

Redevelopment project for a land-sea alliance

Building a forward-looking approach to identify pathways for adapting to climate change without sacrificing socio-economic dynamics

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The Land-Sea Interface

The land-sea interface has become a critical issue for spatial planning at both global and local scales, without obscuring the ocean's own future, which will remain crucial.

What should we reasonably do with our shorelines, and how should we reconceptualize the territorial depth of the coastal zone? What changes are we prepared to accept to preserve a livable future for our coasts? Perceptions of environmental, climatic, and socioeconomic stakes are becoming increasingly localized. This is true of local policy debates, as well as of ADEME's scenario projections and the commitments of European programs such as Plan Bleu (Blue Plan).

The **vulnerability** of coastal territories is **not new** and results from **a combination of factors**, including:

- the coast's allure, which has driven residential overdevelopment, saturation of uses, a continuous and vulnerable linear urbanization pattern, and excessive tourist pressure;
- growing awareness of the effects of sea-level rise;
- the necessary redistribution of activities along the oceanfront and their connection to the hinterland.

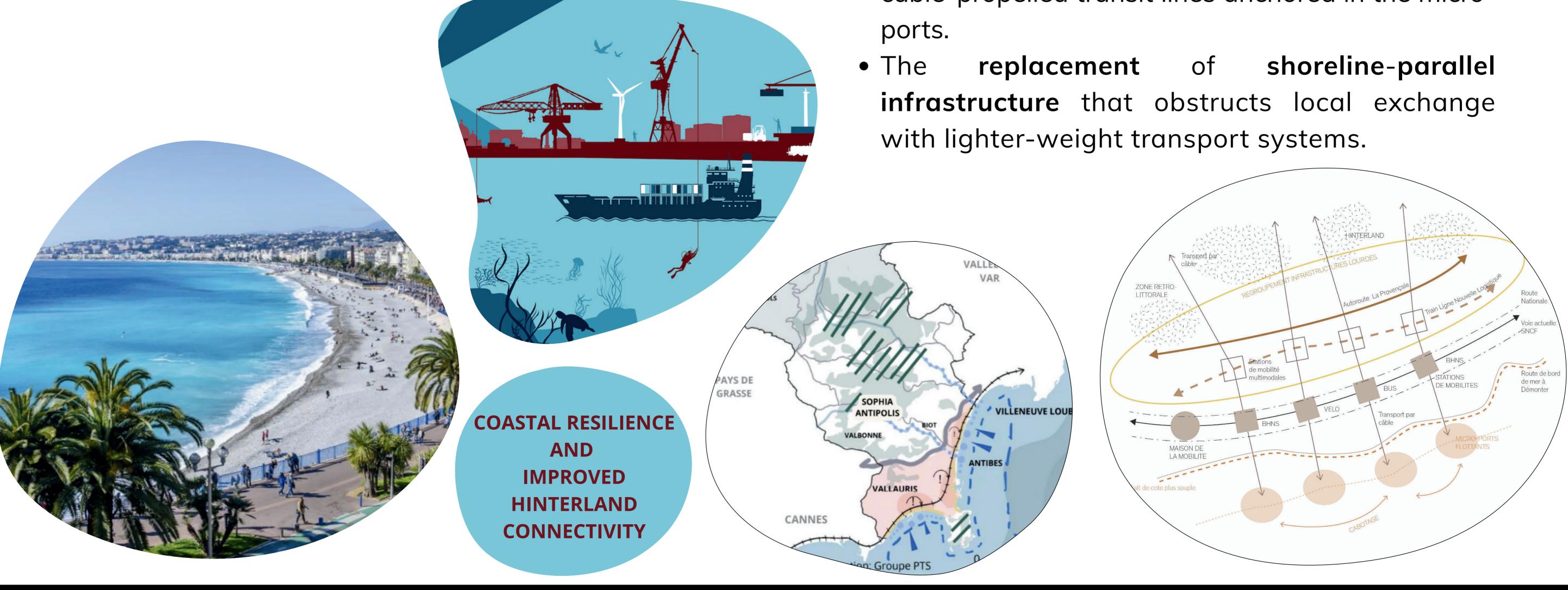


A New Land-Sea Alliance

Reclaiming the coast involves renaturing the land-sea interfaces, respecting biodiversity, and allowing the coastline to evolve freely.

This is achieved by developing new mobility networks based on:

- A **string** of floating **micro-ports** independent of coastal hazards and the flooding risks affecting the french railway network, **interconnected** by an all-**electric maritime shuttle** system. No retrofitting of existing infrastructure is required.
- A gridded network of multimodal mobility stations.
- A new network of logistical, tourist, and residential mobilities, organized according to an orthogonal backshore system and connected to this string of ports, serving hinterland territories by means of cable-propelled transit lines anchored in the microports.



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