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ALFONSO VEGARA

President, Fundación Metrópoli President, Taller de Ideas; President, International Society of City and Regional Planners (2002 - 2005).

Alfonso Vegara is an architect-planner, and has other degrees in economics and sociology. He obtained his doctorate in architecture and urban planning from the University of Navarre. He is President of the Madrid-based Taller de Ideas Group. Founded in 1987, Taller de Ideas has developed the Regional Planning Strategies for eight of the 17 Autonomous Regions in Spain, including the awardwinning regional plan for the Basque Country.



Dr Vegara is also President of *Fundación Metrópoli*, a Spanish foundation dedicated to studying, developing and sharing urban innovations. He developed and directs the on-going *Proyecto CITIES* initiative, a study into the urban components of excellence of twenty participating cities from around the world. The *Proyecto CITIES* initiative is the basis of a Global Network of Excellence that encourages innovation and the exchange of experiences among the participating cities. Using the methodology developed for *Proyecto CITIES*, the Fundación Metrópoli has undertaken a number of urban research and planning projects including the Fengxian Eco-Linear City, the Madrid Bulevar M30, and the EcoCity of Castilla-La Mancha.

Alfonso Vegara has been Professor of Urban Planning in a number of universities in Spain, and has lectured at universities and conferences worldwide. He was also appointed Visiting Professor of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania for the period 1997 to 2002.

Alfonso Vegara has maintained close ties with Eisenhower Fellowships (EF) since 1987, when he was selected to be the Eisenhower Fellow from Spain. Between 1995 and 2001. he served two terms on its International Advisory Council (IAC), and organised the 1997 EF Congress in Alicante, Spain. The EF has adopted *Proyecto CITIES* as a Pilot Project to utilise the extensive network of Eisenhower Fellows. Dr Vegara is currently a special "Roving Member" of the IAC.

From 2002-2005 he was President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

In 2007 was awarded the Premio Rey Jaime I in the category of Urbanism, Landscape and Sustainability.

Alfonso Vegara was born in Alicante, Spain in 1955. He is married and has two children.

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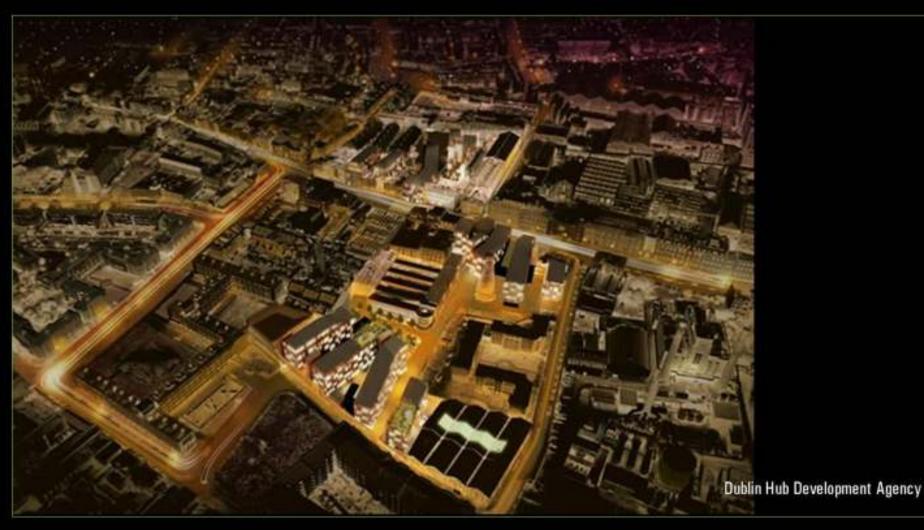


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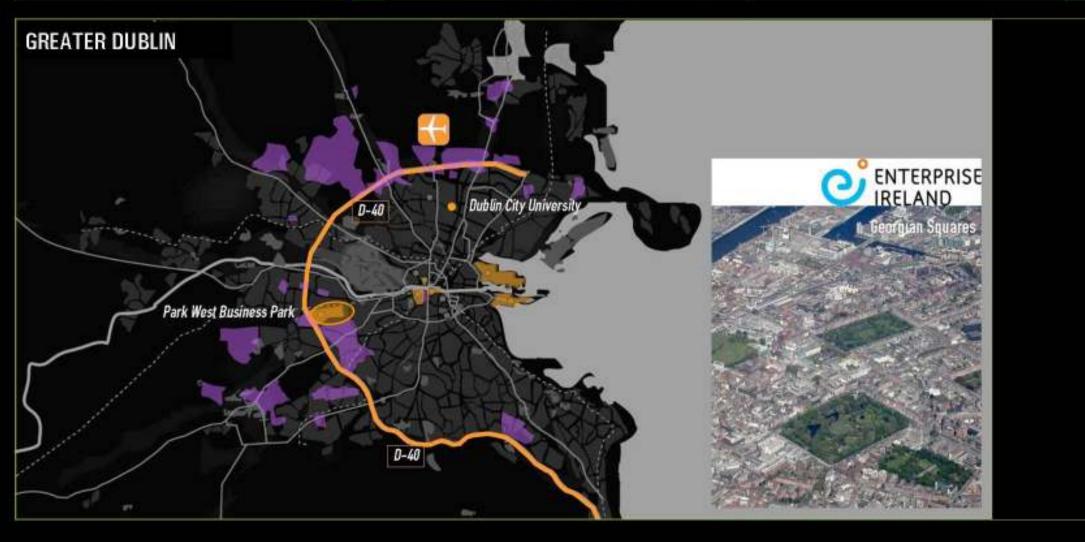


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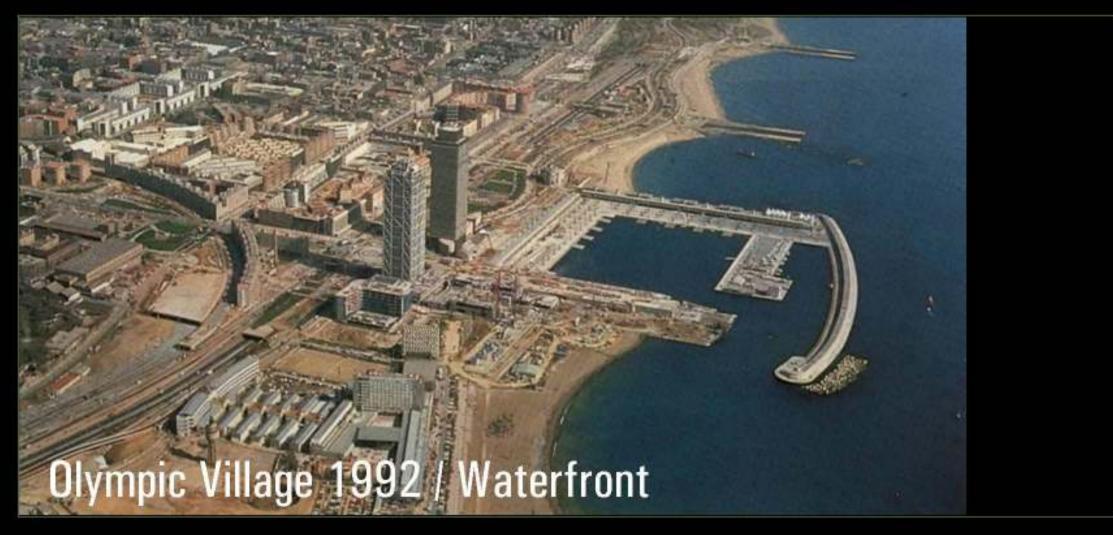


