



QUÉBEC ROADMAP: TOWARDS THE ADOPTION OF A NEW URBAN PROJECT FOR OWHC

POLITICAL VISION

CONTEXTUALIZATION

The conjunction of current crises creates new and complex situations, which entail renewing the ways of managing and developing cities, and in particular World Heritage cities. This pressure forces decision makers and managers to learn from past mistakes, to correct what did not work properly and thus determine within the framework of a global vision what needs to be improved in order to ensure a good quality of life for inhabitants, to accommodate the new ways of life that are emerging, and to adapt the city accordingly.

Current climatic, social and economic changes must be addressed as a system of resources and constraints that can be mobilized to help member cities implement different urban approaches. The ambition of the OWHC is to change practices by focusing on the following issues:

- a. Climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, the upheavals resulting from new technologies, demographic transformations and the evolving lifestyles and labour markets, are inducing and imposing strong combined and complex pressures on urban environments.
- b. The historic city inspires the development of the whole urban area of which it is the essence. As a living entity, it must continually adapt to continue to offer an attractive living environment.
- c. The city is made to live in, which means to reside there, to work there, to socialize there, to grow there, to form a community and to open up to others. The way the city is organized and functions determines the quality of life of the inhabitants and the intensity with which they inhabit it.
- d. Heritage is an irreplaceable resource for urban development and community life. The conservation of its integrity and authenticity goes hand in hand with modernity.

STRATEGIC AXIS AND OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES¹

AXIS 1: Inclusive and cohesive cities inspired by their identities and cultural diversity

- OO 1.1 Develop a holistic and shared knowledge of heritage resources and their transformative capacities.
- OO 1.2 Stimulate citizens' sense of belonging and responsibility for the management of built, landscape and intangible heritages in a perspective of sustainable local development.
- OO 1.3 Provide a fair response to the challenges of society through the enhancement of heritage capital and the creation of contemporary architecture in continuity with the historic city.

AXIS 2: Resilient cities boosted by the enhancement of their heritage resources

- OO 2.1 Strengthen habitability in historic centres as a reference factor for the well-being of users, the release of social and economic potential and adaptation to climate change.

¹ As adopted at the 16th World Congress held in Quebec.

See the following page for a visual representation of the adopted Axes and Objectives.



OO 2.2 Support the creation of activities that regenerate the city by primarily benefiting local communities as well as all users, and which are compatible with the heritage specificities.

OO 2.3 Establish urban coherence, both spatial and social, based on the requalification and decarbonation of public spaces for collective uses.

AXIS 3: “Good governance” which brings a systemic approach to the city

OO 3.1 Put in place the necessary conditions to create a permanent dialogue between all stakeholders for the evolution and development of the city.

OO 3.2 Develop decision-making processes for co-construction and co-management of projects with the heritage city communities in order to exploit mobilizable resources and opportunities.

OO 3.3 Adopt planning procedures and public urban management practices that use the local territory intelligence and meet the needs of communities in terms of modernity and climate issues.



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