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<p><b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>  See Appendix 1</p>		
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<p><b><u>MEETING SECRETARY</u></b></p>  <p><b>Philippe Noel</b></p>		<p><b>VICE- PRESIDENT DELEGATE</b></p>  <p>Brigitte De Deyne</p>

<b>Item 1 on the agenda</b>	Opening of the Meeting
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Brigitte De Deyne (Vice-President Delegate, in charge of External Relations for the City of Liege) gave a warm welcome to the participants. The Meeting was opened at 10.30 a.m. (see list of participants in [Appendix 1](#)).

<b>Item 2 on the agenda</b>	Presentation of the REVA context
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The REVA programme was set up at the initiative of Philippe Noel, President of ISSAT, and validated at the Mayoral Council Meeting of 4 April 2007 in Toulouse. It should be remembered that French Guiana itself was one of the factors leading to the emergence of the REVA. Due to the geographical distance of Europe, exchanges with other teachers in France and Europe were difficult. This led to the idea of setting up an Educational Network, in parallel with existing educational programmes within the framework of the CVA.

The aims of REVA:

Stimulation of the interest of young people in space.

Promotion of space and space-related activities.

Enhanced awareness of both teachers and educationalists, encouraging them to refer to space during their science lessons or workshops, and providing appropriate documents and tools.

Some towns and cities already possess an extremely rich space-related industrial context, as also teachers and lecturers, whereas others do not have the same advantages. But why should the lucky ones not assist the less fortunate by sharing their know-how and tools?

<b>Item 3 on the agenda</b>	REVA objectives
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Mr Noel (see [Appendix 2](#) for his presentation) recapitulated the objectives of REVA:

- Creation of an Ariane City correspondent network favouring the teaching of the sciences,
- increased exchanges between training players at all levels,
- Encouragement of the emergence and dissemination of teaching practices in favour of space-related matters,
- Familiarisation with existing training facilities in the space domain,
- Provision for exchanges between students and educational authorities.

<b>Item 4 on the agenda</b>	Summary of activities
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The REVA member group currently comprises:

Bordeaux

French Guiana

Les Mureaux

Liege

Madrid

Toulouse

Zurich

Barcelona and Mulhouse have also displayed interest.

A special REVA poster has been prepared for the purpose of promoting this programme. For the moment, the poster only exists in French. It can be interrogated and downloaded from the REVA Internet portal via <http://www.education-cva.eu/data/Image/dossiers/cva-poster-reva.jpg>

The REVA Internet portal (<http://www.education-cva.eu>) has been on line since late 2007. It serves as a virtual platform for meetings and exchanges between REVA members. Each city can thus provide information on all it has to offer in terms of schools, colleges, training courses, workshops and indeed operations or exhibitions relating to space.

The home page is lively, providing regular information on events of potential interest to the REVA community. A "folders" topic was introduced recently, and is already visited frequently. A number of tools and other teaching aids are available.

We must not forget the catalogue of training courses aimed specifically at young people wishing to obtain details of existing, higher level space training courses in the educational structures attached to the CVA cities (<http://www.cva-space-training.eu/>).

A discussion forum was also available but has so far not achieved much success. On the other hand, it should be noted that this site receives between 500 and 750 hits per month.

Brigitte De Deyne called on all participants to include a link between their Internet site and the REVA portal as far as this is possible. Elke Delvoye (ESA Educational Department) stated that the ESA Internet site (Education topic) is in course or reconstruction, and that she will ensure that the link is set up.

Mr Noel said that he would appreciate receiving information more spontaneously and regularly from REVA members.

A request was made for the site to be made multilingual (transition from bilingual to all the CVA languages, namely French, German, English, Spanish and Italian).

Brigitte De Deyne called for a prudent approach. The CVA Internet site had already been the subject of just such a request, one which initially met with a positive response. However it was quickly decided to revert to bilingual operation of the site. A multilingual site represents a substantial workload, and the time required for translation sometimes impairs the freshness of the information. Above all, it would induce excessive translation costs.

She suggested that only the home page should be multilingual and cover permanent information, with the remainder of the site bilingual only (French/English).

She also invited the REVA representatives to propose translations for said home page information (which would reduce the cost for the CVA). This view was shared by Mr Galipienso (Director of Political Affairs, EADS Casa Espacio), who mentioned in passing that it would be preferable for the Madrid party to contact the Madrid City Hall for eventual translation of the texts concerned.

<b>Item 5 on the agenda</b>	Training course catalogues
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This catalogue has been on line since mid-2007 (<http://www.cva-space-training.eu/>) and was set up as a complement to the REVA portal. It is updated annually. The catalogue provides an inventory of higher education and professional training courses on space-related themes (127 space training courses given by 63 entities).

Eleven CVA cities have sent their training course catalogues to Mr Noel.

