



City and Port: Waterfront Integration for Sustainability

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Cities and ports have a long history of interaction, and waterfront areas have been the living spaces that bear witness to this relation. In response to evolving socioeconomic paradigms and to the emergence of new societal problems, this relation has gone through periods with different degrees of tension. The production and regeneration of waterfront areas is a reflection of this, as they sway between being areas of segregation or integration.

After decades of transformation, when citizens rediscovered their waterfront areas and port areas became more specialized, sustainable approaches now address a large scope of issues, such as: the impacts of touristification; cruise ships and the city; public space and recreation; green infrastructure; circular economies; light mobility; repurposing (industrial and historical) heritage sites; climate change adaptation; environment; memory and local identity.

Over time, waterfronts have answered common problems by sharing experiences, and today, this is ever more relevant. We invite you to participate in this discussion on contemporary cities and ports: How does waterfront integration contribute to sustainability?





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