

## TRANSNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IMPROVES RESULTS

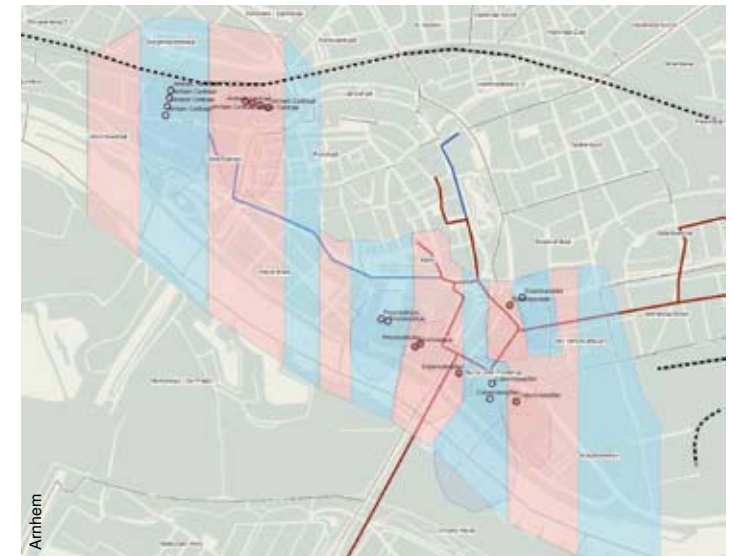
### The Future Cities Twinning Approach – practical experiences cross borders

In the Future Cities twinning sessions staff of Future Cities partners are discussing their measures and further developing their plans. In Brugge (Belgium) the sustainability aspects of the masterplan for the city quarter “The Flow” in Ieper were discussed and reviewed with the help of the international experts from the German water board Emschergenossenschaft, the city of Bottrop, and the Dutch city of Tiel. The outcome of this twinning was a valuable consideration for the preparatory studies on water and energy for the site.



*The Future Cities partner discuss jointly to improve their plans and measures.*

Another example is the joint support thanks to the twinning approach which the Dutch city of Arnhem and the English town of Hastings gave to the Belgium project partner to define the details for an energy study for the Ieper quarter. Arnhem already has developed an energy survey. The energy study shows that cooling concepts which keep the heat from the environment are available and should be preferred. An energy map shows where energy (gas, electricity and heating) is consumed and where sustainable energy potentials are located like wind, heat/cold-storage, solar power and so on. In a second step, Arnhem is looking for solutions to connect consumers and sustainable resources.



*The masterplan for cold-heat-storage – light blue zones for cold and light red zones for heat storage – for the inner city of Arnhem shall allow to make best use of the available capacity.*

### Conferences and workshops to raise local interest

The projects are presented to the local and regional stakeholders in international conferences and workshops in all participating countries. In Dortmund (Germany), Rouen (France), Hastings (UK) and Tiel (The Netherlands) much interest was raised with the local

stakeholders for the topics of their local project. In Hastings, a regional seminar addressed the local and regional building professionals presenting and discussing the experiences from Rouen Seine Aménagement and wvi.



*The Future Cities partnership has become a close cooperation in the light of mutual trust and openness from the start on. The individual expertise of all involved partners is used to closely exchange know-how and discuss occurring problems as well as joint solutions. In September 2009 the partnership visited the investment project of the UK partner in Hastings, South East England, during a working group meeting. Following that, a regional seminar about climate change organised by the UK project partners was widened up with the involvement of the European partners to make best use of the available transnational expertise.*

