Introduction of INTA

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History

INTA was born in 1976 in Paris as the International New Town Association, at a time when large-scale urban development projects were conceived in support of the general economic growth. INTA's founders believed in the importance of exchanging international experiences and know-how between all the actors involved in those ambitious projects reshaping territories and living environment. Today, INTA's members are still convinced that only by putting the efforts of all urban actors together, a sustainable and integrated urbanity can be attained.

Working Method

To facilitate the exchange of experiences and knowledge, develop cooperation between public and private sectors, and build competences, INTA's members co-produce solutions through international and regional exchanges on urban issues that require careful attention. INTA's International Secretariat coordinates the network and its international activities: an Annual World Urban Development Congress, Conferences and Seminars, the World Urban Development Council, Prospective Roundtables, Brainstorm sessions, Study visits and Advisory panels, in which a group of members advises another member institution on a particular urban project.

Approach and areas of action

The reach of INTA covers urban development on all scales, but a common thread runs through all activities: integration of the sectoral policies implemented by public and private sectors in areas such as strategic territorial planning, public spaces, urban forms and architecture, innovation and the knowledge economy, mobility and accessibility, local public services, new patterns of production and distribution, creative clusters, economic attractiveness, housing, urban regeneration, heritage and tourism, social inclusion, territorial marketing, local governance, sustainability and energy efficiency, etc. Only when integrated, such policies make it possible to reshape territories, their functions, social life and economic activities. These policies are the drivers of changes for many territories, such as New Towns, neighbourhoods, municipalities, metropolitan areas and urban regions. Innovative approaches are opportunities to draw up and to induce new forms of dialogue and negotiation, as well as new relationships between social players, resulting in an effective system of urban.
Membership of INTA

In December 2012 INTA has 5099 members and associates in 100 countries.

Regional distribution of members and associates 2011-2012 in % of total

INTA membership is divided into 3 groups:
- Strategic members
- Full members
- Associate members

Strategic members - Institutions with whom a special programme of activities is created to target the requirements of the members. Strategic members benefit from high visibility as INTA's main lead partners.

Full members - Institutions or individuals that benefit from INTA's services. Membership allows contribution to the decision-making processes of national and international urban development authorities and to receive international advice offered by other INTA members as voluntary advisory services.

Associate members - Individuals that contribute time and ideas to INTA's network.