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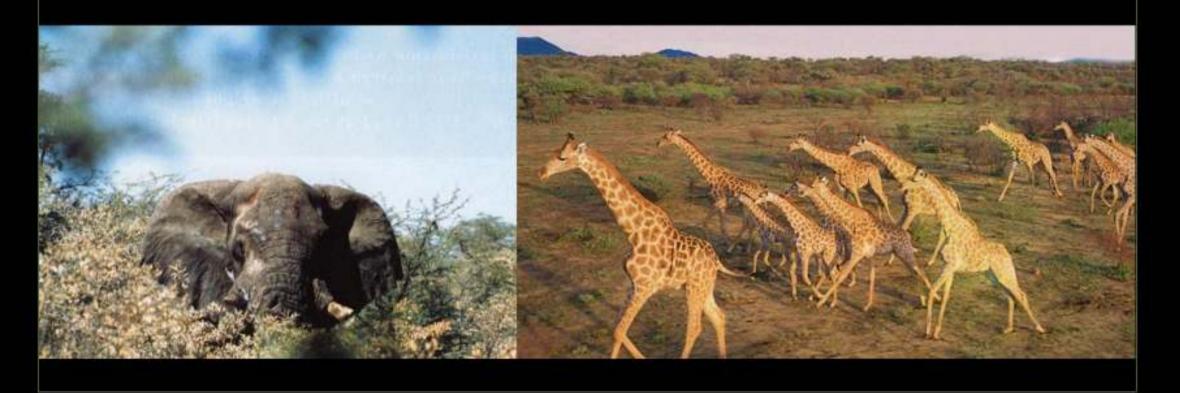
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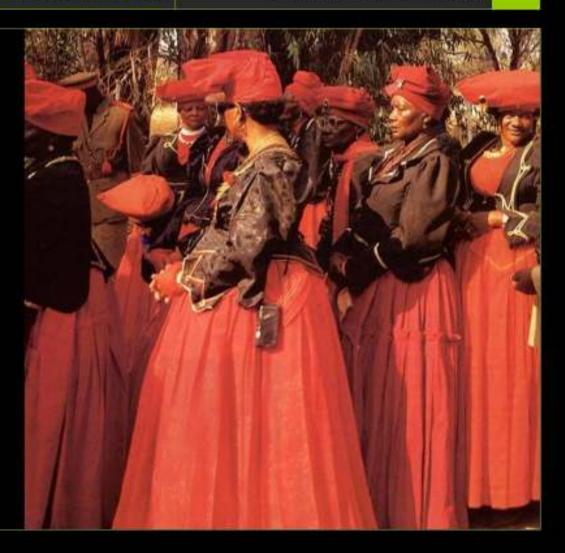




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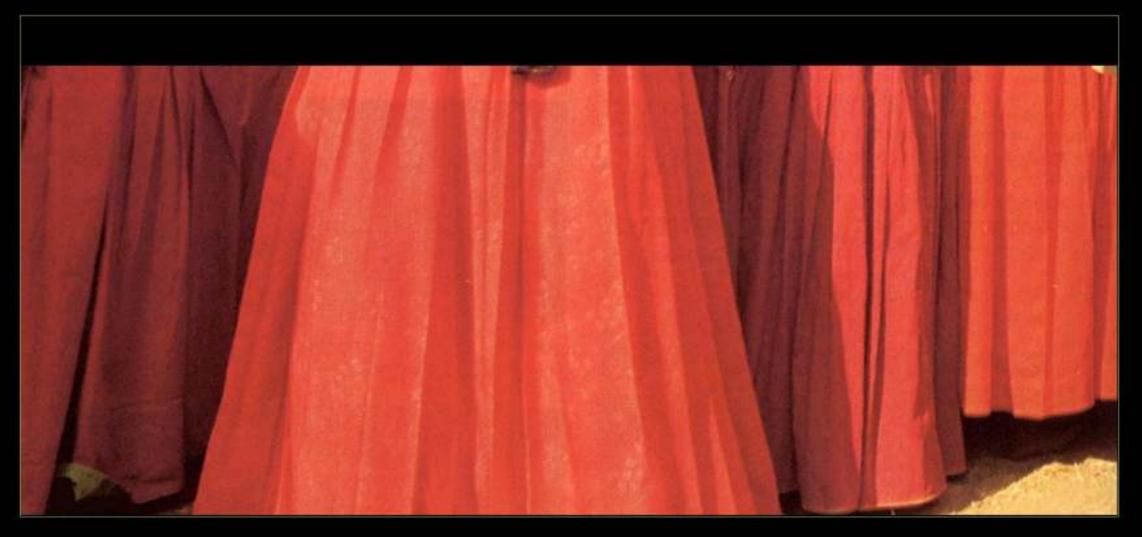






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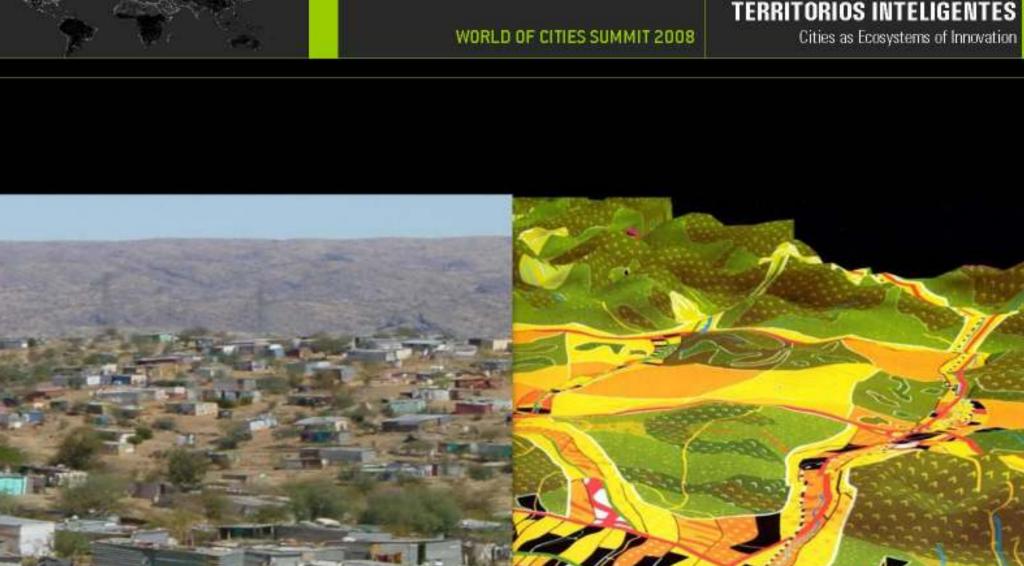


