from the UK.

The event concluded with a friendly cocktail party, which allowed direct contact with the MEPs. The next meeting will take place in October, the exact date will be communicated as soon as possible.



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# Urban Network for Innovation in Ceramics



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As European centres of ceramic are ongoing economic transition these share a similar history, a common challenge and several innovation paths according to the promoters of the UNIC project. They want to build on the industrial heritage and traditional competitive factors in order to build new competitive factors for the knowledge economy.

The urban-focused European programme URBACT II was set up to support good practices of sustainable urban development and the EC classified UNIC as the best project of Thematic Network. With Limoges, France as the Lead Partner, the UNIC project brings together the cities of Aveiro (Portugal), Delft (The Netherlands), Pécs (Hungary), Faenza (Italy), Stoke-on-Trent (UK), Castellon and Sevilla Global (Spain) and Cluj Napoca (Romania).

Five Working Groups have been established to work on the promotion of innovation, strengthening industry, urban integration, cultural, artistic and tourism values and last but not least urban identity. The final output from each working group will be the development of one Final Report with Guidelines for Implementation of concrete measures (LAP) in UNIC Cities.

One of the actions that will now be undertaken in relation with the main objectives of the UNIC project is the search for new partners. Should you be interested, do not hesitate to contact the coordinator, Mr Yann Thoreau La Salle of the City of Limoges.

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## AGENDA of UNIC EVENTS

|                     | 2009   |                           |                         |                           | 2010                          |                                    |  |   | 2011         |  |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--------------|--|
|                     | winter   | spring                    | summer                  | autumn                    | winter                        | spring                             | summer   | autumn  | winter       | spring   |
| Place               | <b>Limoges</b><br>(Febr.)  | <b>Sevilla</b><br>(April) | <b>Aveiro</b><br>(June) | <b>Stoke</b><br>(October) | <b>Castellon</b><br>(Febr.)   | <b>Pécs</b><br>(May)               | <b>Limoges</b><br>(July)                           | <b>Brussels</b><br>(October)                            | <b>Local</b> | <b>Delft</b><br>(April)                              |
| Type of event       | <b>Launching Event</b>   | <b>WG 1st session</b>     | <b>WG 2nd session</b>   | <b>Biennale Meeting</b>   | <b>Industry Meeting</b>       | <b>Culture Meeting</b>             | <b>LAP Validation</b>                              | <b>LAP Financing</b>                                    | <b>ULSG</b>  | <b>Final meeting</b>                                 |
| General meeting     | Launching Phase II – remind objectives-agree method – start exch |                           |                         |                           |                               | Peer review on LAPs                | Official validation of LAPs<br>With elected bodies | Implement of LAPs : Financial and methodological issues |              | Final meeting  |
| Communication event | Official launching of UNIC network                               |                           |                         | Ceramics Biennale 2009    | Congress for Ceramic Industry | Pécs, European Capitale of Culture | International Exhibition of Porcelain              | Ceramic Forum<br>Open days?                             |              | Inauguration Delft Museum Factory - Final event UNIC |