



TERMINOLOGY

Summary

The Roadmap continues and develops the achievements of the 16th World Congress of the OWHC (6-9 September 2022) on the improvement of the quality of life in world heritage cities: The reflection undertaken since March 2022 has first allowed the development of the 5 *Themes* initially proposed into 3 *Strategic Axes* structuring a general political vision in order to meet the urban challenges brought about by climate, economic and social changes. These Axes were then considered in an operational perspective structured in 9 *Objectives*. The discussion concerning the implementation of concrete actions led to the identification of a certain number of multi-sectoral *thematics* and to the listing of the numerous *problematics* associated with them.

It is on this basis that the collective reflection must continue. The member cities committed to the Roadmap until 2024 will decide together on their priorities for action and will join forces to carry out *Pilot Projects* that will be designed to experiment with new approaches and methods.

Themes:

- *Themes* are the different subjects that were addressed during the “On the Road to Quebec” workshops. These are urban themes that encapsulate the main issues related to livability in historic cities.

Strategic axes

- The 3 *Strategic Axes* constitute a set of guidelines that outline the political vision adopted by the OWHC and express the complexity of urban issues faced by member cities.

Operational objectives

- The *Operational Objectives* establish the framework for achieving a priority goal, by identifying a broad range of possible interventions, and opening prospects of concrete and local actions that meet the specific needs of each city.

Thematics

- In relation to the political dimension carried by the *Strategic Axes*, the *Thematics* specify the transversal or integrated concerns related to the city’s situation and the multisectoral actions that they require.

Problematics

- In relation with the pragmatic framework established by the *Operational Objectives*, the *Problematics* are complex topics or interrelated issues that require thought and analysis in order to understand and address effectively and sustainably a given situation. They shall be approached from different angles, helping assess concrete needs or practices to be explored further before designing large-scale projects.

Pilot Projects

- A *Pilot Project* is a small-scale initiative that is designed to test and evaluate a new approach according to the city’s own reality and context in order to address a particular Problematic. The goal is to explore and test an idea or an innovative practice in a real-world setting and gather data on the effectiveness, feasibility, impact, or potential challenges of a particular approach before committing to a larger implementation.
- The outcomes of these *pilot projects* will lay the basis for the development of a New Urban Project.

Collaborative networks

- The Collaborative Networks follow the principles of a Community of Practice, where cities sharing common interest for a priority thematic will work together in order to exchange and increase knowledge, understand the full scope of a situation, and seek common solutions in response to specific needs.