

Winner of Excellence in Teaching Prize 2009

This year, the jury for the AESOP Excellence in Teaching Prize received a large number of applications, showing an increasing interest in collaborative teaching and learning across the European space. The high quality of the applications made it very difficult to choose among them.

However, after intensive deliberation, we are proud to be able to award the AESOP Prize for Excellence in Teaching 2009 jointly to the University of Brest in France and the University of Liverpool in the UK.

The winning course is a collaboration between the Institut de Géoarchitecture at the University of Brest and the Department of Civic Design in Liverpool, with the active involvement of many branches of the European Union. Within it, students learned how European Union regional policy looks from the viewpoint of Brussels and how it looks from the viewpoint of the regions themselves.

We are especially pleased by how this course realizes the mission of AESOP to bring European planning schools together within the framework of the European Union itself.

On behalf of the jury, I am delighted to congratulate Olivier Sykes and Lionel Prigent who are the winners for 2009 for their course “Local development: the practice of policies of regulation and economic development” and the outstanding contribution it makes to a critical and constructive approach to teaching.