

LE CODE DE LA RUE ET LA REALISATION DE ZONES DE RENCONTRES : « PREMIERS BILANS »

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ABSTRACT

In 2006, a program called “Street Use Code” has been launched in France by the Road Safety and Traffic Directorate. It has been inspired by a Belgian program with the same name. The French “Street Use Code” program is a participative process involving representatives from institutions and associations. Initial results passed in 2008 with the creation in the French Highway Code, of a new special traffic zone: the pedestrian-priority zone (“zone de rencontre”).

This traffic zone is open to all means of transport but pedestrians have priority over all vehicles (except tramway) when crossing the street and the speed limit is 20 kph.

And many cities have begun to incorporate this pedestrian-priority zone in their street network. That is why CERTU and CETE of Nantes have found appropriate to produce a report evaluating the first pedestrian priority zones that has been realized.

This study has been undertaken in three cities: Lorient, Dinan and Rouillon with four areas:

- a determination of purposes : why the pedestrian priority zone was implemented ?
- a technical evaluation of the design ;
- an analyse of users behavior
- a “focus group” with users of each zone.