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waterfront regeneration













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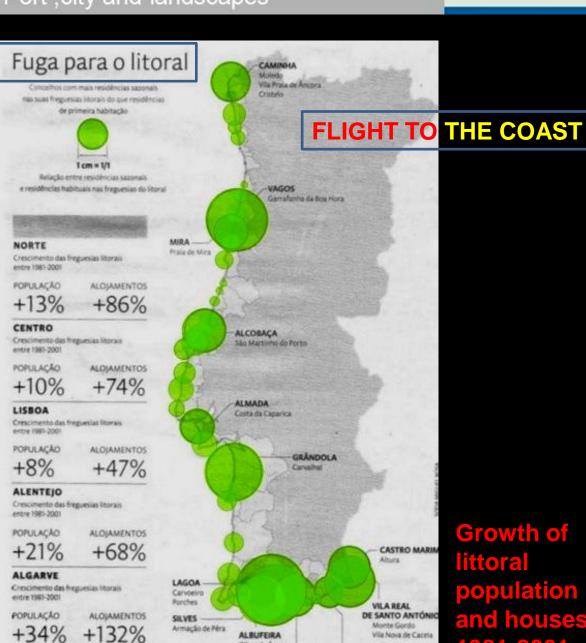
In Mediterranean Basin is going from North to South

At the same time it happens a concentration based on specific points, into this coastline





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Othos de Água

Cabanas de Tavira



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Growth of littoral population and houses 1981-2001

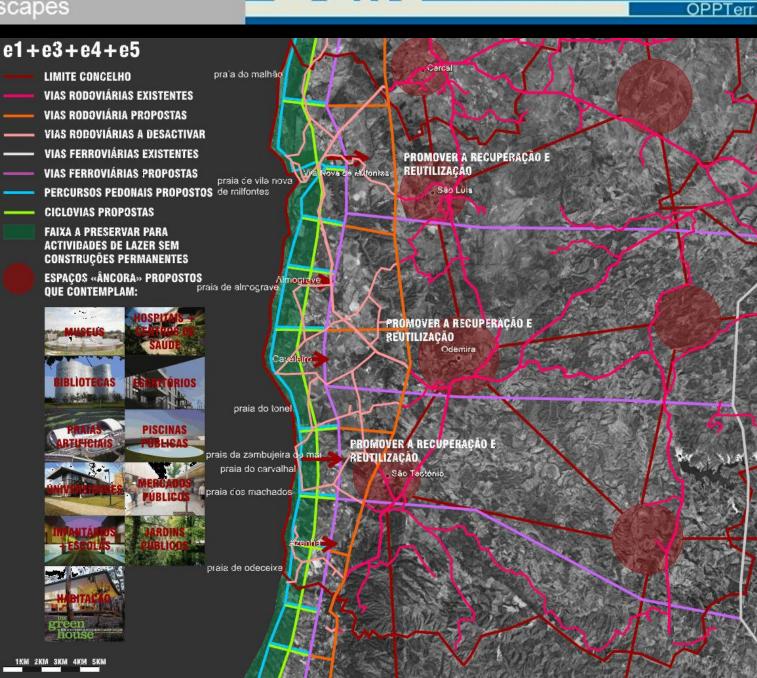
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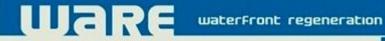


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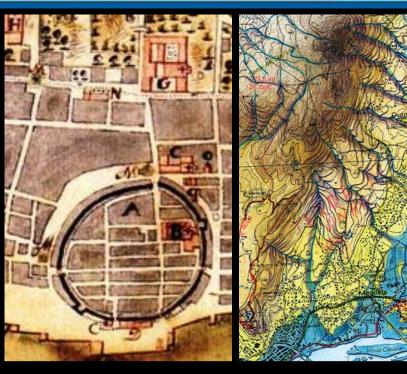
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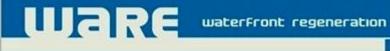
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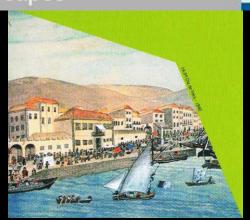
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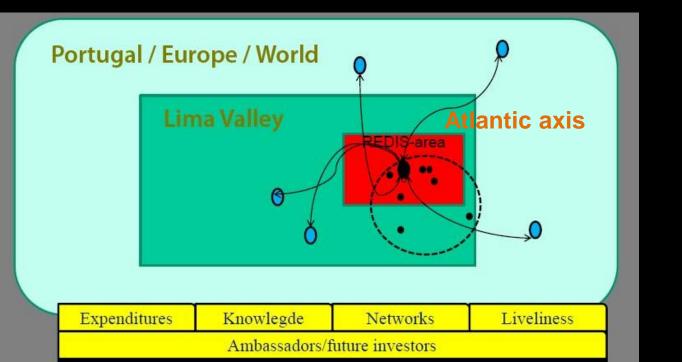




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Several European initiatives tried to develop the concept of knowledge cities, as an alternative solution for the medium sized scale towns

URBACT II PROJECT







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High education levels are at the same time the only one solution to try to fix young populations in a first step.