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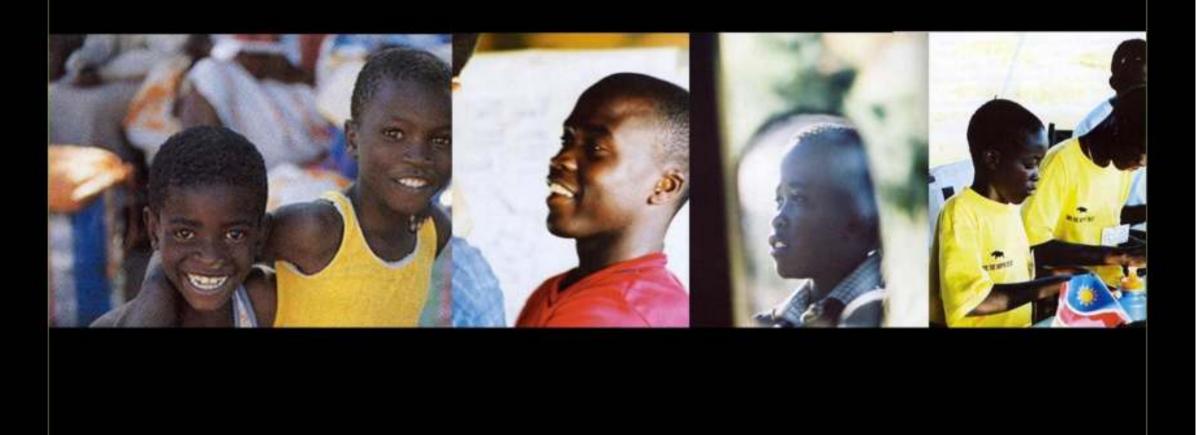




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THE COLOURS OF KATUTURA





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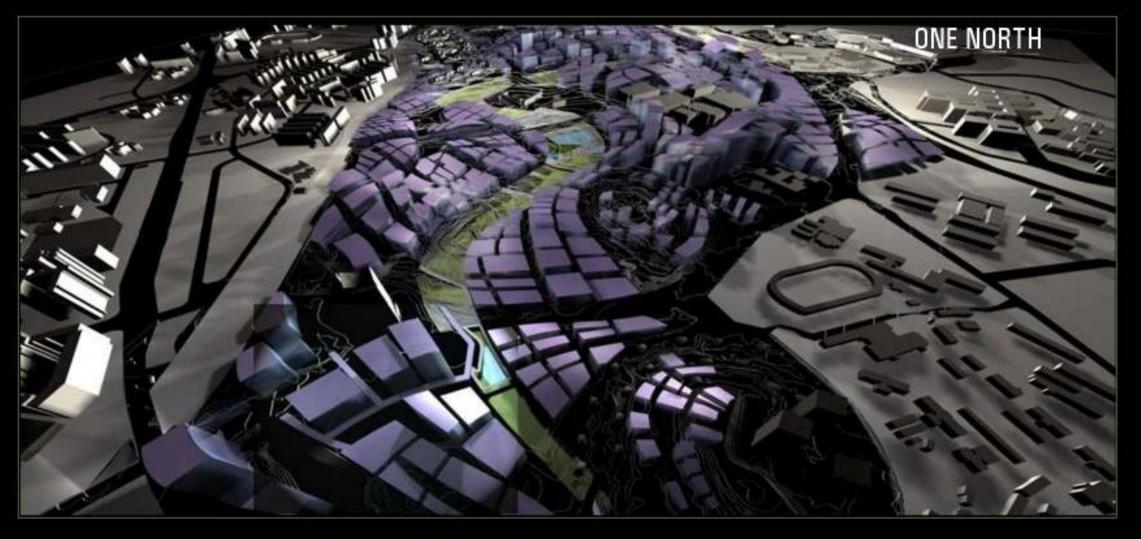


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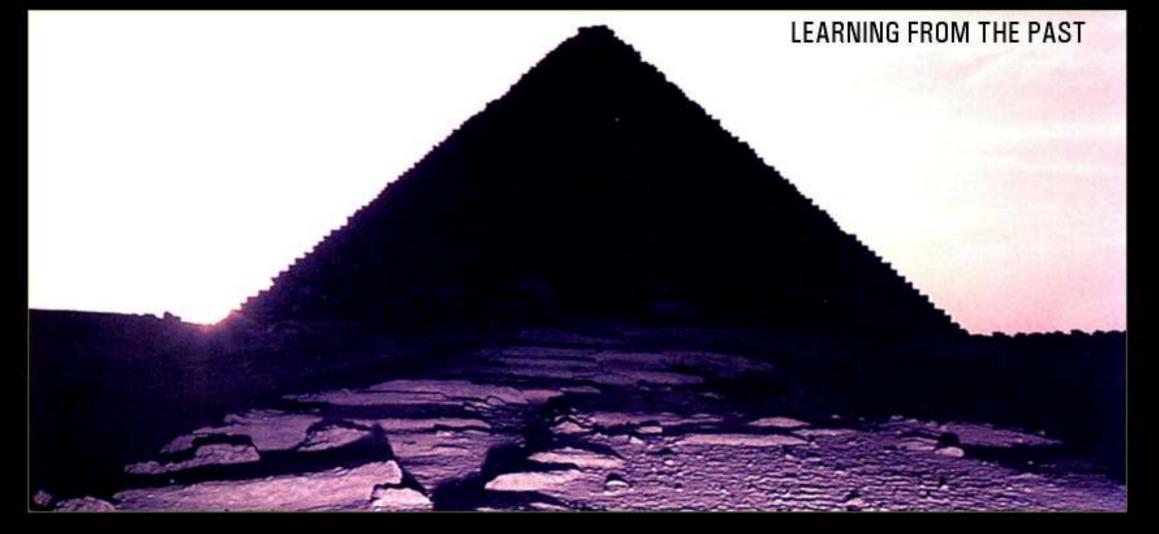
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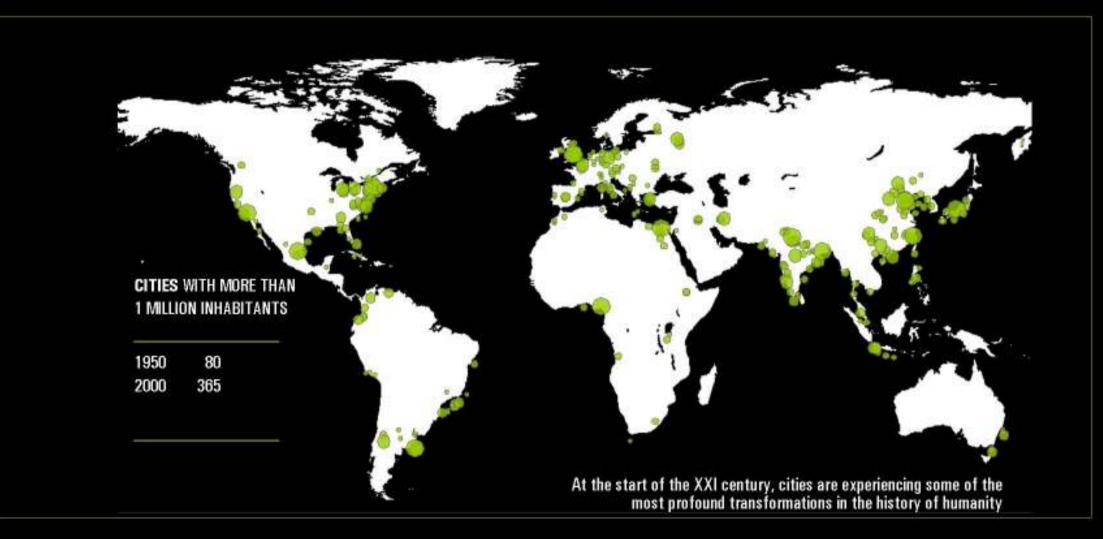
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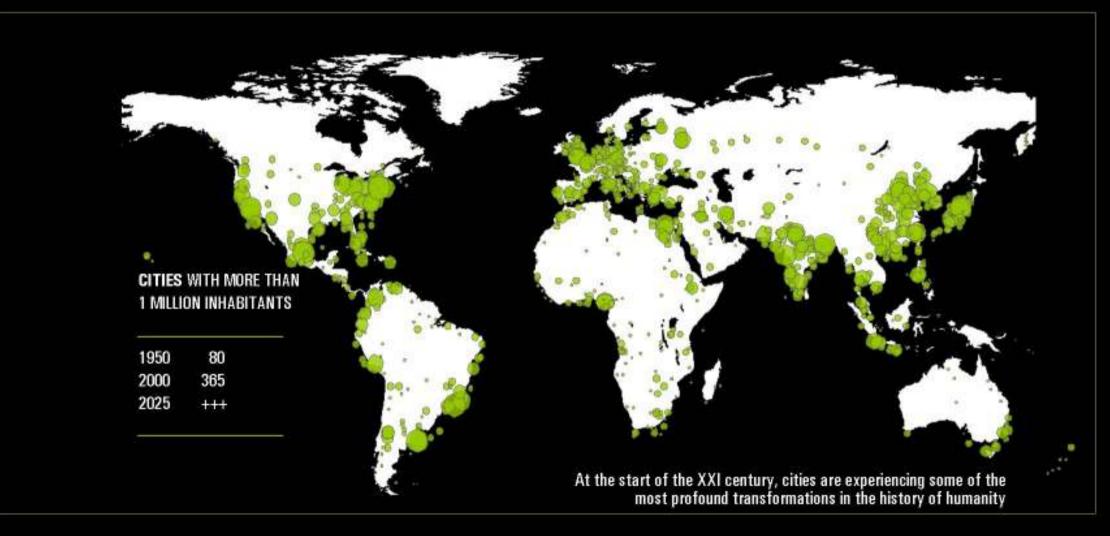
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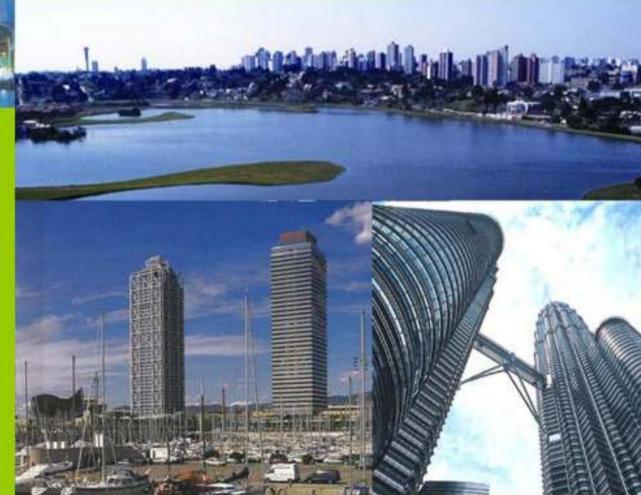
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Cities are the CRITICAL SPACES for tolerance, solidarity and creativity.