Some Ariane cities have still not replied to the call from Mr Noel. Madrid, which has expressed interest, has undertaken to supply the promised information to Mr Noel as rapidly as possible.

Mme Rambalski stated that, following two years of reorganisation in her city, she was now more available and would be able to give more regular support to the REVA programme.

She also invited REVA members to participate in the coming COSPAR forum (<http://cosparhq.cnes.fr/Meetings/meetings.htm>), which brings together over 3,000 international space experts, and which will take place in Bremen from 18 to 25 July 2010.

Mr Bozet (Liege University Professor and Expert Member) reminded the Meeting that the Paris Le Bourget Air Show was a major and much sought after event, and that it would be interesting to participate and conduct an action in favour of the industrial partners on this occasion. For example, meeting between professors and former pupils with industrial members of the CVA, and organisation of a cocktail party?

<b>Item 6 on the agenda</b>
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Training in space transportation
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This space transportation course (conducted under the educational aegis of CNES) welcomed 31 participants (essentially secondary education science teachers or space enthusiasts) at the Toulouse Cité de l'Espace from 9 to 11 July 2008.

The participants were not called on for any financial contribution. It should be noted however that they carried the cost of their return travel and dinners.

This initial initiative had produced extremely positive results!

Sabine Kledzik (Bremen City Hall Protocol Department) recounted her own experience, as she herself had taken part in this training course. She had greatly appreciated the course, although at times it was not easy to understand everything and technical terms in particular.

She took the view that it was essential to keep this course in a bilingual (French and English) form, as it was essential to understand fully to be able to pass on new knowledge to others, and children in particular.

*A third language could be considered, but the cost would have to be carried by the city hosting the course, or the city wishing to make a gift of free interpretation to its participants.*

Elke Delvoye had noted that the level required of participants for training courses organised by ESA (as part of the ESERO project) was higher than that called for by CVA, and the courses were more specialised. Would it perhaps be preferable to target a more experienced public?

Mr de Dalmau (CVA General Delegate) thought that it was preferable for the CVA to maintain a generalist attitude. The CVA does not have the same resources or dimensions as ESA, and prefers to adopt a more modest approach and await a wider audience.

This course had had a considerable degree of importance in the CVA 10-year anniversary operation, as the professors and teachers participating in this course had put their newly acquired knowledge to good use. Their students had learnt to build and launch micro-rockets.

General assessment:

The budget had been met (k€ 25 initially forecast/outgoings k€ 26) noting that simultaneous interpreting had not been included in the initial estimate.

Highly appreciated workshops.

The round table was judged too short to allow debate, submission of question, etc. and exchanges. Absence of a cultural programme for the host city (Toulouse).

Philippe Noel stated that a CD was in course of preparation, and should be available for distribution during November.

Initiative to be renewed at all events!

Brigitte De Deyne pointed out that this training course had been organised in July, a very busy period for the CVA (due to the summer educational programmes among others), and asked if it would be possible to situate the course in another period.

This unfortunately appeared complicated, as holidays were not identical for all French cities, and even less for the European cities.

It should be noted that a contribution of €50 would be requested from each participant next year. In order to draw a maximum number of participants and renew their numbers each year:

- training will be open to other cities also (not CVA members). A special fee will then be required (amount to be defined),
- a call for participation to ESA and the CVA industrial partners, which also have contacts (engineering students or other) who could be interested in this training, should not be forgotten.

**As a result of this positive feedback, it was decided to propose that this training course should be repeated annually, on an itinerate basis in bilingual form (French and English), at the Mayoral Council Meeting of 9 October next.**

<b>Item 7 on the agenda</b>	Any other business/comments
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Mr Noel emphasised that it was important for each city to mobilise and organise internally, in order to ensure the link between the city, the industrial partner and the schools and colleges. Each must be clearly identified, represented and active within the REVA network.

As the Meeting was nearing its end, Mr Noel invited the participants to make any comments they wished to pass on.

Mme Marielle Savina (Les Mureaux Development Plan Director) wished to make it known that Les Mureaux was contributing in its own way, as it was hosting a "Space in my town" operation from 27 October to 1 November 2008, initiated by Planète Sciences with the aim of increasing the awareness of young people in the science domain, via ludic workshops on space. She has also sent an invitation on behalf of Mr Garay (Mayor of Les Mureaux) and Mr Yannick D'Escatha (President of CNES) to the CVA Delegation to attend the closing phase of the operation on Thursday 30 October at 6.30 p.m.

Mr Noel took due note, and would not fail to announce the operation on the REVA Internet portal.

Mr de Dalmau wished to emphasise the remarkable work undertaken by Mr Noel, and thanked him on behalf of all concerned.

The Meeting was closed at 12 noon

#### **APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1	List of participants
Appendix 2	REVA presentation by Mr Noel