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**The sustainable mountain sports resort**

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## The sustainable mountain sports resort

The International Council of French Architects and the Worldwide Federation of Young Architects have organized for more than 15 years international forums in France and abroad, with for discussion thread **sustainable development**.

The chosen subject for the X<sup>th</sup> Forum, **the sustainable mountain sports resort**, through the example of Font-Romeu prolongs the works of the last editions organized in the department of the Pyrenees Orientales : “ **the city and the social housing**”, “ **the social housing in rural environment**”, “ **the university and the city**”, “**the future of a mountain village**”, “ **the cross-border cooperation in mountain**”, “ **the sustainable development of the Tet valley**” and “ **buildings with positive energy in the Mediterranean climate** “. The sustainable mountain sports resort constitutes a real zoom of the second last forum and is consistent with the governmental objectives. It lies within the orientations of the European policy in favor of the sustainable development of the mountain

On the fringe of the forum the Week of the Architecture will be organized by the city of Font-Romeu and the CIAF.

The main stake of this X<sup>th</sup> Forum is the identification of the solutions supporting:

- the comprehension of the creative mechanisms of the mountain sports resorts
- the quality of the housing environment, the lodging and the diversification of the tourist equipment in mountain
- the identification and the definition of the capacities of still vacant spaces
- improvement of the existing state through structuring solutions
- identification of the tools allowing the transformation of the mountain sports resort of yesterday into a sustainable development.

We hope that all the actors of the mountain sports resort, the elected members, the State, the Region, the Department but also, the consular Chambers, the professionals of tourism, the local companies, the concerned associations and the population will be able to help us to make this X<sup>th</sup> world forum of young architects a complete success.



Zygmund KNYSZEWSKI  
Architect  
Director of the Forum

## **Towards the sustainable mountain sports resorts**

### **I. International Conference : 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009**

Two days, in opening of the forum will be devoted to an international symposium on the topic: **“Towards the sustainable mountain sports resorts”** or the transformation of a mountain sports resort of yesterday into a sustainable development.

The acts of the conference will focus on the development strategies of the mountain sports resorts, on the solidarity of the mountain population with the tourists, on the development of the local heritage, the conservation of the greatest wealth of the mountain, the landscape, and on the research of the essential balance between heritage and modernity.

This conference will gather experts of the mountain economy. The results of these two days of study will contribute in particular to the reflection that was led by elected representatives of mountain sports resorts motivated by the sustainable development. A search for new panorama, more adapted to one of the major challenges of the next decades, the global warming, will be also driven.

The conference will have to make emerge reliable answers to the often contradictory questions which tourism of mountain causes. Indeed the XX<sup>th</sup> century, with rare exceptions, saw the beginning of the decline of the mountain sports resorts.

Around important subjects such as:

- Creative mechanisms of the sports mountain resorts through the example of Avoriaz
- Sustainable development and mountain territories , a research for a well-balanced development
- Sustainable development and conservation of landscapes and natural spaces
- Ecosystems and natural spaces, climate change and development of the mountain resorts
- The sustainable development and the preservation of natural beauty spots and the classified or registered buildings
- Mountain sports resort and natural resources, water, alternative energies, towards a rate 0 of CO<sub>2</sub>
- The situation of the sustainable development in the Pyrenean massif and the case of Font-Romeu in particular
- Requalification of the real-estate park of mountain, to build the mountain sports resort on the existing station, which development of the future accommodation

Local speakers, architects, experts of the economy of mountain, politicians but also international specialists will come to expose the state of the art regarding the sustainable development in France and abroad, and will illustrate new ways of development for the existing resorts. These exchanges will help the participants of the Forum to propose solutions for the ecological transformation of Font-Romeu.

These two days of study conceived in a will of exchanges will be articulated around conferences and debates but also round tables from 6 to 8 speakers and a moderator.

The list of the speakers and moderators is in the course of validation.

