

Presentation of the Grenoble area Town Planning Agency and its territory of intervention

The 1967 law governing land orientation set up, for the large built-up areas, the system of Town Planning Agencies, with two objectives :

- Promote the development of public and permanent urban studies organisms;
- Create a decentralized meeting space for local authorities, the various state administrations concerned by planning issues and the other economic partners.

Opened in 1967, the Grenoble Agency was one of the first Town Planning Agencies to be created from this model. Today, the Agency's reference perimeter has been extended to 157 municipalities, which corresponds to the perimeter of the "Schéma directeur"(document giving the main lines for planning over a specific area) and covers 623 000 inhabitants (about two-thirds of the population of the Isère region).

This space answers the need, identified by the area's different representative bodies, to enhance an urban region rich in variety. The Town Planning Agency is an associative tool with which the elected representatives have endowed themselves, to enable them to reflect and act on the development of their area. The Town Planning Agency is at the heart of decisions concerning the future of town and country planning and sustainable development : follow-up of local projects, implementation and follow-up of the "Schéma directeur", observation of the districts, explanation and application of the law on Solidarity and Urban Renewal.

In its role as a partnership tool, the Town Planning Agency carries out studies and provides assistance to owners on behalf of its members which are : the state, the "Conseil General" (which is the executive administration of the region), the built-up area community of Grenoble (Métro), the "syndicat mixte" (group of elected representatives in charge of the development and the implementation of the "schéma directeur"), the "syndicat mixte" of public transports, several public institutions of inter-districts cooperation and some municipalities in the area it covers.

Its work for the "Métro" on the development and the application of Pic Urban file is part of its partnership programme: this file is of great interest to the "Métro", but also to the five municipalities where the Pic Urban is in place. This surface joins with the necessity identified by the territory's actors to gather an urban region rich of its diversities.