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Border issues

The Danish team DTU wishes to rehabilitate roofs of existing buildings in Copenhagen but the Embrace prototype has experienced some complications. A transportation problem has installed a scare on the site since the beginning of the week because trucks materials were stuck at the border between France and Germany. Anyway, they put the fondations nevertheless and the construction has begun on Thursday 19 at 6 a.m. Finally they manage to catch up with the schedule and very confident.

A «baguette» buzz

The Thai team offers an architecture that adapts itself to natural disasters. Although performing in their field of expertise, they also admire other projects. For most of them, this is the first time in France and in Versailles and are trying to make the most of it. « The French tradition is true to his reputation. During our walk through the streets of Versailles, we were all amazed of the number of people who eat the famous ‘baguette’ sandwiches while walking. »

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Seen on TV

Solar Decathlon popular in the medias. Throughout the week, many journalists have visited the construction site. Reporters from France Television (France 2 and France 3) came to see the extent and progress of the projects. Students, even in the heat of the day, always have time for an interview. They tell us about the story of their project, from its conception to its construction with amazing anedoctes on the site. More to come soon!