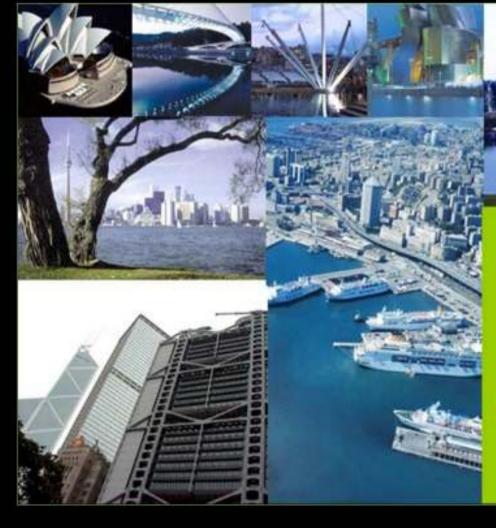




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Cities have the responsibility of contributing to the SUSTAINABILITY of the planet









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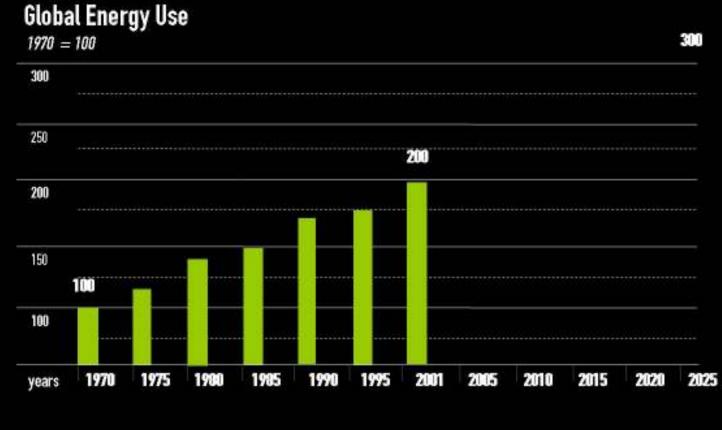




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Source: EIA (Energy Information Administration)





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Global Energy Use 1970 = 100 years

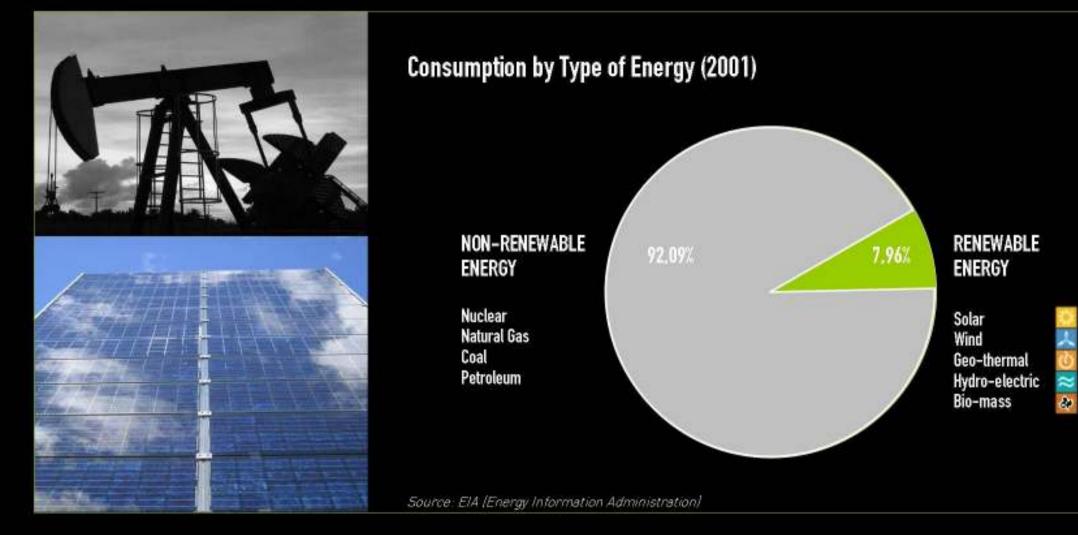
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MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Loss of Biodiversity
- Acid Rain
- Water Shortage
- Shortage of traditional energy sources

CLIMATE CHANGE







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The greatest challenge of the 21st century is Building a Sustainable Future

