

ACTING INTERNATIONALLY

Economic development, attractiveness, culture and sustainable development: within the framework of the partnerships Dijon has created, linking us to more than ten cities across the world, and thanks to the excellent relationships it has with its local players, the city of Dijon actively supports all of the actions taken towards developing international relations in these four strategic domains.

Promoting Assets and Regional Knowhow

The city of Dijon has joined forces with Vitagora, Taste-Health-Nutrition cluster, which contributes to promoting Dijon's companies and their expertise, as well as promoting the city's quality laboratories and institutions of higher education.

In October 2015, the city of Dijon unveiled its International Gastronomy and Wine Exhibition Centre project at the Universal Exhibition in Milan.



Supporting and Facilitating Economic Relations

In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Côte-d'Or and Dijon Développement, the city of Dijon welcomes delegations of company directors from all around the world. In 2015 there were two groups, one from Sarre (Germany) and one from Czech Republic.



Climate Commitment Charter

Within the framework of the COP21 (United National Conference on Climate Change), in December 2015, the city of Dijon has organised climate meetings and has signed a Climate Commitment Charter with its partner cities. This initiative is unique in France and perfectly illustrates these cities' will to be true actors in the fight against global warming.



GENERATIONS OF GLOBALLY MINDED PEOPLE

The city of Dijon fosters international experiences for the young. Studying or having a professional experience abroad is an asset in the personal growth and development of our young citizens.



Welcome to Dijon

Twice in the academic year, Dijon's Mayor welcomes hundreds of foreign students who have chosen to pursue their higher education in Dijon. They are received in the prestigious Salle des Etats at the city hall. The city of Dijon has signed cooperation agreements with Carnot secondary school, the University of Burgundy- Franche-Comté, Sciences Po, Burgundy School of Business, AgroSup (National Institute of Agronomy, Food Science and Environment), IAE (Institute of Business Administration), and the Ecole nationale supérieure d'art (National Institute of Art), with the aim to help with the welcome and integration of foreign students.



Sciences Po, a European Campus in Dijon

L'institut d'études politiques de Paris has a campus in Dijon for Central and Eastern Europe. Half of the students studying at this international institute are from Central and Eastern Europe.

Facilitating International Youth Travel

The city of Dijon has signed an agreement with the Fédération Léo Lagrange, whose international travel workshop is a genuine accelerator of initiatives encouraging international youth travel.



Volunteer Service with the City of Dijon

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ European programme, every year Dijon welcomes between two to three young people who carry out their European Voluntary Service in our city, and, in turn, sends young people from Dijon abroad. The city also supports a Franco-German volunteer programme with La Maison de Rhénanie Palatinat: every year a dozen plus young Germans come to Dijon and participate in associations. Lastly, the "Jeunesse, volontariat et réciprocité" (Youth, Volunteering and Reciprocity) project, which is backed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, allows a yearly exchange of six youth doing their international civic service between Dijon, Cluj-Napoca (Romania) and Reggio Emilia (Italy).



DIJON'S GLOBAL OUTLOOK : YES WE CAN !

Dijon brings together the whole of the region's players to both enhance the city's international profile and to accompany its inhabitants' European and international projects. It also supports European events and initiatives that foster the feeling of belonging to Europe in the everyday lives of the people of Dijon.



Bringing Together Citizens for Europe

Every May, the city of Dijon, in partnership with various associations, organises events within the framework of the Printemps de l'Europe. Meetings, exhibitions, conferences and tastings, to name just a few, bring the people of Dijon together to build the Europe of tomorrow !

Franco-German Friendship

In June, La Maison de Rhénanie-Palatinat organises an exceptional weekend of celebration. In a festive and convivial atmosphere, this event is a highlight in Dijon's "international year", showcasing the 50 year plus partnership between Dijon and Mainz, between Burgundy and Rhineland-Palatinate.



Acting for International Solidarity

In 2011, the city of Dijon created Bourgogne Coopération, a federation of associations that fosters international cooperation and solidarity. This organisation helps to aggregate the means which are distributed to its 110 local associations active in more than thirty countries. Bourgogne Coopération is the intermediary, set up in Dijon, of the National Network of Information about International Solidarity and Sustainable Development (Ritmo).

Culture without Borders

The city of Dijon encourages project initiators to give an international dimension to their events, and provides financial aid to help them. A perfect example is the "Fenêtres sur courts" short film festival, which is organised every year by the association Plan 9. With the help of the city, it is now open to foreign film makers: European competition, welcoming foreign film makers, film subtitles, etc.