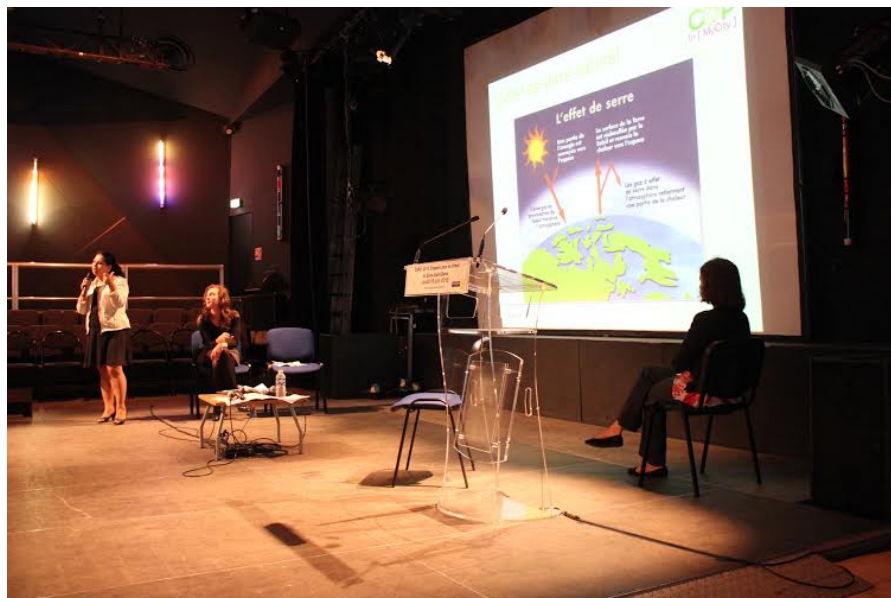## Simulation COP in MyCity with Via le Monde in La Dynamo, Seine-Saint-Denis, France.

On the 18th of June 2015, and thanks to the invitation from Via Le Monde, the president of CliMates and her team came to Pantin (in the Parisian suburb) in order to lead a COP in MyCity simulation of international climate negotiations, for thirty youth officers of the French local government. This event was designed for these professionals to get hands-on experience of a simulation in order for them to become able to propose this activity to the young people they work with.

The training part, which lasted roughly two hours, was an intense moment of discussion on the method used and to be used to make climate and energy issues more accessible to young people. The simulation itself was the opportunity for the participants to take over the role of a negotiator. They took part in a vivid discussion on key issues such as the reduction of greenhouse gases emissions, how to contribute to the green fund and enhance reforestation. Although the delegations first met difficulties to establish their strategy, the negotiation phase enabled participants to take ambitious commitments aiming at maintaining global warming below the 2°C.

This exercise was highly appreciated by the participants who became aware of the issues and difficulties of such a negotiation. Even though they did not manage to achieve their aim, they were fully engaged in this serious game and acknowledged its pedagogical value.

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After the simulation, participants gathered for an informal discussion on the possibilities, through this tool, to raise awareness amidst young people of the Parisian working-class suburbs. Finally, CliMates, Via Le Monde and the youth professionals exchanged strong insights on how to get young people involved in the fight against climate change.

Not only was this event an insightful experience but it also offered new opportunities for youth climate action

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