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Abstract: CDE Program aims to better understand transformations in decision modes and public action in the field of environment in order to create tools which accompany the managers and the decision makers in this evolution. Within the framework of this program, our research proposal relates to a local dialogue around a urban development project, which implies an association – Collectif de l'Union- and the Communauté Urbaine de Lille (Metropolis of Lille). We would like, from this example, study a way to improve policies and practices of land management in dialogue. It is the way of optimization of articulation between institutional and informal dialogue as innovation factor as regards sustainable development in urban territory. We wish, in particular, to explore the assumption that taking into account and the support for the “contestation” are successful factor for participative dynamics. More precisely, we would like to observe up to what point a co-operation between institution and social movement can produce a major transformation of policies, for a greater ecological and social quality of the urban projects and tend towards a new spirit of the participative democracy.