Press Release

Assises de la Transition Écologique et Citoyenne Alpes Maritimes Alpes du Sud Convention on Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition

Nice, October 28 - November 2, 2018.

The Collective for Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition', supported by the Nice Sophia Antipolis University, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and of the Société Sud-Est – Axe 4 « Territories : Structures, Uses, Powers » of the « People, Ideas, Environments » programme of the Cote d'Azur University – Excellence Academy.

#### presents

- 40 presentations on a taking of stock of the actual situation in the 'Alpes Maritimes' department
- 100 presentations on successful transition initiatives being currently deployed in 'Alpes Maritimes' and adjoining departments and regions.
- Publication of the ' Guide on the Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition in the Southern Alps'.
- 10 workshops focusing on linking possible solutions and the actual context of the Alpes Maritimes ('06') department and neighboring areas
- An exhibition of Scientific posters and scholar artworks about Transition

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# What is the 'Convention on an Environmentaly Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition' about ?

The first aim of the Convention on an Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition is to popularize the issues about and what is at stake with ecologocical and participative Transition amongst citizens and elected representatives alike in the department of the Alpes Maritimes ('06') in France.

Over the past ten years, numerous regions in Europe and in the world at large are set on a path of profound changes in response to the climate crisis and its devastating consequences. Making local territories more autonomous, striving for economic resilience and energy conservation, as well as implementing real democracy have become ambitions shared by and inspiring both regional policies and concerned citizens and their associations.

The Convention on an Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition will introduce and document successful transition initiatives within the Alpes Maritimes and bordering departments and regions, including neighboring Italy. The docu, entation provided will have a 'hands on' quality, enabling a fast launch of similar mechanism in the territory.

The Convention will center around 10 main themes, fanning out in 140 short talks spread over two auditoriums of the St Jean d'Angely Campus (University of Nice). Several workshops and one exhibition are being programmed, and all documents will be made available on line. A 'Guide on the Transition in the Southern Alps' will also see the light at the occasion of the Convention.

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# Convention on Environmentally Sustainable

Alpes-Maritimes - 29 octobre au 2 nov. 2018



A week-long serie of presentations and workshops in support of change towards an environmentally sustainable and citizen-based society in the Southern Alps.

#### Food I Culture I Democracy I Economy & Consumption I Education I Environment I Energy I Habitat I Solidarity I Transports

- A taking of stock of the actual situation in the '06' department so as to assess what needs to be done to face current environmental and societal challenges.
  - An inventory of successful transition initiatives being currently deployed in '06' and adjoining departments and regions. 10 (short) lectures/talks around each main theme.
    - A serie of workshops focusing on linking possible solutions and the actual context of the Alpes Maritimes ('06') department and neighboring

#### areas.



### Publication of the ' Guide on the Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition in the Southern Alps'

The Convention is an initiative of the '06 Collective for Environmentally Sustainable and Citizen-based Transition', supported by the Nice Sophia Antipolis University, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and of the Société Sud-Est – Axe 4 « Territories : Structures, Uses, Powers » of the « People, Ideas, Environments » programme of the Cote d'Azur University – Excellence Academy.



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Every day, on 2 auditoriums, thematic talks from 9am to 10:30am:

## Taking Stock:

# Getting to know the department's situation in view of environmental and societal issues and challenges.

Scientists, experts, managers, teachers and students will describe the department's situation regarding current environmental and societal challenges in the fields of food, transports, housing, energy, education, solidarity, etc.

For each theme being addressed, they will focus on establishing a progressive and comparative assessment of the territorry, highlighting its specific characteristics in terms of resources, flows, resilience, etc.

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#### Talks/Lectures proceedings

Duration of 15' max, followed by 5' QA, including visuals.

All presentations will be put online on the Convention's Internet site. All presentations will also be filmed and subsequently streamed

All presentations will be also filmed and streamed during the preparation stage before the convention so as to elicit questions from non-attendants. Additional questions will be addressed during the workshops.

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Every day, on 2 auditoriums, thematic talks from 11am to 12:30am Lunch / pauze 12:30am to 2:30pm from 2:30pm till 3:30pm

## Successful Transitions:

# Coming to know about effective solutions in our neighborhood

Managers, ators or witnesses of transition initiatives, whether ongoing or already realised in or very near the Alpes Maritimes will present these initiatives as well as the core elements of their success. As in the first serie of talks, such interventions will constitute of a 15' lightning talk followed by a 5' Q&A session. Additional questions will be addressed during the workshops.

Every intervention will focus on all essential elements needed to know and understand the various technical, juridic, and economic aspects of these initiatives, and will also carefully describe the sociological aspects relevant to the projects as they came about, the aim being to create content that is documentary and operative rather than philosophical. At the same time presentations should paint a positive and reassuring enough picture so as to encourage potentially hesitant citizens to take the first steps.

#### Talks proceedings :

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Chaque jour, sur 2 amphis/thématiques, de 16H à 18H:

### The Transition Workshops:

### Taking concrete action

By now it's tea time, a relaxed and convivial moment, when human intercourse, dialogue and attentiveness to each other take centre stage.

The transitins workshops will convene all speakers to thematic roundtables where the issues and sub-issues that were studied will be discussed.

Tis will be the occasion to enter into a dialogue between all participants with the aim to arrive at concrete actions.



The first part of the workshops will devoted to answering additional questions raised during the talks, and online. Every question will be commented and steered towards possible solutions or adequate documentation.



In the second part of these workshops citizens, their elected representatives, people from the local technical services, and from enterprises active in the domains being studied will be listened to, with respect to te following points :

- what do citizens actually want ?
- in which local context ?
- which level of participation, of autonomy, of partnership is desired ?
- what do elected representatives think in terms of opportunities and challenges ?
- the same question to the technical services and concernedenterprises ?
- what are the possibilities in the framework of governance ?
- and about which timeframe(s) are we talking ?



As these workshops are the last stage of these thematic days, they embody the Convention's true aims : that all participants, citizens, elected office bearers, technical services workers, associations, scientists and experts on the ground who were present during those days start prototyping together a project at their respective territorries' scale , being at the scale of their municipality or of their neighborhood. Or at least undertake and make an appointment to do so