

INVITATION to the 6th PEPRAV workshop / Paris 14-15 September 2007

What is a 'collective platform' and how can it operate? What dynamics could be created in order to allow sharing experience and collaboration?

What constitutes alternative research on the city?

What are the new ways of urban action, who and how to initiate them? Are they temporary or lasting? Instead of being only critical, resistant, 'oppositional', could they also propose to construct, fabricate while radically interrogating the laws, rules, procedures, politics, models and modes of working and living in the city?

We would like to invite you to participate in a conclusive session of the **European Platform for Alternative Action and Research on the City (PEPRAV)** - a partnership between aaa (Paris), Recyclart (Bruxelles), University of Sheffield (UK) et Metrozones (Berlin) supported by the Culture 2000 programme of CE. (Cf. www.peprav.net – still in construction) The project opens a fieldwork on the heterogenous urban dynamics of the contemporary European cities (issues concerning new populations in Europe, emerging urban cultures, in-between-usage and other forms of appropriation of the urban realm etc.) and, at the same time, proposes a theoretical reflection on new tools for analysing and understanding urban change (alternative pedagogies and methodologies, self-support initiatives, participative research, use of open source media, collective representation, poetics and politics of knowledge). The project has run for a year and arrives now to a number of conclusive questions. Beside putting together what we have done this year, we are also interested in what could be done in the future: an informal or a more organised network, a loose 'institute', a web based presence or ...nothing?

In this sense, we suggest that your participation consist in a 30' presentation of a previous or material for exhibition & screening. Rather than 'products', we are interested in processes and methods, in difficulties that you had and tactics that you have used to overcome them (successfully or unsuccessfully!). This material could be published (More detail on publication in a next email). Travel costs are reimbursed and accommodation for 2 days is provided together with a small fee for your participation.

List of invited participants so far:

- Jocken Becker (Metrozones, Berlin)
- Tom Deforce (City Mined/ Kraks Barcelona)
- Brian Holmes (Paris)
- Teresa Hoskyns (London)
- Laurence Jenard (Recyclart, Brussels)
- Florian Kossak (Sheffield)
- Holger Lauinger (Berlin)
- Nicolas Malvé, Laurence Rassel, Femke Snelting (Constant, Brussels)
- Elisabeth Mayer-Renschhausen (Berlin)
- Tomislav Medak (MAMA, Zagreb)
- Ruth Morrow (Belfast)
- Klaus Overmeyer (Berlin),
- Anne Querrien (Paris)
- publicworks (London)
- Meike Schalk (Stockholm)
- Christoph Schaffer (Park Fiction, Hambourg)
- Tatjana Schneider (Sheffield)
- Jim Segers (City Mined, London)
- Apolojnia Susterjic (Amsterdam / Stockholm)
- Vesna Vučović (Blok/ Urban Festival)

Please confirm if you can join us, by sending a short proposal for participation **by 12 August**.