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A culture of innovation is the only strategy for long-term sustainability







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Proyecto **CITIES** constitutes a joint effort of investigation and interchange of experiences of

20 Cities 📀

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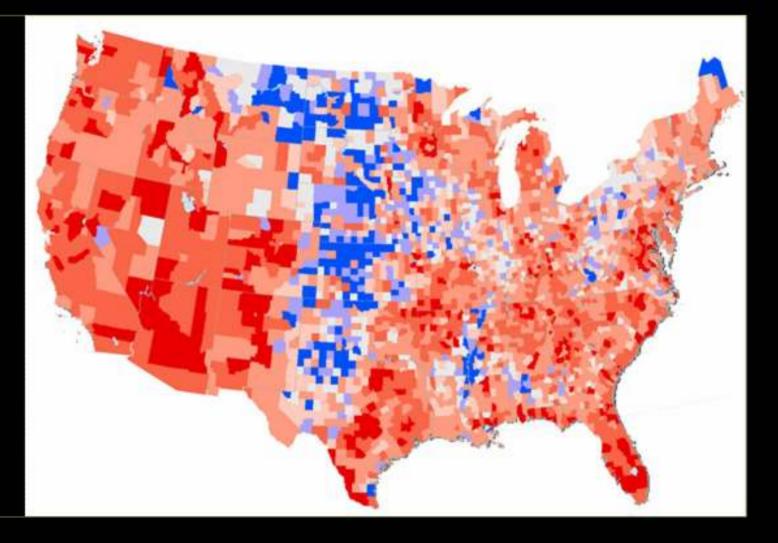


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SUPERCITIES

Population Growth IN USA (2000- 2050)





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SUPERCITIES 10 Megaregions



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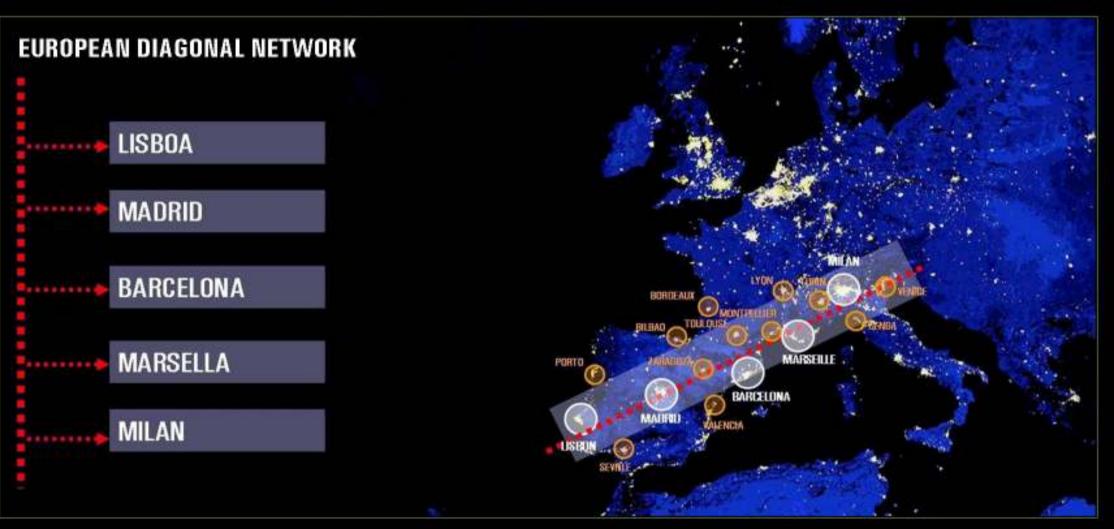
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LISBOA:

16 millon people within reach





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BARCELONA:

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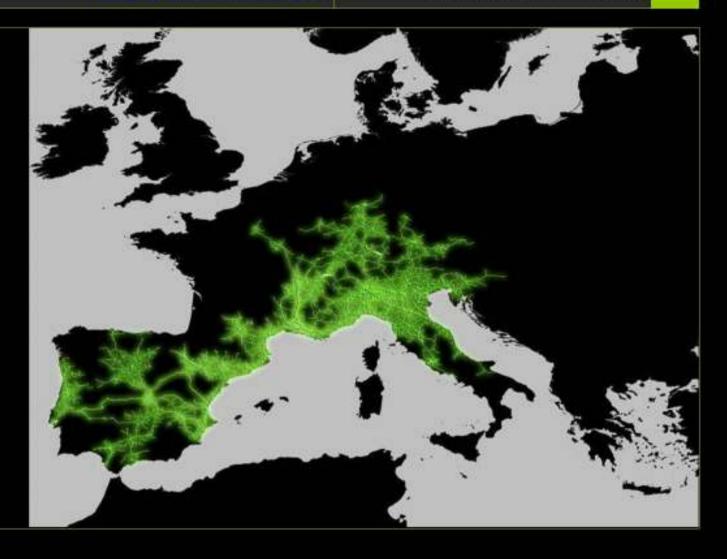
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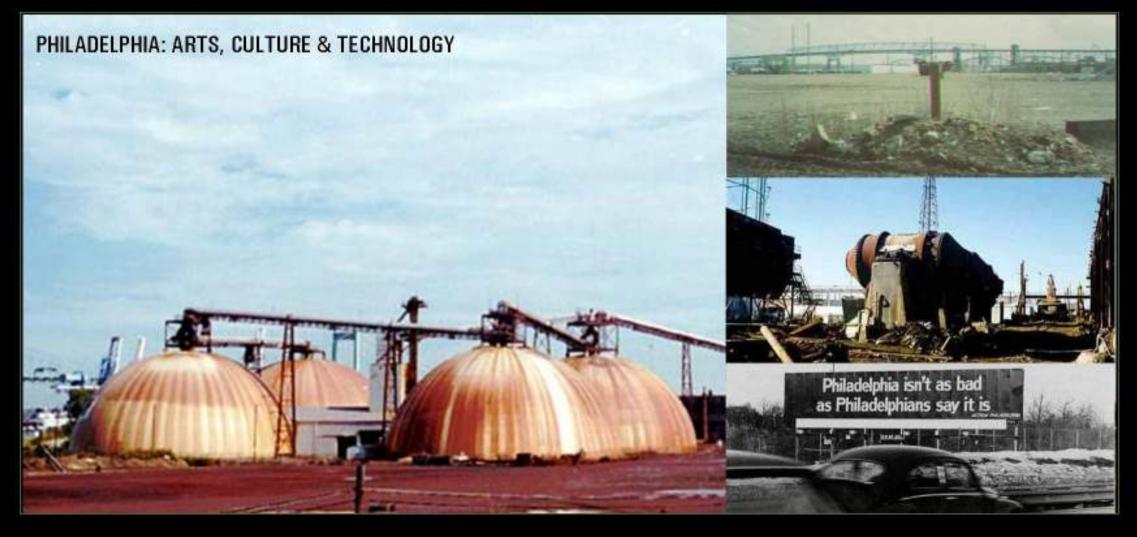






