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Living on water

The example of Paris as a new living port

Paris, France

Where ?

There are 380 million square kilometres of water on Earth, yet **only 2% of it is livable**. These are our rivers, lakes, lagoons, estuaries, and the sheltered waters in our cities and ports. Take **Paris**, for example: once primarily a commercial port, it is now evolving into a vibrant **urban waterfront**, a shared living space for all its citizens.

Who ?

In Paris, riverfront spaces are rare but **highly visible**. They are reserved for **exemplary community projects**, focused on health, art, solidarity, hospitality, sport, leisure, and culture.

While the Port of Paris remains a **commercial hub** essential to the city's development, **growing diversity and innovation** are transforming it into a **shared space for all residents**.

How ?

In Paris, the river is no longer obstructed by polders or other constructions that encroach on natural space. Instead of pile-supported buildings vulnerable to floods and rising waters, the city now embraces **floating architecture**, designed for resilience, modularity, and flexibility.

Movable construction is key to long-term sustainability and minimal environmental impact. **SEINE DESIGN** is a leading design team contributing to this global effort, with more than **forty floating projects** delivered in Paris and cities around the world.

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