



Press release

PlanetSolar will inaugurate its itinerant Village at Yverdon-les-Bains by the end of this summer

The first worldtour on board of PlanetSolar's boat, using only solar energy, will begin in spring 2011. The inauguration of the itinerant Village which will follow the adventure and will be free of charge for the public, will take place from 3rd to 5th September 2009 in Switzerland, at Yverdon-les-Bains.

Yverdon-les-Bains, 17th of June 2009 – PlanetSolar, the first boat to achieve a worldtour using only solar energy, will inaugurate its itinerant Village from 3rd to 5th of September 2009 at Yverdon-les-Bains. This exposition will be the occasion for the public to discover the extraordinary adventure of PlanetSolar and meet Raphaël Domjan and Gérard d'Aboville, the two skippers. The village will consist of three spheres, each representing one of the three pillars of sustainable development: Ecology – Economics - Society. Numerous animations for all ages will be organized. A simulator will for example enable the visitors to virtually pilot the PlanetSolar boat. In the Ecology sphere, people will have the possibility to take part in a race with radio controlled solar boats in a pool. In a relaxing environment, the visitors will also have the possibility to walk barefoot on thin sand and discover amazing pictures of nature. After a roadshow in Switzerland, the Village will follow the European tour of the boat from Hambourg to Marseille, through London and Paris. Then, in 2011, during the world tour, the Village will make a stop in cities like New-York, San Francisco, Dubai and Shanghai.

Yverdon-les-Bains, host city of PlanetSolar's Village – The city of Yverdon-les-Bains and the Association for the Economic Development of Northern Vaud who represents the region, are happy to receive the PlanetSolar Village and thus, to take part in this magnificent adventure. This operation is part of the different promotional actions for sustainable development of PlanetSolar's partners. A particular partnership will be created with the local institutions, including the HEIG-VD, the CPNV, and the Service of Energy of the city. Numerous manifestations will be organised for the inhabitants of the region and for the schools. Different meetings will also be created in order to reinforce the exchange and networking of the economic actors of the concerned domains.

PlanetSolar's project chronology:

September 2009 : Roadshow of the Village in Switzerland
Beginning 2010 : Launching of the boat
Summer 2010 : European tour
Spring 2011 : World tour

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