

- the Chairs of the Committees on Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe);
  - representatives of networks dealing with similar concepts (Transition Towns, Agendas 21, Pactes Locaux, etc);
- Moderator : Samuel Thirion, Council of Europe, Social Cohesion Research and Development Division.*

**4 – 4.20 pm** Bio-fair-trade coffee break

**4.20 – 5.20 pm** Final session : What type of co-operation should be initiated between the territories and the players involved and/or interested ?  
*Moderator : Sébastien Houssin (City of Mulhouse, coordinator "Mulhouse : territories of co-responsibility")*

**5.20 pm** Closing session

- Chantal Risser (Deputy Mayor responsible for youth, education, local social activities and co-ordination of municipal policy) and the chairs of the Committees of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe).
- Summary of this first meeting drawn up by students working for a Master's Degree in Social and Solidarity-Based Economic Project Engineering, Université de Haute Alsace.

**Saturday 26 September 2009**

**am/pm Free choice of activity :**

- Visit to the municipal park, a village within the town (10 am) with the Mulhouse Tourist Office (languages: FR, EN, IT, D)
- Museum visits (Automobile and Fabric-Printing Museums)
- Visit to Mulhouse Zoological and Botanical Garden



**7.30 pm** Show at La Filature (national theatre).

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# First International Meeting of Territories of Co-responsibility



**Mulhouse 25 September 2009**  
**Société Industrielle**



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## Introduction by the Mayor Mulhouse, City of Co-responsibility

*From its rich industrial history, Mulhouse has inherited an ability to persuade the various stakeholders in the city's affairs to work together for the good of their community. The groundbreaking approach proposed by the Council of Europe in 2005, centring on "territories of co-responsibility", therefore fits in perfectly with Mulhouse's history, talents and ambitions. As pioneers in this field, we have drawn on the Council of Europe's support to test this approach in various spheres, leading to a broad variety of pilot projects. The results are now clear for all to see.*

*We have organised this first international meeting out of a desire to share and compare with others both our achievements and future prospects, and it gives us great pleasure to welcome you.*

Jean-Marie BOCKEL  
Maire de Mulhouse,  
Secretary of State for Justice

## Introductions by the President of the Congress The Congress and citizen participation

*Citizen participation has always been one of the major goals of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. For instance, the European Charter of Local Self-Government regards the participation of citizens in the management of public affairs not only as a right but, above all, as a key contribution to the health of local democracy.*

*Many other Congress texts encourage participation. For example, the new European Urban Charter asserts the need for shared governance, fostering more cohesive and participatory towns and cities.*

*Accordingly, the Congress supports the territories of co-responsibility project, which rises to the challenge that our communities must face in the modern globalised world by establishing new relationships with city dwellers and citizens, placing them at the heart of public decision-making.*

Ian MICALLEF  
President ad interim of the Congress of Local  
and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

## Programme

### Thursday 24 September 2009 (for participants arriving the day before)

**4 pm** Tour of Mulhouse, on the theme of industrialisation and the 19th century (1,5 hours) with the Mulhouse Tourist Office (Languages: FR, EN, IT, D).

**Evening** Free choice of theatre shows or tours.

### Friday 25 September 2009

**8.30 am** Reception of participants

**9 am** Opening session with the Mayor of Mulhouse, the President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Director General of Social Cohesion (Council of Europe)

**9.30 – 10.40 am** Introductory session

- Presentation of the concept of Territories of Co-responsibility in the framework of the Strategy for Social Cohesion, Link with the European Urban Charter (Council of Europe), presentation of the application to Mulhouse and of pilot actions conducted (Mulhouse)

- Questions/debate

*Moderator : Jérôme FAURE, Inter-Ministerial Delegate for Innovation and Social - Experimentation and the Social Economy*

**10.40 – 11 am** Bio/fair-trade coffee break (ARTISANS DU MONDE, Alter éco, AMAP).  
Press room.

**11 am – 1 pm** Pilot action discovery workshops

**Theme 1 :** Co-responsibility and social inclusion path : Multipartite Social Contract (beneficiary partners who are over-indebted or in receipt of social welfare benefits) – Overall Integration through Housing and Employment

**Theme 2 :** Co-responsibility within institutions : Lycée Albert Schweitzer – Municipal Zoo Department – Stracel Enterprise

**Theme 3 :** Co-responsibility at neighbourhood level in various walks of life : Social cohesion (Drouot-Barbanègre neighbourhood) – Education (Côteaux neighbourhood) – Health (Porte du Miroir and Wagner neighbourhoods)

**Theme 4 :** Citizen co-responsibility and Ethical Charter of Co-responsibility  
Local councillors, technical operators, field workers, Local inhabitants, beneficiary partners and employees presenting their pilot action.

**1 – 2.30 pm** Buffet lunch prepared by La table de la Fonderie ("start-up restaurant")

**2.30 – 4 pm** Round Table and Debate on the prospects of the concept of territories of co-responsibility – Links and complementarity with other related concepts with :  
- the representatives of different territories already involved in the process : Mulhouse; Timisoara (Romania); Trento (Italy); the 14th arrondissement of Paris; the Walloon Region (Belgium); Montijo (Portugal); Cabo Verde and Gabon;