

Solidarities in tackling environmental and social vulnerabilities

DUT City Panel Meeting
26-27 May 2025, Bordeaux

PROGRAMME

Welcome to the DUT City Panel meeting in the City of Bordeaux!

Welcome to **two engaging days of exchange, discussion on urban resilience strategies** and related perspectives on mobility, energy, regenerative urbanism and circularity, **and learning on examples from cities** all over Europe!

European cities face growing challenges in building urban resilience and adapting to climate change, particularly as environmental and social vulnerabilities intersect. Climate-related risks—such as extreme heat, flooding, and air pollution—disproportionately affect marginalized communities, exposing deep inequalities in access to resources, housing, and infrastructure. Addressing these challenges requires collaborative and inclusive approaches that foster solidarity across different social groups, governance levels, and sectors.

Bordeaux Métropole is a compelling case study for addressing vulnerabilities, thanks to its proactive approach to social, environmental, and economic challenges through innovation, resilience planning, and inclusive policies. The city's initiatives, such as the Climate Plan for carbon neutrality, urban greening projects to combat climate risks, and programmes like Bordeaux Grandeur Nature to reduce social inequalities, highlight its commitment to sustainable growth and community well-being. Bordeaux's blend of heritage preservation and urban modernisation offers valuable insights into balancing local actions with a global perspective. Based on learning from Bordeaux's strategies and approaches, the DUT City Panel invites participants to present and discuss cases and strategies from other cities and deep dive into the challenge of reducing social and environmental vulnerabilities through committed urban strategies and actions for transformation processes.

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Agenda

Day 1 – 26 May 2025

Venue: Hôtel de Ville, Place Pey Berland, Bordeaux

- Open: from 11:00
- Start: 11:45
- End: 18:30
- Joint Dinner: 19:30

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| | 11:00 | Arriving and Registration |
| 1. | 11:45 | Optional: Visit of City Hall |
| | 12:00 | Lunch at the City Hall – Invitation of the Mayor of Bordeaux |
| 2. | 13:15 | Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City of Bordeaux: Céline Papin (Elected Representative for European and International Affairs) ➤ DUT Team |
| 3. | 13.25 | Goals and agenda of the City Panel Meeting |
| 4. | 13.30 | Warm-up and getting to know each other (interactive exercises) |
| 5. | 14:00 | Field Trip: Bordeaux Grandeur Nature Lead by Didier Jeanjean (Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux in charge of nature in the city and calm neighbourhoods) |
| | 15.15 | Arrival back from field trip + Coffee break |
| 6. | 15:30 | Introduction to City Panel topic (DUT Team) |
| 7. | 15.40 | Keynotes/Interviews: How can cities maintain resilience? + Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Céline Papin (Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux in charge of Territorial, European and International Cooperation, Higher Education and Research and Vice-President of Bordeaux Métropole) • Pierre Pacaud (Representative of Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation MESRI) |
| 8. | 16.30 | World café: tackling vulnerabilities - which challenges are cities confronted with? Which solutions are emerging? Which role can cities play, what do they need? |
| 9. | 17.45 | Harvest & Synthesising |
| 10. | 18.15 | Wrap Up, Check Out and Info for day 2 |
| | 18.30 | End of day 1 |
| | 19.30 | Dinner organized by City of Bordeaux |

Day 2 – 27 May 2025

Venue: Hôtel de la Métropole, Rue Jean Fleuret, Bordeaux

- Start: 09:00
- End: 18:00

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| 11. | 9.00 | Two parallel field trips (see info below!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bordeaux Central Station – meeting point: Parvis Louis Armand, 33800 Bordeaux, in front of the Bordeaux Saint-Jean Train Station • Ginko Eco Neighbourhood – meeting point: Tram Station Berges de Lac, in front of the Pharmacy Ginko |
| | 10.45 | Arriving at Hôtel de la Métropole + Coffee break |
| 12. | 11:00 | Check-in and programme of the day |
| 13. | 11:15 | Practitioners' exchange about good practices 1: Poster Gallery Walk |
| 14. | 11.45 | Practitioners' exchange about good practices 2: Working groups |
| | 12.45 | Lunch |
| 15. | 14.00 | Check In |
| 16. | 14.15 | Peer to Peer Coaching: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A concrete need that you identify & would like to get advice by your colleagues how to meet it, a problem that you want to resolve, an idea that you want to take forward ➤ Something concrete that can be tackled/changed ➤ Something that you can contribute to resolve/work on it/or where you have influence/can mobilise support from others. ➤ Related to the topic of vulnerabilities/resilience |
| 17. | 14.45 | Round 1 (6 Groups) |
| 18. | 15.30 | Round 2 (6 Groups) |
| | 16.15 | Break |
| 19. | 16.40 | Fishbowl discussion: Synthesising & Key Findings |
| 20. | 17.40 | Summary, Check Out and Next Steps |
| | 18.00 | End of City Panel |