## **Temporary program of the days:**

### Monday, July 20th

- Inauguration 10h00 / 11h00
- 1<sup>st</sup> conference / debate 11h00 / 11h30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> conference / debate 11h30 / 12h00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> conference / debate 12h00 / 12h30
- Lunch on the spot 12h30 / 14h00
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round Table 14h00 / 15h30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Table 15h30 / 17h00
- Debates 17h00 / 18h00

18h30 Inauguration of the French exhibition “Nul n’est prophète en son pays”

### Tuesday, July 21st

- 4<sup>th</sup> conference / debate 10h00 / 10h30
- 5<sup>th</sup> conference / debate 10h30 / 11h00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Table 11h00 / 12h30
- Lunch on the spot 12h30 / 14h00
- 6<sup>th</sup> conference / debate 14h00 / 14h30
- 7<sup>th</sup> conference / debate 14h30 / 15h00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Round Table 15h00 / 16h30
- 8<sup>th</sup> conference / debate 16h30 / 17h00
- Debates 17h00 / 18h00

18h30 Inauguration of the French exhibition “Dans le mur ?”

The conference will be illustrated by other exhibitions related to the topic of the forum

- Bioclimatic architecture in Languedoc Roussillon
- The heritage of Cerdagne

## II. The forum of the young architects

### 2.1 Targets for an ambitious project

The mayor of Font-Romeu defines the transformation of the mountain sports resort: "If only one decision of the creators of winter sports in Font-Romeu had to be regretted, it would be without any doubt that they established in the last century the tracks and the ski lifts too far from the village.

By disconnecting the snowfields from the heart of the city, these pioneers of the Pyrenean tourism had not taken into account the pleasures and the comfort of a mountain sports resort situated at the bottom of its own ski slopes.

So, they obliged the holiday maker to borrow a means of motorized transport to join, 5 km further, the ski runs of Airelles and the joys of the snow-covered slips. In front of the competition of the other sports resorts praising their privileged situation "with the bottom of the tracks", Font-Romeu doubled initiatives to distort this handicap.

The installation in 1974 of a cable car connecting the station to the tracks, will only mitigate this shouting gap for a while.

Again and again, while chair-lifts and skis-lifts daily transport thousands skiers to the heights of Font-Romeu, the city remains asleep. This animation escapes from the mountain sport resort. Only lodging takes advantage when the night comes with this extraordinary commercial force evaluated on average with nearly 15.000 people per day.

From observations into reflexions, a shouting need is essential today: a track must connect Font-Romeu with Airelles, a natural come back to "skis to the feet". The project which animates the oldest dreams of the population of Font-Romeu is up to date.

To the sides of a new municipal team, unanimously elected which carries high and far this collective ambition, a whole population aspires to the realization of this creation of "**a track, heart of the mountain sport resort**".

By getting the crowd of the skiers then by inviting it to consume directly in the local stores, the heart of the mountain resort will restore in its activity an incredible breath. It will prolong the season and will multiply the financial dynamism of the municipality. More tourist comfort, the long traffic jams in the rush hours will be over.

No more polluting carbonic gas emanations and no more dissatisfaction of the motorist prisoners of lines. Access times to the after ski activities will also be reduced (casino, cinema, sports complex, aqualudic center, skating rink, swimming pool, etc...) for the greatest pleasure of its followers and the economic development of the resort.

In summer this space constitutes the departure of mountain hikes, the place of events (mountain bike, pedestrian races, etc.) and mountain or festive activities.

Besides the realization of this new track, a real incursion of nature into the city, it is also a question of reorganization of the heart of a mountain resort which only asks to beat. So the establishment in this so strategic place of **an aqualudic center** proves to be an ideal complement with the diversification of the "snow" product.

**A high level hotel structure** must accompany the investment. The enlarging of the current **covered car park**, just like the organization of a plan of parking is to be programmed.

In the same way, **a theatre** will be scheduled (congress, ceremonies, festivities, etc ...) It becomes essential to the widening of the tourist and the municipal offer.

