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## Indian Cities Delegation to Europe 10 – 17 October 2007

A CII - TEIC delegation of Indian cities consisting of Ahmedabad, Goa & Kolkata visited the European cities – Lyon, Frankfurt, Paris & La Rochelle from 10 to 17 October 2007. This delegation was a follow up of the first EuroIndia Urban Forum held in Goa earlier this year from 8 to 11 February 2007.



The delegation consisting of Mr. Joaquim Alemao, Hon'ble Minister, Goa State Urban Development Agency, Mr. I.P. Gautam, Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation; Mr. D. Hawaldar, Director – Urban Development, Goa State Urban Development Agency; Mr. Gorachand Mandal, Director General – Buildings, The Kolkata Municipal Corporation; Mr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Member – Mayor-in-Council, The Kolkata Municipal Corporation; Mr. Michel Sabatier, Secretary General, The EuroIndia Centre and Mr. B S Murty, Executive Officer, CII. The focus of the visit was set on: Water Supply, Waste Water Treatment and Sanitation; Solid Waste Treatment; City Heritage Conservation; Urban Transportation.

The Indian delegation visited Lyon, which has a unique energy saving lighting system which Ahmedabad & Kolkata proposed to adopt in order to reduce their huge energy bills. They also wanted to follow the example of Lyon with regard to heritage building conservation in the city centre, as it is earning considerable revenue by promoting tourism.

Frankfurt being an industrial city has a very similar experience to Indian cities. The city of Frankfurt has well developed techniques for resolving its traffic problems. The area of Solid Waste management of Frankfurt is very strong as well, earning substantial income. Using reclaimed land of the Main River and making the city more beautiful in the same time inspired the delegation with similar ambitions.



Next the Indian delegation was impressed by wonderful job done by La Rochelle particularly in 3 areas: Urban mobility City heritage conservation, yachting and tourism development.

Ahmedabad proposed to send two of their officers to La Rochelle in order to acquire know-how regarding the techniques in restoring heritage buildings and promoting tourism.

Kolkata agreed that Hotel & Hospitality industry can be developed in Kolkata along the Hoogly river following the example of La Rochelle, Lyon and Frankfurt, making use of their natural location for the promotion of the city.



This mission also gave the opportunity to corporate Forum Partners to receive the Indian delegates and show them their skills in actual operation through site visits: Veolia showed how they run Lyon water utility and Alstom showed their La Rochelle plant where tramways, metros and high-speed trains are manufactured.

The next EuroIndia Centre Urban Forum, in association with CII, will be in Goa from 3 to 5 April where once again select European and Indian cities will meet, with the participation and support of select companies, the Government of India, the European Commission and other city stake-holders

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