Field Trip Day 1 (26 May)

Walking tour showcasing the “Bordeaux grandeur nature” project with on-site examples

Practical information:

- Meeting Point: We will leave together from the Hôtel de Ville.
- Time: 14:00

In 2020, the city of Bordeaux has launched the “**Bordeaux grandeur nature**” project, aiming to transform the city into a greener, more pleasant environment. This initiative follows a greening strategy based on four key principles: protect, renew, plant, and participate.



Jeanjean Didier, Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux in charge of nature in the city and peaceful neighbourhoods, will present the program by showcasing some of the key sites where it is being implemented:

- **Place Pey Berland**

To cool the Place Pey-Berland, a significant heat island during the summer months, a project was carried out throughout 2021 to plant around 20 trees.



- **École St Bruno**

Since 2021, the city of Bordeaux has launched a vast program to redevelop its school and nursery courtyards, with a budget of 18.3 million euros over the next 10 years.

Greener, fresher, more accessible and more pleasant, the courtyards are being transformed into “bushy courtyards”, with redeveloped and better-shared spaces that welcome more biodiversity. The “cours buissonnières” are gradually being deployed in over a hundred establishments. They provide for quality improvements without having to redo every surface, in the interests of sobriety and economy.



- **Rue aux enfants**

In order to offer schoolchildren and all passers-by safer, less polluted and more user-friendly spaces in front of its elementary and nursery schools, the City of Bordeaux is

implementing the “la rue aux enfants” program. This involves closing motorized vehicle traffic in front of the schools, either for entry and exit times, or permanently.

- An important part of the project is the greening of streets and public spaces to bring more shade and coolness to the city. During the visit, the streets **Cours Maréchal Juin**, **Rue Georges-Bonnac** and the square **Esplanade Mériadeck** will be shown as examples.



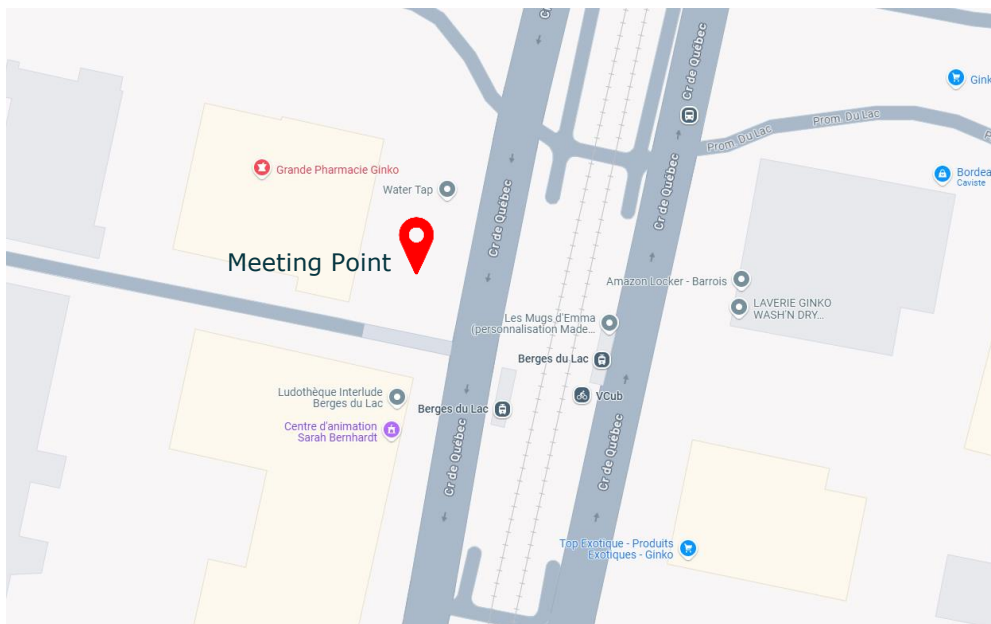
Field Trips Day 2 (27 May): Options

You will be asked to choose an option at your registration in Bordeaux.

