

## Short description

The Centre is a not-for-profit association registered in 2001 in La Rochelle and founded by two co-presidents:

- Dr Mammohan Singh, current Indian Prime Minister
- Late Mr Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister

The two current executive co-presidents are:

- Colette Mathur, President, India Invest SA, Geneva, & Chairperson, Atherstone India Invest Group, Mumbai
- Jamshyd Godrej, Chairman & Managing Director of Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing, Mumbai

It is supported by over 50 individual and institutional members widely spread over 20-odd cities in about 10 States of India and Europe, such as Berlin, Copenhagen, Geneva, Hamburg, Hanover, La Rochelle, Leipzig, Paris, Valladolid, Zürich...

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 "*Vision2008*" strategy has been to chart a new Euro-Indian co-operation axis at the City level and build an efficient Euro-Indian network of city-stakeholders including cities, regions, States, companies, academia, research, NGO's, etc. through an annual EuroIndia Forum and regular fact-finding missions.

The 1<sup>st</sup> EuroIndia Forum took place in February 2007 in Goa and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2008 in Goa and on the 7<sup>th</sup> in Delhi on Urban Development and Tourism Promotion.

Indian cities partners of the 2007 & 2008 forum were: Ahmedabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kolkata, Kochi and Pune

European cities partners of the 2007 & 2008 forum were: Frankfurt, Halle, La Rochelle, Lisbon, London, Lyon, Valladolid and Zürich

The first mission of Indian cities (Ahmedabad, Kolkata) and of the State of Goa to European cities (Frankfurt, La Rochelle, Lyon) took place from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2008.

Its new 2008-2011 "*FLY A KITE*" strategy intends to bring about a dedicated EuroIndia Exchange Programme to **Foster Links Yielding Assets in Knowledge, Investments, Tourism and Excellence** for cities by deepening and broadening its current action in urban management and by expanding its reach to **Knowledge, Investment and Tourism**.

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