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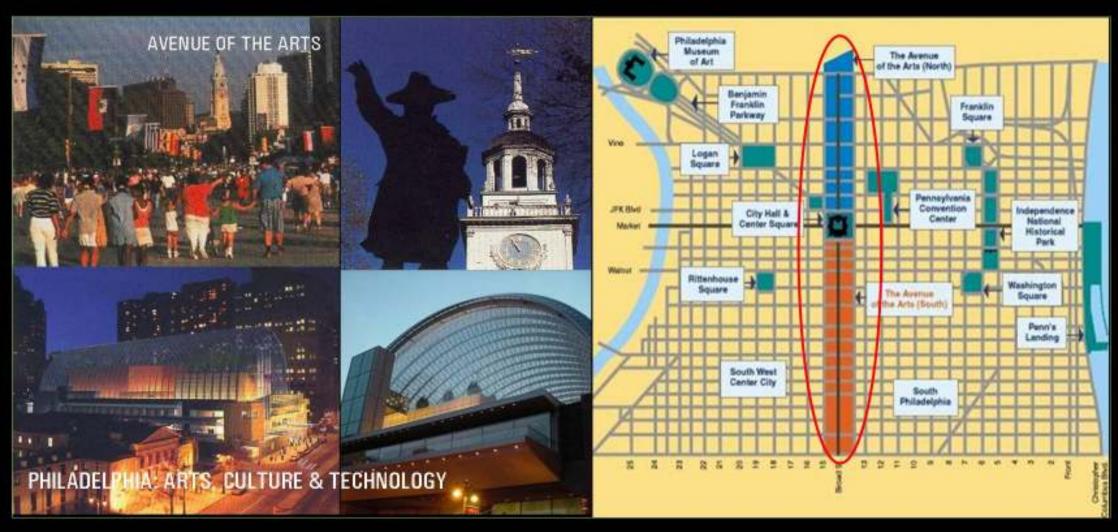






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BILBAO: THE GUGGENHEIM EFFECT

LONG TERM PROJECT TO REGENERATE OBSOLETE INDUSTRIAL AND PORT LANDS ALONG RIVER







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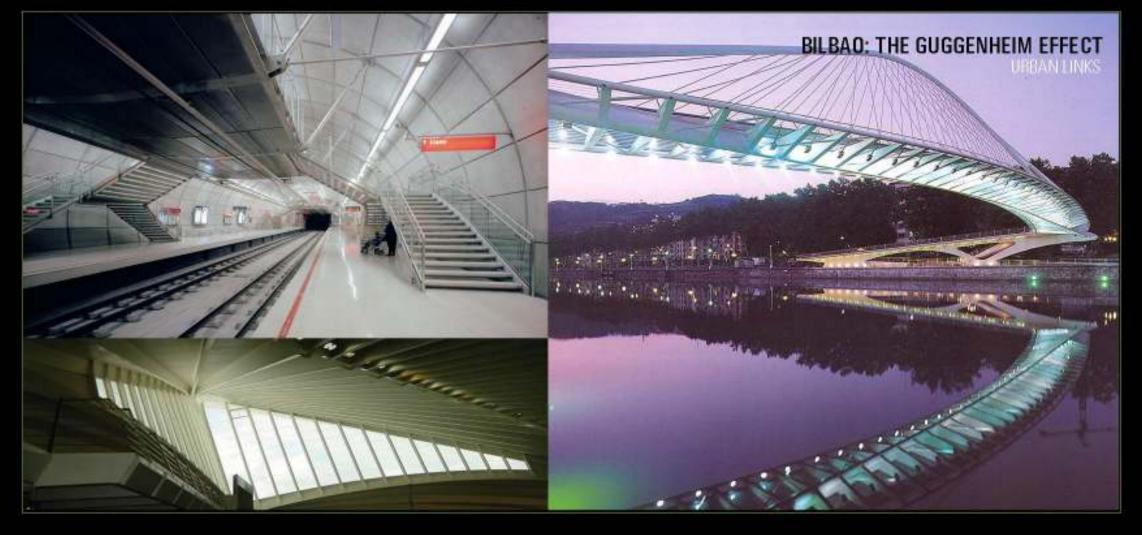
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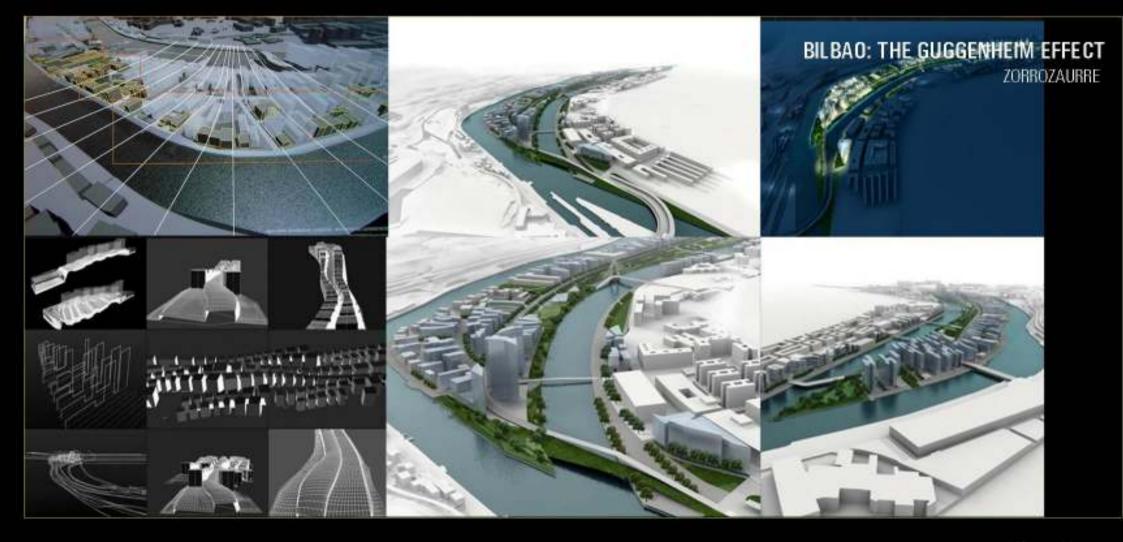






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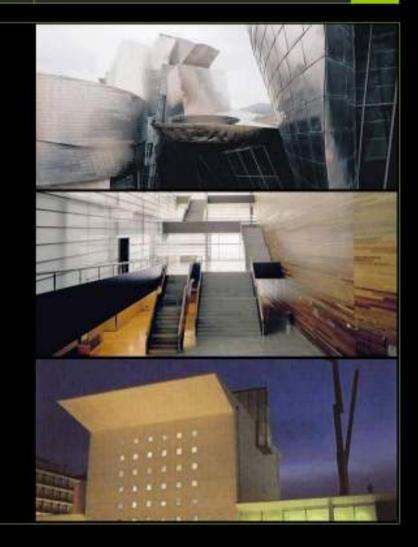