Option 1: Visit of the GINKO Eco-Neighbourhood Housing

Practical information:

- Meeting Point: Tram Station Berges de Lac, in front of the Pharmacy Ginko
- Time: 9:00 am
- How to get there: Take the tram line C direction Parc des Expositions from the city center of Bordeaux directly to Berges de Lac



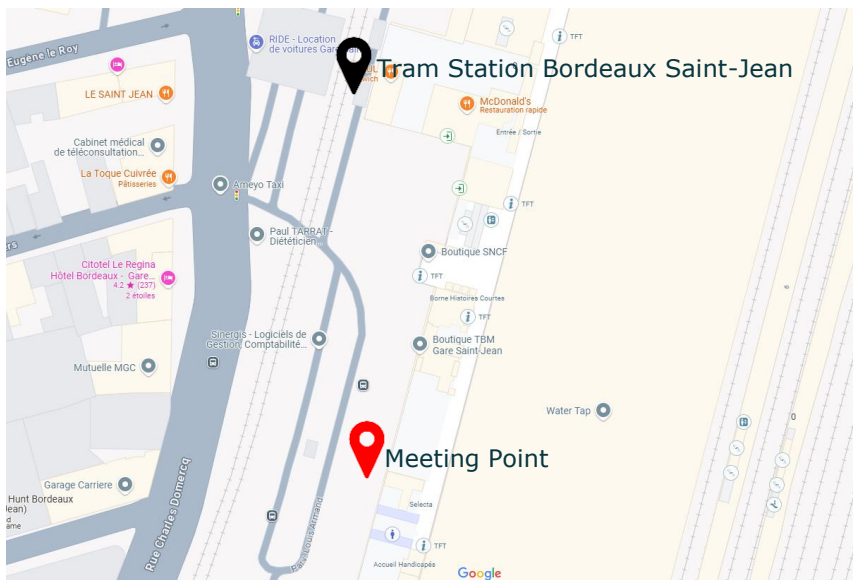
The GINKO eco-neighbourhood is located to the north of Bordeaux's historic center, in what is now known as Bordeaux maritime. It is an innovative eco-neighbourhood in Bordeaux, launched by the City of Bordeaux as part of the "Bordeaux 2030, vers une métropole durable" ("Bordeaux 2030, Towards a Sustainable Metropolis") project. Built with bioclimatic architecture, low-energy buildings, renewable energy, and a focus on sustainable mobility, GINKO aims to balance environmental preservation with high quality of life. The project, developed by Bouygues Immobilier alongside Aquitanis and Mésolia Habitat, began in 2006 and welcomed its first residents in 2012. The GINKO neighbourhood received the EcoQuartier label in 2014 and continued to grow, with the last homes delivered in 2020.



Option 2: Visit of the Central Train Station Bordeaux Saint-Jean

Practical Information:

- Meeting Point: Parvis Louis Armand, 33800 Bordeaux, in front of the Bordeaux Saint-Jean Train Station
- Time: 9:00 am
- How to get there: Bordeaux Saint-Jean train station can be reached via Tram Line C direction Les Pyrénées, Tram Line D direction Carle Vernet, or Bus Line G direction Gare Saint-Jean.



Bordeaux Saint-Jean station is entering a new phase of transformation as part of the "Grande Gare de Bordeaux" project, aimed at handling increasing passenger flows—26.3 million in 2023—and improving accessibility, intermodality, and service quality. Supported by the European Union (50% funding for preliminary studies through the "Connecting European Facilities" program) and co-financed by local and national partners, the redevelopment is led by SNCF Gares & Connexions and scheduled in phases from 2025 to 2030.



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This visit will provide insights into how the station and its surroundings are evolving to meet future mobility needs. Participants will discover how transport connections are being improved across all modes—rail, tram, bus, and coach—alongside efforts to reorganize public spaces, relieve congestion, and create a more seamless experience for travelers. The tour will also explore how the station is being more closely integrated into the surrounding urban environment through new access routes, reconfigured streets, and sustainable design features, reinforcing Bordeaux’s position as a major mobility hub in France and Europe.



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