

# COMITE 21



## Information:

**Number of members :** 450

**Number of staff :** 13

**Area of influence:** France

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## Profile:

### Comite21, the main French network of actors for sustainable development

Created after the 1992 Rio conference, Comité 21 aims at implementing sustainable development in organizations, companies and territories. It has been a forerunner in engaging sustainable development issues amongst various stakeholders in France. This unique network counting more than 500 members bases its action on multi-actors partnerships, operational action and innovation with more than 130 businesses (multinational companies and SMEs), 185 local authorities (city councils, departments and regions), 185 NGOs (environmental, development, local solidarity, human rights...), 32 public institutes and higher education institutions. UNEP and UNDP are also members by right.

Within its three programs - Corporate Social Responsibility, Agenda 21 for territories, Education to sustainable development - Comité 21 conducts various thematic working groups, training sessions, offers technical and methodological tools for its members, broadcasts information and values good initiatives. It also published reference works (in French) : *"agir ensemble pour le développement durable"*, guide *"Agir ensemble pour des territoires durable"* ; *"Guide du marketing responsable"*, guide *"De l'école au campus"*, etc.

In order to enforce its ability to anticipate issues, Comité 21 produces regular prospective reports (on various issues such as the environmental crisis, green cities, the Agenda 21 action plan, Rio+20). Comité 21 also produces an interdisciplinary scientific journal, *Vraiment Durable*, which provides various points of views like those of philosophers, scientists, artists, researchers, but also experts or entrepreneurs.

Comité 21 has been thoroughly involved in the Rio +20 Conference by drafting a manifesto on territorial governance. It has also set up various events during the Conference, organized a delegation trip for 150 French actors who participated to the Rio Conference, and coordinated a national event in Paris La Villette where newly elected President François Hollande gave its first speech on sustainable development, in front of over a thousand representatives of the civil society.

Regarding international issues, Comité 21 is coordinating the activities of the "Club France développement durable". This club gathers 60 networks that got together on the occasion of the Rio+20 Conference and who decided to continue collaborating in order to contribute directly to the success of the World Conference for Climate (COP 21) in Paris in 2015.

Convinced that sustainable development is at the crossroad of both horizontal and vertical approaches, but also global and local scales, Comité 21 particularly promotes engagement with stakeholders and good governance. All types of organizations are involved in sustainable development (companies, NGOs, territories...), therefore Comité 21 develops a broad network gathering all those actors, on a national scale, but also regionally, Comité 21 Pays de la Loire being its first regional representative office in Nantes.

## CSR Expertises

Sustainable development  
CSR  
Stakeholder dialogue

Agenda 21  
Territorial Anchorage  
Responsible marketing

## Activities

Workshops, tools, members assistance

Animation of Club France Sustainable  
Development for the COP21

Meetings & debates on current topics

Prospective work and analysis brief available to all

## Key Events

Regular meetings & debates:

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015: Health and climate with Jean-François Toussaint, member of the High Council for Public Health

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015: tomorrow's economy and ambition for a new world

Solutions COP21: educational showcase and meeting & debates place at the Grand Palais (December 4 to 10, 2015) and the Bourget during COP21

## Publications

Scientific journal *Vraiment durable*. Five issues have been published:

- N°1 Penser le développement durable
- N°2 Rio+20 quel cosmopolitisme ?
- N°3 Femmes et développement durable quelle alliance ?
- N°4 Quelles valeurs pour le développement durable ?
- N°5/6 Biodiversité ou nature ?

<http://vraiment-durable.environnement-magazine.fr/presentation-vraiment-durable>

*Du quartier au territoire : agir ensemble pour des mobilités urbaines durables.*

This book presents the changes that are already at work in public policy, technologies and attitudes in favor of new urban mobility, including through the development of alternatives to the private car. But it proposes to go further! This book draws the outline of good governance of sustainable mobility and explores issues of funding, land control and development of the territory. This 224-page guide covers several fields of action: change of behavior, the contribution of new technologies, human health but also the biodiversity, social cohesion, employment and the creation of new activities. In an integrated and collaborative approach, it is addressed to all stakeholders of the mobility, from the user to the sociologist, the Human Resources director to the student, the local politician to the planner. This book is based on the feedback of the members of the Comité21 and its partners.

A co-edition Comité21 and Victoires Editions

## Best Practices data base

Each month, find our members' thematic best practices in Infos 21, Comité21's newsletter:

<http://www.comite21.org/newsletters>

Toolbox reserved to our members.