

“Tour de France des Territoires”: Contributing to the French position at the WSIS



The “*Tour de France des Territoires*” was designed to set up meetings with local authority actors in order to share experiences, and encourage debates on the future of our digital society. Within the preparation of the World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) process, a tour of France was organized from

September 11th to November 27th 2003 to collect different points of view on the development of the information society from a wide range of actors in various French locations. 10 regions were covered, 10 topics were discussed and 6,000 people participated in the organized conferences. This initiative was supported by Michel-Yves Peissik, Ambassador, Coordinator of the French position at the WSIS for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and by the French Ministry of Research and New Technologies. Claudie Haigneré, Minister of the latter, provided the foreword to the book published at the end of the project. The Institut National des Télécommunications participated by publishing a white paper entitled “*Territoires et Société de l'Information*” (Information Society and Territories). This book contains opinions of 167 contributors in 380 pages. Coordination and writing were ensured by Bruno Salgues and three INT students (Elsa Morelli, Paul Mourey, Mikael Vandenberghe). The President of the association “*Tour de France des Territoires*”, Denis Marion, wishes to develop his concept at an international level.

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