



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

COLLABORATIVE NETWORK Priority Thematic: *Protected buildings in a state of abandonment*

Pilot City: *Morelia (México)*

Action Plan (proposal by the pilot city)

Introduction

As "communities of practice", the Collaborative Networks aim to create a space for free and creative reflection and debate that organizes and enables constructive dialogue. It is in this privileged framework that OWHC member cities will be able to learn from each other and find together effective solutions to the four challenges addressed in the Roadmap.

To achieve the objectives of the Roadmap, the Collaborative Networks must organize and implement an Action Plan that for the period leading up to the 17th OWHC World Congress (Cordoba, Spain, September 24-27, 2024). The Action Plan proposal developed by the pilot city and discussed at the first meeting of the Collaborative Network may initially focus on the activities to be carried out until the summer of 2024, but should take into account the entire process.

Concept and objectives

The Priority Thematic presented by the city of Morelia focuses on the rehabilitation of abandoned properties. The Collaborative Network is expected to achieve dynamism among cities in order to learn about implemented projects and actions in abandoned properties of World Heritage cities, as well as to share examples of favorable actions in planning, management, or documents that could serve as examples and help us achieve a resolution to the problem. With the aim of increasing the habitability of the historic center, and at the same time, in the case of abandoned properties, to achieve their adequate restoration in accordance with the world heritage.

Presentation of the challenges

The eventual impossibility of preventing the total or partial destruction of historic buildings in a state of abandonment raises political, social and economic debates. In this framework, some challenges must be considered in order to reduce the rate of abandonment of buildings and ensure their preservation and rehabilitation:

- The circumstances that can lead to the abandonment of a historic building causing its potential endangerment or destruction (neglect, speculation, poor planning, etc.);



- The challenges that a building in state of abandonment raise for cities as well as the shared responsibilities (public authorities, technical services, experts, owners, citizens, etc.);
- The measures (legislative, regulatory, technical) likely to prevent, anticipate or remedy these circumstances, and what their implementation and application imply in terms of resources (financial, material, professional);
- The range of measures or actions to be taken in the face of the risk of grave degradation or collapse of a historic building (stakeholders, emergency physical intervention, impact assessment, recuperation etc.)
- The potential challenges and main problematics that need to be taken into consideration when evaluating new solutions to prevent the appearance of more building in state of abandonment, as well as the solution to rehabilitate those already in state of deterioration.

Schedule and calendar

Presentation with general information about the cities, presenting the studies and analysis carried out regarding their situation and problematics, including important current aspects that give a general overview, the problematics faced with data and examples, the actors involved, proposals for projects and solutions, results and areas of opportunity.

The purpose is to have the necessary information, which will allow us to bring the challenges to the table and receive support and feedback from the participating cities.

4 virtual meetings will be organized within the framework of the Collaborative Network:

- **23 April 2024 at 9:00 CST.** In which will be the presentation of the work, the action plan, and inform the cities of the tasks and ways in which they can get involved and support the network;
- **15 Mai at 9:00 CST.** In which will take place the discussion of problematics, presentations by the cities of the above-mentioned tasks;
- **4 June at 9:00 CST.** In which examples, solutions and case studies will be presented;
- **July 2024.** With the purpose of consolidating and concluding the solutions.