



The *Euro*India Summit

City Vision: Reinventing Dynamic and Sustainable Cities

Business focus: Green Energy

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Brochure





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Summary:

After three successful annual Summits in India (Goa) and Europe (Valladolid, Spain), the *EuroIndia Centre* will hold its fourth *Summit* in Halle (Saale) in the State of Saxe-Anhalt, close to Leipzig, on 10-12 October 2010.

Top leaders of Indian and European Cities, their local stakeholders, companies, academic and research institutions, professionals, NGO's and their parent Regions/States are cordially invited:

1. To get first-hand exposure to the best European/Indian sustainable urban practices, through expert discussions and field visits, with a special focus on Environmental Sustainability and Green Energy.
2. To interact with the most innovative Indian/European Cities and Regions/States and the keenest to enter into co-operative partnerships in the areas of **Knowledge management, Investments and business, Tourism and Excellence** in urban governance (**K.I.T.E**).
3. To take advantage of individual Business to Civic, Civic to Civic, Business to Business meetings organized on demand.

Before the Summit, Indian participants will be invited to join the official Indian Summit delegation of high-level representatives of federate States and Cities led by a senior representative of the Government of India that is slated to attend *Open Days 2010* in Brussels, the largest gathering of European regions, to visit Leuven in Belgium and Paris.

Organizers:

Halle and the region of Saxony-Anhalt: Halle – the most populous city (233,000 inhabitants) in the regional state of Saxony-Anhalt – is situated in one of the oldest industrial regions of Germany.



Halle profits from its location in the heart of the central German conurbation, the proximity to the capital of Germany Berlin (1.5 hours via rail) and the Saxon metropolis Leipzig (12 min via rail), its well-developed connections to Eastern Europe and the innovative potential as a University City and academic centre. Halle is a city where modern spirit and history are balanced. The city centre of Halle is the largest architectural monument in Europe.

In 2008, under the aegis of the Centre, the City signed a co-operation agreement with the city of Ahmedabad in Gujarat to welcome technical interns from the latter. Halle was the first German city to join the Centre as an institutional member.



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The Summit will take advantage on the *International Building Exhibition (IBA) on Urban Redevelopment* organized by the host State of Saxony-Anhalt in Halle.

The EuroIndia Centre: The Centre is a not-for-profit association registered in 2001 in La Rochelle (France) and founded by two co-presidents: Dr. Manmohan Singh, current Indian Prime Minister, and late Mr. Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister. It focuses on bringing Europeans and Indians together again for a shared future and on restoring their historical partnership through concrete and novel initiatives. Its current “*FLY A Green KITE*” strategy is a comprehensive Euro-Indian plan to **Foster Links Yielding Assets in Knowledge, Investments, Tourism and urban Excellence** by extending its current focus on urban management to **Knowledge, Investment and Tourism**, with emphasis on environmental sustainability.

The Confederation of Indian Industry: the Indian partner of the Centre is a non-government, not-for-profit industry led and managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded over 115 years ago, it is India's premier business association, with a direct membership of over 7800 organizations from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 90,000 companies from around 396 national and regional sectoral associations. With 64 offices in India, 9 overseas in Australia, Austria, China, France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, UK, and USA, and institutional partnerships with 221 counterpart organizations in 90 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

Agenda:

The Summit will be a one and a half days' meeting on the theme: “**City Vision: Reinventing dynamic and sustainable cities**”.

The theme, timing and venue of the Summit have been chosen to coincide with **the International Building Exhibition (IBE)** organized by the Summit host State of Saxony-Anhalt, which will reflect **on urban redevelopment policies** that former East-German cities, such as Halle, had to adopt to address daunting social, economic and demographic challenges caused by German reunification. **Field visits followed by workshop discussions** will allow Summit participants to learn from this unique experience.

West European cities had to confront the same challenges in their years of reconstruction and economic boom after the 2nd World War. They are now facing **the challenge of employment generation** to mitigate the social cost of the current economic slowdown.

Indian cities have been hard put to cope with India's economic and demographic boom. Launched in 2006 by the Government of India, the *Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission* has reversed the trend. More such initiatives in social housing and environment protection have triggered an urban revolution in India with a quantum spurt in new urban investments and projects across the country. As a result, civic managers are now keen to imbibe the best proven urban practices that European cities can offer.



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Though for different compulsions, **all cities of Europe and India had to reinvent themselves to promote sustained and sustainable economic growth** and rethink their identity, vision and their strategic planning, keeping in mind the pressing new concern of preserving their immediate environment and that of the planet at large.

In its various sessions the Summit will deal with strategic planning, environmental sustainability, safety, housing, built heritage, transportation and **its special focus on Green Energy** and foster **formal and informal peer exchanges** that should benefit all cities and their stakeholders.

The ***EuroIndia Environmental Sustainability City Award (ESCA)*** will be launched at a special session to reward the two most Innovative European and Indian Cities of the year in Environmental Sustainability and the company, NGO or technical institute that may be associated with the said innovation.

Participants will be offered **individual Business to Business, Business to Civic or Civic to Civic meetings** organized on demand by the Halle Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Each participating City/Region/State therefore is invited to bring a business delegation.

A cultural programme will be offered by the City of Halle during the Summit.

Expected participants:

Federal, national, regional and city authorities, architects, urban designers and planners and specialized companies, financial institutions, banks, academic and research institutions, professionals and non governmental agencies.

Venue:

The Summit will take place at the Town Hall in Halle (Saale), Germany. The city of Halle is located close to Leipzig, and between the capital of Germany, Berlin, and its financial capital, Frankfurt. For further information visit: www.halle.de.

The Summit will take place at the following address:

Stadthaus – Town Hall of Halle (Saale)
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More information:

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