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## Québec Roadmap: Towards a New Urban Project (2022-2024)

**COLLABORATIVE NETWORK (Priority Thematic 8):** Greening and space planning for urban refreshment

**Pilot City: BORDEAUX (France)**

### Action plan

#### Introduction

The Collaborative Networks, as "communities of practice" aim to create a space for free and creative reflection and discussion that organizes and enables constructive dialogue. It is within this privileged framework that OWHC member cities can learn from each other and create a common, shared culture.

The work they produce will form the basic material for the Cordoba Symposium (September 2024).

#### Concept and objectives

The *Priority Thematic* piloted by the city of Bordeaux concerns the adaptation of the historic city to the effects of global warming, in particular by refreshing public spaces. The legitimate need to offer the population the chance to enjoy islands of coolness by increasing the proportion of planted spaces raises certain questions and opens up new perspectives.

To address these issues, we need to explore the approaches being implemented in World Heritage cities.

In the run-up to the 17th OWHC World Congress to be held in Cordoba in September 2024, the Collaborative Network aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Gather as much material as possible from the experience or knowledge of the participating cities concerning urban greening processes.
- Bring out the fundamental issues in order to stimulate an open, no-holds-barred debate and identify all the issues and challenges (*problematics*) raised by the Thematic.
- Produce and share concrete objectives and guidelines for action in the field that explain and illustrate the challenges of transforming and enhancing historic city centres through greening projects designed to refresh the city in the context of adapting to climate disruption.

The aim of the Collaborative Network led by the city of Bordeaux will be to organize an international workshop in Bordeaux bringing together experts, technicians, and elected representatives concerned by this issue and to come up with a series of recommendations.

#### Presentation

The work of the Collaborative Network will be geared toward preparing a two-day international (face-to-face) workshop:

- The first day will focus on plenary presentations and visits to case study sites.



- The second day will be devoted to thematic workshops and a plenary session, on the basis of which recommendations will be drafted to present the expertise of cities in this field, based on their concrete experiences.
- Plenary sessions will be in hybrid format, both face-to-face and online.
- Visits and workshops will only be organized face-to-face.
- The plenary session will be open to the general public.

Preparation for the workshop requires the following tasks:

- The identification of speakers and contributors who will illustrate all the issues raised by the Thematic and foster the discussions to take place during the workshops.
- The identification of visit sites and the people in charge of presenting them, in order to fuel workshop discussions.
- Identification and prioritization of the questions raised by the greening of predominantly stone historic centres, and presentation of the experts who will lead the workshops.

### **Role and responsibilities of the pilot city**

The pilot city organizes the meetings and sets the agenda in partnership with the cities in the network.

### **Role and responsibilities of participating cities**

Each city appoints the relevant elected technicians or experts to shed light on the various aspects that concern its site in particular.

### **Schedule and timetable**

Five (5) virtual two-hour meetings (one per month from October 2023) will be organized before the international workshop (March 2024 in Bordeaux).

The purpose of the first network meeting is to present, amend, and validate the action plan, to define tasks more clearly, to check the need for interpretations/translations by network member cities, and to confirm meeting dates.

Each subsequent meeting could last around two hours.

The first part will be devoted to the presentation of specific cases from the network's member cities, based on a call for papers.

The second part is reserved for the organizing committee. It will have to validate the contributions to be included in the plenary sessions, fine-tune the program for the international workshop, discuss the organization of site visits, and above all agree on the questions to be raised for the workshop sessions, which will be an important time for preparing recommendations for the next World Congress in Cordoba.