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### **Dexia and Energie-Cités establish a global partnership to promote energy posting on public buildings in Europe**

Since the Mayors Convention launched by the European Commission on January 29<sup>th</sup> emphasised the urgency of improving the energy performance of cities, Dexia ([www.dexia.com](http://www.dexia.com)) and the European city network Energie-Cités ([www.energie-cites.eu](http://www.energie-cites.eu)) have established a global partnership to promote energy posting on public buildings in Europe. Developed in France and in Belgium since the beginning of 2008, the partnership will also be extended to Italy, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Slovakia later in the year.

This partnership includes the deployment of Display® ([www.display-campaign.org](http://www.display-campaign.org)), a tool of self-assessment of energy performance as well as water consumption for public buildings. In France, Display® is now compatible with the Energy Performance Diagnosis of public buildings published on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2007, in application of the 2002 European Directive on the improvement of energy performance of buildings. The tool will be accessible free of charge for all local authority clients of Dexia, on the web sites of the countries concerned. Dexia Crédit Local in France and Dexia Bank in Belgium will make it available on their web sites at the beginning of March 2008.

Dexia and Energie-Cités will also co-publish an annual publication containing analyses and information about the matter, accompanying communication actions for this process.

The Display® campaign was presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> National Regional Authority Energy Conference held in Dunkirk from the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> January on the topic '2008-2014: what is the local energy and climate programme?'

#### ***About Dexia***

*The Dexia Group is among the twenty largest financial establishments in the euro zone. Its development strategy relies on two pillars: the universal bank in Europe (Belgium, Luxembourg, Slovakia and Turkey), and public/project finance, a market on which the bank is world leader. With a presence in thirty countries, today Dexia has some 33,000 members of staff.*

#### ***About Energie-Cités***

*With more than 500 cities in 25 European countries, Energie-Cités has been the association of European local authorities for a sustainable local energy policy. Created in 1990, Energie-Cités aims at aiming cities to prepare their energy future, and therefore:*

- *encourage local initiatives by exchanges of experience, projects and campaigns involving a large number of cities,*
- *provide expertise in local energy strategy, make energy issues accessible to all citizens,*
- *strengthen the role and competences of local authorities in energy and urban development issues,*
- *influence national and EU policies in the field of energy, environment and urban policies.*

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