

Strategy, planning and governance

Rethinking cities and regions

Holistic development for inclusive, green and resilient cities and local regions

Emerging cities are experiencing rapid, massive and uncontrolled urbanisation. This trend is a consequence of population growth, which is unlikely to slow down in the near future. These cities are increasingly complex and diverse and are often oversized by demographic pressure.

Decentralisation processes, strong land pressure and household poverty underline the need for a **cross-cutting approach to meet the challenges** of socio-economic development, food security, protection of the environment, spatial organisation, and urban resilience.

Rethinking cities and regions therefore require the implementation of new development strategies and management methods.

Our work covers strategic, territorial, urban and socio-economic development, planning and governance at both city and regional levels.



Our services:

- > Public consultation and urban and territorial assessment
- > Development plans at national or regional level
- > Sectoral strategy
- > Territorial coherence plan
- > Detailed city plan
- > Master plan
- > Project set-up
- > Identification and prioritisation of investments
- > Institutional analysis and set-up
- > Capacity building
- > Project evaluation (ex-ante, mid-term and ex-post)
- > Technical assistance

Our expertise

PLANNING AND ORGANISING CITY AND REGION

URBAN AND REGIONAL STRATEGY

- Urban, regional and socio-economic development
- Sectoral policy
- Structuring housing and infrastructure needs
- Food system
- Strategic mapping

GREEN AND RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

- Risk and vulnerability assessment
- Protection and development of natural environment
- Carbon footprint evaluation
- Solutions for low-carbon cities
- Nature-based solutions (NBS)

PLANNING

- Planning support through multi-sectoral expertise
- Operation management
- Regulatory and strategic documents

GOVERNANCE

- Support and advice for local authorities and donors
- Governance mechanisms
- Operation dialogue
- Stakeholder engagement

Collaborative method

Planning and developing cities and regions involve a large number of sectors (public, private, civil society, etc.) and stakeholders who interact and sometimes contradict each other in complex ways, through the juxtaposition of different institutions and territorial units.

Our collaborative approach fosters the emergence of a shared, common vision. This synergy allows us to set objectives that are both ambitious and realistic, while meeting the expectations of local decision-makers and the requirements of international funding agencies.

Integrated and innovative approach

Always adopting both a generalist (geography and urban planning) and a sectoral approach (socio-economic development, resilience, food systems, social and gender issues), our work is nourished by ongoing dialogues with local partners and project stakeholders.

We adapt our methodologies to provide tailor-made solutions for each area by integrating innovative digital tools (GIS analyses, use of open data, survey tools, field sampling, etc.).

Another important aspect of our approach is our focus on capacity building, which helps to ensure the ownership and sustainability of implemented projects.

Technical partnerships and a network of local experts

This distinctive approach is strengthened by Groupe Huit's long-standing and varied connections with its extensive network of technical partners and local experts, ensuring a hands-on perspective of the local context. We regard this as essential to enhance and refine our methodologies and technical expertise with precise knowledge of cities, regions and the local populations.

Some references



COMOROS

Territorial development plan for Moheli island

AFD - 2020-2022



BHUTAN

Preparation study for the green and resilient affordable housing advisory project

ADB - 2022-2023



UGANDA

Identification and feasibility studies of the secondary cities program

AFD - 2022-2023



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Detailed city plans of the Greater Abidjan Port-City integration project

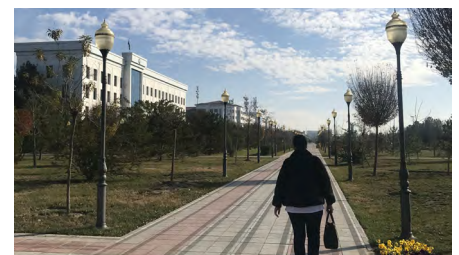
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HAITI

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EU - 2021-2024



UZBEKISTAN

Feasibility study of intermediate cities urban programme

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