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## The QUALICITIES project

The QUALICITIES project: Quality Method for Sustainable Development of Historical Cities and Regions (program INTERREG IIIC-West), began in April 2005. Fifteen partners, who are in majority members of the AVEC association, are actively participating to this ambitious project.

Qualicities aims at determining a quality method and strategy and a quality brand for sustainable development policies in Historical Cities and Regions.

This approach should make easier the application of the european cultural cities and regions charter (see below). Staff skills and public services quality are in the heart of the method. They will be identified and reinforced. The tools created for the project are to be shared lately with other historical cities and regions in Europe wishing to improve their approach of heritage.

## The AVEC network



The AVEC network is a french law non-profit association. Its headquarters are located in Tours city council (France) and it members are local communities (town, regions,...) wishing to adopt a sustainable development approach based on their heritage.

This network was born thanks to a european program, called Ecos-Ouvertures, developed between 1998 and 2001. Today, more than 30 members from 11 european countries are sharing the network values.

The AVEC network allows its member to share knowledge and know-how in the area of heritage and culture. It is also involved in projects in which its members are interested. These projects are supported by the European Commission.

You will find more information about the AVEC network on the following website : [www.avecnet.net](http://www.avecnet.net)

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## Assessment :

Dates	Steps
10 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2005	<b>Launching week for the Qualicities project in Arles (France).</b> Introduction of the project - Meeting between partners – Identification of first goals – First experience exchanges.
16th May to 30st June 2005	<b>Identification of Good Practices (GP) set up by every partner.</b> Animation of the network by the quality referent (Amandine Léopold) so as to create a data base of all good practices.
From July 2005...	<b>Choice of 5 good practices by every partner.</b> (according to the common interest they could provide for the network)

## Welcome to our new consultant team :



A call for tender was made in June 2005 to chose the consulting group that would better answer to our needs for the project.

After consideration, the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2005, the leading team of the project chose to work with the Agence Française de Normalisation, which has a great experince concerning quality approaches and labelisation and certifies us to insure a constant support.

We began to work with the new team, which will introduce us its planning as well as its working methods during our next meeting in Toledo(Spain) .

For the time, Qualicities leading team invites you to visit AFNOR website: [www.afnor.fr](http://www.afnor.fr)

## 1. Assessment of the work done for 1<sup>st</sup> semester (1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> Octobre 2005).

## 2. News

**A new consultant team : AFNOR (Paris)**

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## Forum in Toledo : First assessment.

The city council of Toledo is welcoming the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting gathering 15 Qualicities partners from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Octobre 2005 at the following address: University of Castilla la Mancha, Callejòn de San Pedro Màrtir, s/n, 45071 Toledo.

This forum will allow the partners to assess the action led by the partner team of Arles and Toledo until now for the first composite of the project (définition and animation of the project).

The AFNOR team will introduce itself to the partners, describing its work strategy and will present a draft of the quality repertory of competencies so that the partners can exchange their opinion and bring the first changes to the document.

Next work stages will also be presented during the meeting. It will consist in preparing a visit of AFNOR in 8 leader partners cities and regions - Anderlecht (Belgium) leader of the project, Arles (France), Ubeda (Spain), Cosenza (Italy), Evora (Portugal), Toledo (Spain), Communauté d'Agglomération Hérault méditerranée (France) et the Region de Baranya (Hungary) – to improve and complete the repertory of competencies established during the forum in Toledo...

## A venir:

### 1<sup>st</sup> stage:

The repertory of competencies realised by AFNOR and completed throughout the leader partners visit by AFNOR must be complete in March 2006.

### 2<sup>ème</sup> stage :

The personalised progress plan for each partner will be established at the end of April 2006, to be ready to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> composite of the project (setting up of the progress system).

The technical and administration meeting of the project will conclude the 1<sup>st</sup> composite work and introduce the 2<sup>nd</sup> composite. It will be held in Evora (Portugal) in April 2006.

Precise dates are to be confirmed in our next newsletter...

## 2. News



### Forum din Toledo.

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## 3. And next...

**March 2006** : Final version of the Repertory of competencies.

**April 2006** : Setting up of progress plans.

**April 2006** : Technical and administration meeting