

**First theme meeting of the European CTUR project in Matosinhos, Portugal.
15 & 16 June 2009**

Based on the topics of cruises and of the rehabilitation of port heritage, the project includes thirteen partners, including the Municipality of Naples, who are the project coordinators. Since its commencement, AIVP have followed the setting up of CTUR (Cruise Traffic and Urban Regeneration), are participating in putting the work into value and are contributing to the discussions and analyses of the specialists and the partners with a complementary international documentary research.

Hosted and organised by the Municipality of Matosinhos and by the Port Authority of Leixoes, the meeting of 15 & 16 June last, bore on the physical and environmental approach to developments at the city - port interface. The presentations of the local speakers permitted the discovery of a series of very interesting projects for the most part carried by all the stakeholders, thus showing an exemplary desire for collaboration and dialogue between city and port. The very animated discussions which followed enabled the subjects for which it is important to continue to search for sustainable and shared solutions to be identified. Thus the international regulations of the ISPS Code constitute a difficult headache for the supporters of an open port. In this respect, passenger and cruise terminals are perceived as a place where city and port can meet. Their tourist, cultural and commercial vocations can no longer be imagined as only for the benefit of passengers in transit, but also for the inhabitants and visitors of the port city. The partners also took consideration of more technical problems such as the duration of port concessions, the strategies for return on investment for private stakeholders, or the maintaining of a strong public body in holdings and in public/private partnerships. The necessity for a social and urban management of the districts neighbouring big development projects is another strong basis of the project. The next meeting of the partners will take place in September in Trieste (Italy).