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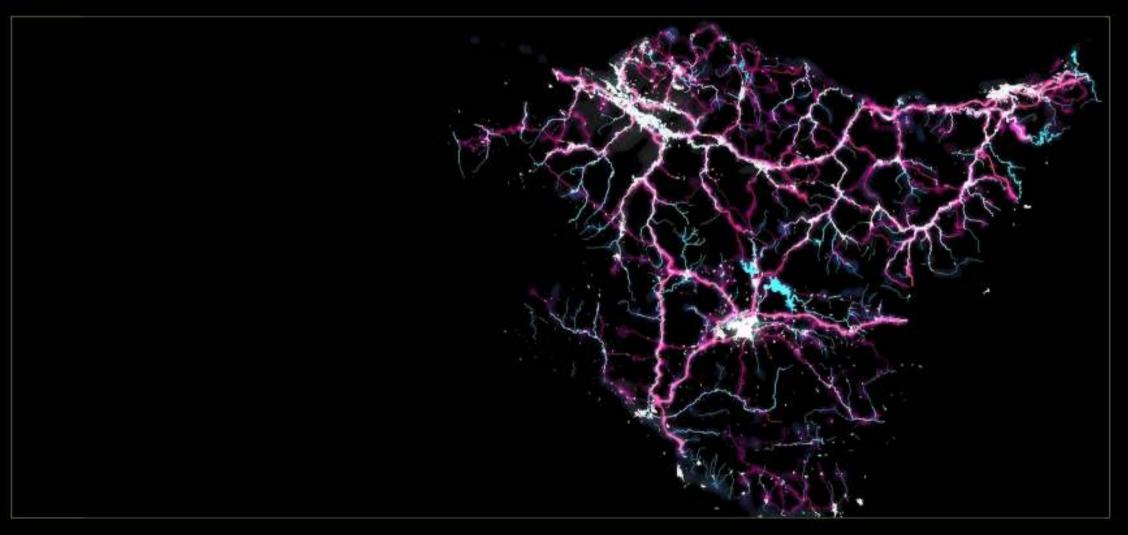






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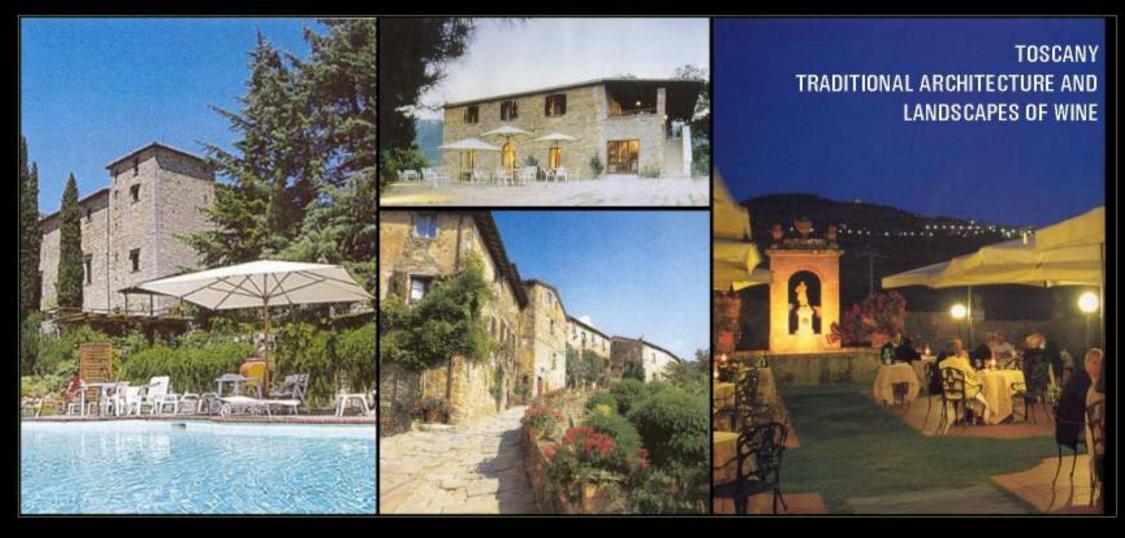






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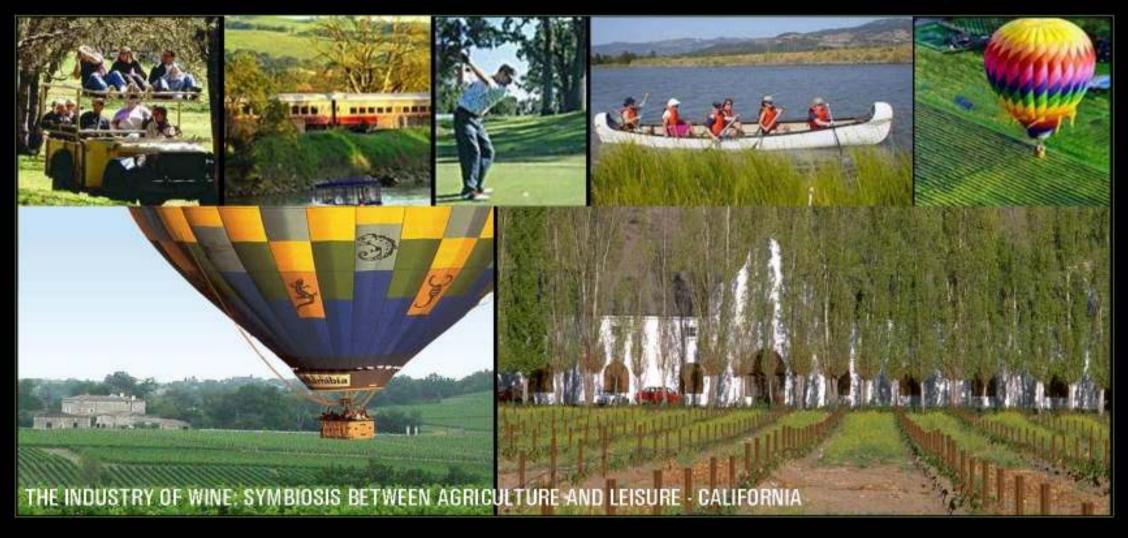
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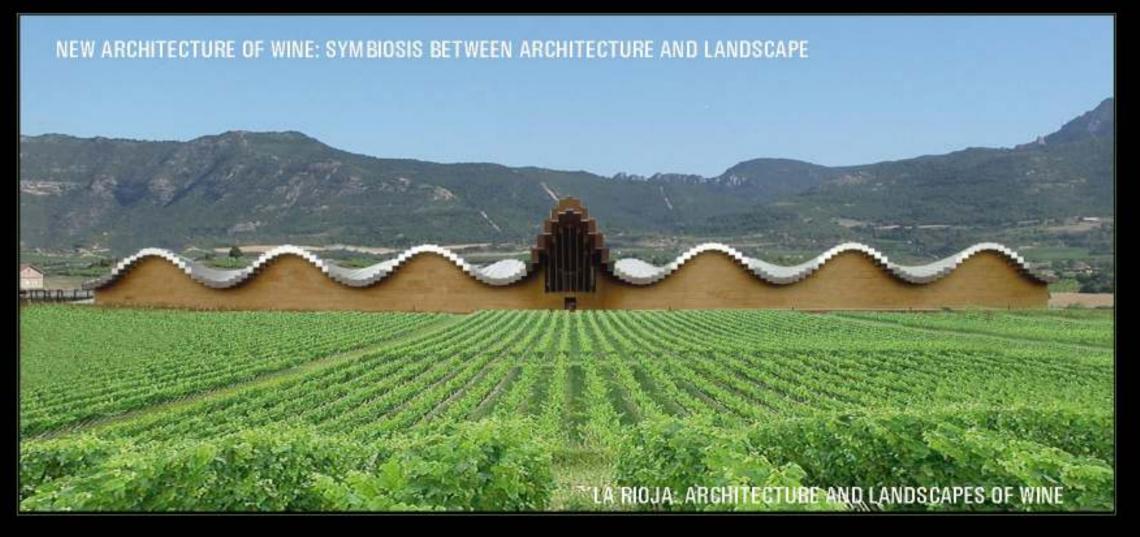






