

Third meeting of the European CTUR project – Trieste

On 28 et 29 September last, the partners in the CTUR group met in the port city of Trieste (Italy) for two days of presentations on the impact of cruises and their socio-economic spin offs on the urban-port tissue. It must be remembered that AIVP are associated to this project as thematic experts. In this capacity, Greta Marini presented a synthesis of the work of AIVP on the topic of "The environmental challenges for port cities". She also took part in the intense and constructive discussions with the local stakeholders – city and port – both of them concerned in setting up a common and sustainable development strategy. They underlined that the accesses and infrastructures, but also the commercial offer and the quality of the urban tissue should respond to the expectations of the population as much as to those of the cruise passengers and private operators. The new Port Masterplan, adopted by the Port Authority and all the local and regional government bodies in May 2009, testifies to this new desire to collaborate in order to really shake up Trieste from its phase of torpor and economic recession.

The next CTUR meeting will be held early in December 2009 in Dublin (Ireland). Additional information but also thematic dossiers and contacts are henceforth available on the website : <http://urbact.eu/en/projects/port-cities/ctur/homepage/>