



Dublin : the partners in CTUR get together on the theme of cruises and the challenges of the city - port connections

The fourth meeting of the CTUR theme network – Cruises and urban regeneration of port heritage – was held from 10 to 11 December last in Dublin in Ireland in the presence of AIVP and the eleven port cities who are partners in this project. Received by the Mayor of the City in the morning, the various members of the network were then able to appreciate the scope of the Dublin projects concerning the reconversion of the Docklands and the organisation and promotion of cruise activity in Dublin. This activity has experienced a fantastic boom over the last few years, obliging the Port of Dublin to set up flexible tourist reception logistics adapted to the situation of the port territory. Brenda Daly of Dublin Port Authority explained that this manner of working enables spaces to be freed for the storage of containers outside the cruise season which lasts only half of the year. Without a permanent terminal, this organisation however does not enable Dublin to be sold easily as a "home port" for cruise companies. Jim Keogan, Manager of the Planning Department of the City of Dublin, underlined the importance for his city to find, together with the port and the various partners concerned, solutions which could better improve the reception conditions for cruise tourists and the system of connections, improve the image of the city-port interface and thus generate economic spin-offs for the whole city.

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