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

PRIORITY THEMATIC (8): Greening and space planning for urban refreshment

Pilot City: BORDEAUX (France)

Preliminary version: Synthesis of the Thematic Worksheet (Step 3.1.2)

In line with the Quebec Roadmap Strategic Axis 2 – “Resilient cities boosted by the enhancement of their heritage resources”, the *Priority Thematic* presented by the city of Bordeaux focuses on the possibilities for vegetation and urban space planning that can contribute effectively to mitigating the impact of excessive temperatures.

Some existing green spaces are not sufficiently used by the public, sometimes due to a lack of appropriate facilities. Furthermore, most green spaces are either private or have restricted access (e.g. condominiums or schools). The challenge, therefore, is to find the right ways to use or share these spaces, allowing as many people as possible access to them.

The historic city must adapt to the effects of global warming, in particular by cooling public spaces through the careful use of vegetation. Exploring ways of systematically greening public spaces in such a way as to ensure that people can enjoy the benefits of cool islands of space, raises a number of new questions and perspectives, for which the city of Bordeaux is proposing to form a *Collaborative Network*:

- What kind of landscaping and urban furniture could enhance the use of existing green spaces?
- How can spaces dedicated to education (schoolyards) be opened up and greened?
- How can private land be mobilized to reinforce green spaces?
- How can we make certain private green spaces accessible to as many people as possible?
- How can we give concrete form to and improve the prospects for greening, and adopt complementary approaches?
- What are the concrete options for greening experiments to be studied with the departments responsible for implementing public amenities?