Finally, the friendly and functional Tourist office will find here its ideal place.

Between concerted urbanization and wide protected environmental spaces, Font-Romeu enters into in the new era of the tourist resorts of mountain turned towards sustainable development. Definitively combining economic development and quality of life”.

It is in this will that the X<sup>th</sup> Forum wants to help the municipality to define the tools which will allow it to concretize its projects and to realize so a sustainable mountain sports resort.

## 2.2 The program of intervention and sites

Starting from the diagnosis of the resort, as well as the information revealed by the international conference, the teams will receive a file about the sites they will have to work on.

This file will include the essential elements of knowledge of the concerned sites: documents of current town planning, in particular the relative law with solidarity and the urban renewal (SRU), graphic documents of the sites, tracks of approach, etc...

The sites and the topics will be defined with the local elected representatives in the preparatory phase of the forum.

## 2.3 Form of the proposals

The project will be presented through four vertical panels A1 (84 X 60 cm)

These panels will include:

- General concept of Font-Romeu sustainable mountain sports resort
- Master plan of Font- Romeu sustainable sports resort
  
- Zoom on one of the elements of the concept
- Free panel illustrating the 3 previous panels

The proposals will be delivered on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, midnight at the latest.

The presentation of the projects in front of the International jury will be open to public audience. It will take place on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 9 am. Each team will have 20 minutes to present its project in 2 languages (10 minutes in French, 10 minutes in English).

The Jury will deliberate in the afternoon and the results and comments will be announced the same day at 6 pm.

### **III Event**

#### **3.1 The location**

Font-Romeu – Pyrénées Orientales (France)

Young architects and landscape designers from all over the world will work under the supervision of international animators.

#### **3.2 Schedule**

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009, including the International Conference on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

Participants will be welcomed on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> until 10 am, the official opening of the Forum will be at 11 am.

The International Conference will start the same day at 2 pm and will continue the following day.

#### **3.3 Management committee**

**Zygmund KNYSZEWSKI** architect and town planner, Manager of the forum, Treasurer of the International Council of the French Architects - France.

**Lionel DUNET**, President of the National Council of the Order of architects- France

**François ROBLIN**, architect and town planner, President of the Worldwide Federation of Young Architects, France.

**Jorge GONZALEZ CLAVERAN** architect and town planner, Professor at University of Mexico (UNAEM)- World Wide Federation of Young Architects, Mexico

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**Jean Paul SCALABRE**, architect Adviser to the Ministère de l'Équipement, President of the International Council of the French Architects - France

**Patrice GENET**, architect and town planner, national consultant at the Order of architects, responsible for the sustainable development commission – France

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**Jean-Pierre PRIBETICH**, architect of the Building Industries of France, departmental service of architecture and heritage in Pyrénées Orientales, Director of the UIA Work Group Heritage Region I - France

List to be completed with personalities linked to the topic of the Forum (Pyrenean Massif Committee, Chamber of Commerce and of Industry, Departmental Committee of Tourism)



### 3.4. The jury

**President of Jury, Jean Paul SCALABRE**, President of the International Council of the French architects - France

**Jean Louis DEMELIN**, Mayor of Font-Romeu – France

**Patrice GENET**, Vice President of the International Council of the French architects – France

**Jacques CANAL**, Vice President of the International Council of the French architects – France

**Bérengère RODRIGUEZ DE SA**, President of the Regional Council of the Order of architects Languedoc-Roussillon, France

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**Jean Louis SARDA**, City Councillor of Font-Romeu

List to be supplemented

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- Municipality of Font-Romeu,
- International Union of Architects (UIA)
- National Council and Regional Council of the Order of Architects
- Ministry of Culture and Communication
- Commission of the Pyrenean Massif,
- Odit-France-DEATL
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Pyrenees Orientales
- The Regional Nature Park,
- County authority for Equipment and Agriculture in the Pyrenees Orientales,
- Departemental Service of Architecture and Landscape in the Pyrenees Orientales,  
National Center for Scientific Research – Font-Romeu
- Private sponsors