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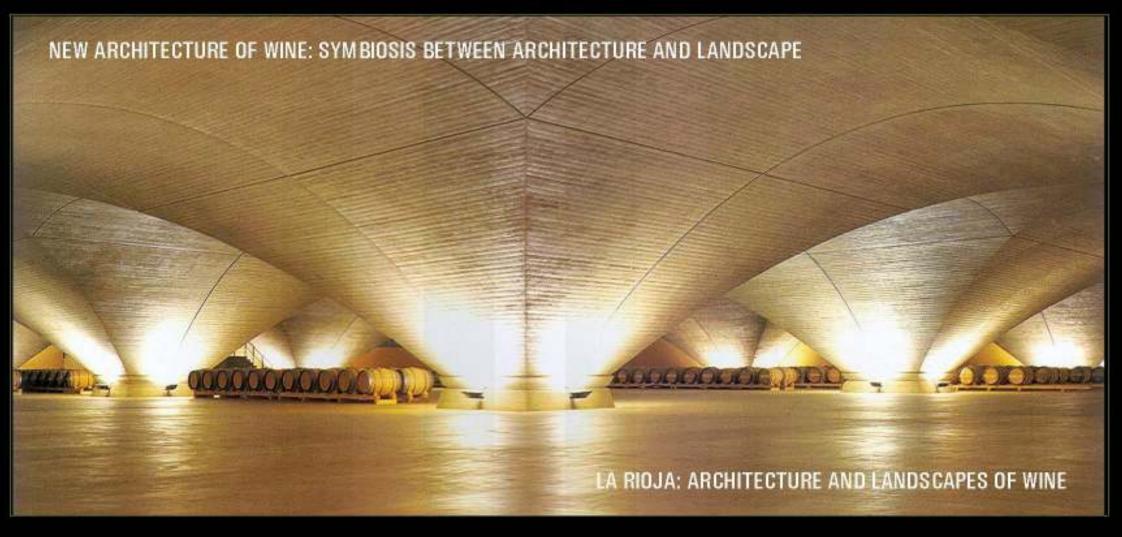






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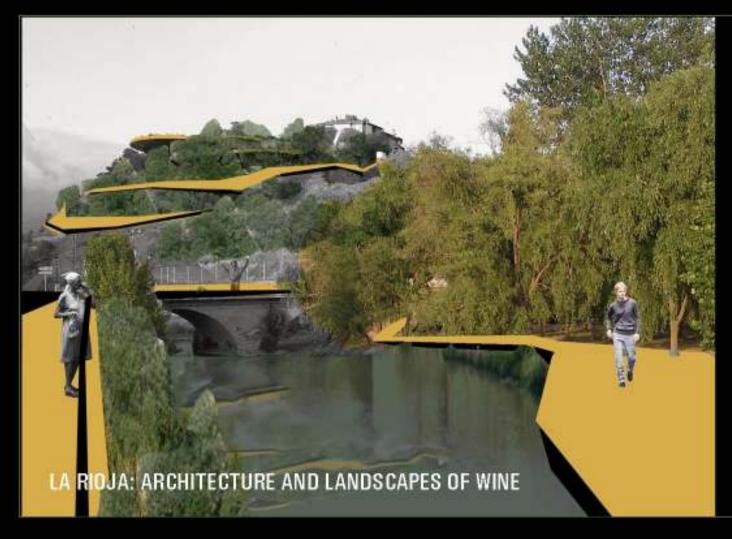
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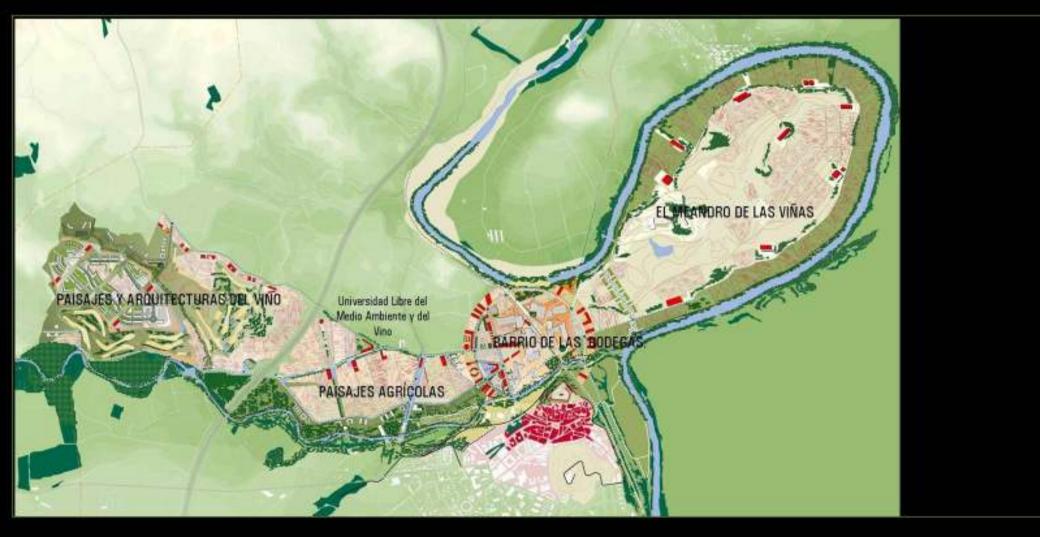
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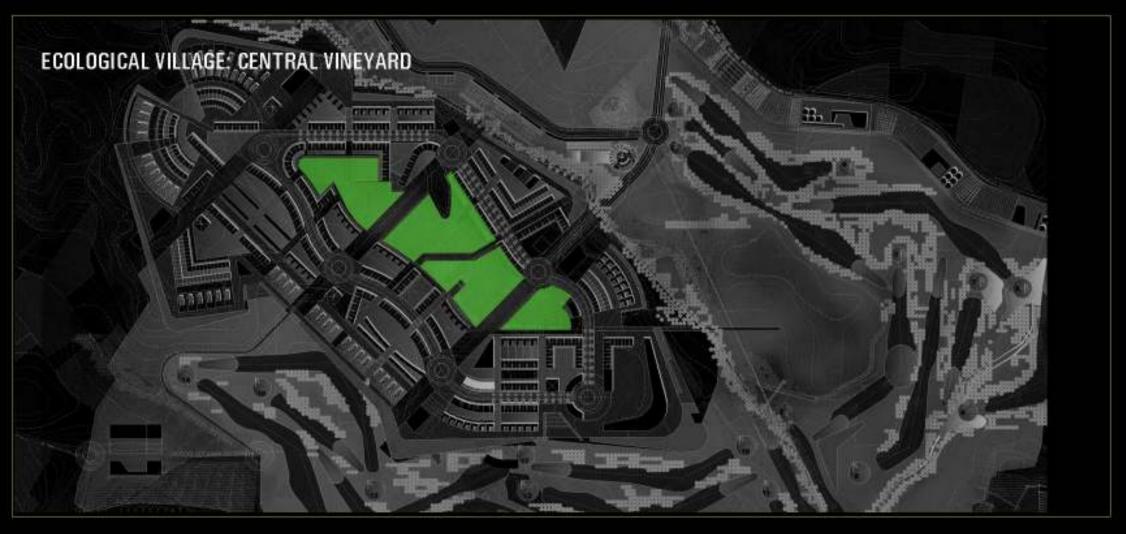






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