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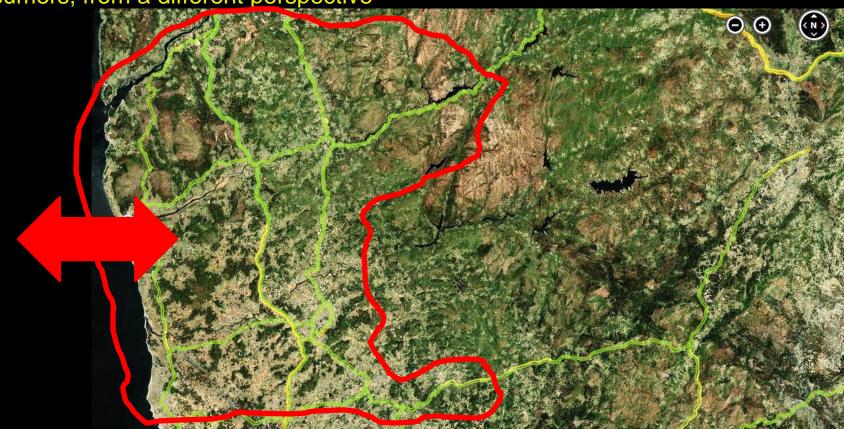
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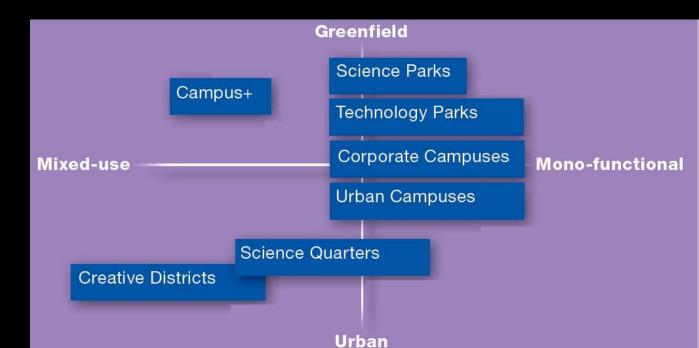
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If we paying attention to these scenarios, we can understand that other positive values can be joined:

There will be possibilities to consider the knowledge as a factor for the location of firms to these spaces, specially, creative industries

These kinds of cities have a bigger flexibility for the accommodation to the changes



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But where is here the port?

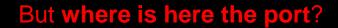




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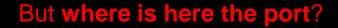




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Port of Aveiro has given two plots closed the river for educational functions



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How are joined ports and territories?

Why not incubators for young companies into the port for activities related to port functions?

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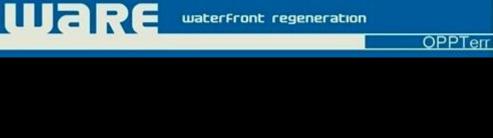
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- e.- The continuous presence of the water as the engine for all the processes, appearing in the form of river or sea, causing the existence of gaps between the city or land and water: ports, fluvial beaches, mills,...

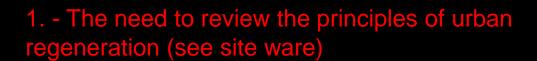


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- 4 The relationship between these regenerations and the territory around it.



TOPICS FOR A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF WATERFRONT REGENERATION

- 1. The choice of right scale is essential for regeneration projects related to the neighboring territory
- 2.-The actions can not be isolated, but absolutely related to the territory
- 3.- Port area must be considered always as an intermediate between land and water
- 4. The identity must be a keyword for the consideration of a comprehensive project
- 5. Permeability is a project resource that promotes visual

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- 6. The parameters that should prevail must be based on sustainability criteria
- 7.-The communication of the project and its strategy are essential to achieve the desired social identification
- 8.-The development of the project requires a high interaction
- 9. The city-port-territory project takes the right time to be conceived
- 10. It is important to improve the joint management of the regeneration projects, where the participation factor is highly important