Partnership in progress:

- Ministry of Regional Planning and Environment,
- Regional Council of Languedoc-Roussillon
- County Council of the Pyrenees Orientales
- County authorities for Agriculture and Forestry in the Pyrenees Orientales,
- Regional Department for Environment in Languedoc-Roussillon,
- Agency for the Environment and Energy Control
- Departmental Committee of Tourism,

### **3.7 The purpose**

This event, as well as the conferences and exhibitions will be the occasion for professional architects and town planners, to exchange and elaborate together a concept and design solutions for the local development of Font-Romeu as an ecological mountain sports resort respecting environment and rules of sustainable development.

Architects coming from different backgrounds and different cultures will meet and confront their work methods and ideas to propose original solutions. The forum has received the International Union of Architects (UIA) official approval.

### **3.8 Financing**

The general budget covers:

- preparation and general functioning of the forum (accommodation, logistics, transportation and office supplies).
- production and diffusion of the final report (leaflet, exhibitions of the projects in France and abroad).

Like the previous editions, during twelve days, the participants, architects, landscape designers or town planners (forty years old maximum) as well as the organizers and the lecturers will exchange ideas, information and methodologies regarding the theme, sustainable mountain sports resorts.

The conference will provide the participants experts reports and analysis.

The participants final proposals will be submitted to the international jury which will distribute the awards.

The projects will be published in a leaflet and exhibit at the occasion of the next Congress of the International Union of Architects which will be held in Tokyo from September 25 to September 29 2011.

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### **3.11. Conditions of participation**

- The number of participants is limited to 25 architects.
- The selection will be made according to the curriculum vitae joined to the registration form and a concise document illustrating the candidate's experience relating to the theme of the competition.
- The closing date for applications: April 15th, 2009 at midnight.
- According to UNESCO norms, the participants will be architects, town planners, landscape designers under forty years old.
- The candidatures are opened to young graduate professionals or future graduate students.

### **3.12 Progress**

- The teams will be constituted by drawing lots of five architects, landscape designers, town planners or economists foreign, one of them must be French.
- The elements of the program will be given to the participants on the site.
- A two days International Conference animated by specialists and experts of the development of the mountain will complete the information.
- The projects will be conceived throughout Forum.
- The International Jury will be consist of architects, members of the International Union of the Architects and personalities concerned with the topic.
- The prizes are of symbolic nature.
- The results will be presented to the local elected representatives, to the administrative and political people in charge and will be exposed to the Congress of the International Union of the Architects in Tokyo, in 2011.
- The official languages are French and English.

### **3.13. Travel and accommodation:**

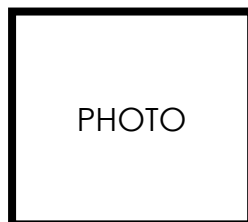
Accommodation, meals and transport on the spot of the Forum are supplied by the organizers.

The costs of transport and visa to go on the site of the Forum are chargeable to the participants.

« L'ECOSTATION DE MONTAGNE » « SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN SPORT RESORT »

BULLETIN D'INSCRIPTION

REGISTRATION FORM



NOM  
NAME

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

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QUALIFICATIONS AND DIPLOMAS

ACTIVITES PROFESSIONNELLES  
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Réception avant le 15 avril 2009 à minuit, Curriculum Vitae inclus.  
**Reception before 15/04/2009, 12 pm, included a Curriculum Vitae.**

La sélection sera faite d'après le Curriculum Vitae : envoyer un document concis illustrant votre expérience en regard du thème de la compétition (1 à 3 pages de texte, une page illustrée).  
**Selection will be based on the Curriculum Vitae : send a concise document illustrating your experience relative to the theme of the competition (1 to 3 pages of text, 1 illustrated page).**

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