



When the Nantes shipyards closed in 1987, they left behind not only physical scars but a strong impact on the local community. The city's regeneration plan is transforming the industrial area into a sustainable living, working and leisure environment.

### BACKGROUND

shipyards closed in 1987 leaving an industrial wasteland



Nantes wanted to create a leisure, living and business space for all  
&  
rebuild connections with the river

### PHASE I (2000-2010)

public spaces reconfigured  
&  
new links with river: access roads, bridges and footpaths  
&  
a new creative hub: creative and cultural entrepreneurs move into former industrial premises



“ *The creative quarter is the result of 20 years of Nantes cultural policies. But it is also a starting point. Thanks to the creative quarter, a new economy has been born... Nantes could become one of the European capitals of cultural and creative industries. But to exist tomorrow, we need to recognise this and invest today.*

*Jean Marc Ayrault, former president of Nantes Metropole (1989-2012)*

### PHASE II (2010-2030)

projects for new eco-district and new creative district  
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new transport network with a focus on sustainable mobility  
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redeveloping railway land to create bike paths and parks



### NUMBERS AND FIGURES

450,000  
m<sup>2</sup> of offices and business sites

10,000  
new housing units

23%  
social housing

350,000  
m<sup>2</sup> of new infrastructure

160  
hectares of reclaimed land