

SciencesPo

URBAN SCHOOL

GROUP PROJECTS



Master of Regional and Urban Strategy
Master in Governing the Large Metropolis
Master Governing Ecological Transitions in European Cities
Urban planning programme
Executive Master of Territorial Governance and
Urban Development

Master's programmes at the Sciences Po Urban School offer unique training in urban and regional governance. All our Master's programmes include a compulsory module called the "Urban School Group project" designed for both full-time students and those in continuing education.

Full-time programmes: the module is completed in the first year of the Master of Regional and Urban Strategy, the Master in Governing the Large Metropolis (GLM), the Master in Governing Ecological Transitions in European Cities (GETEC) and the Master of Urban Planning.

The Regional and Urban Strategy programme prepares students for strategic and line positions in urban and regional planning in France and Europe, while the GLM programme focuses on the governance and urban policy issues of major world cities. The GETEC Master trains to manage the ecological transitions in European cities. Lastly, the Urban Planning programme is designed for students and young professionals seeking an advanced specialisation in urban development, urban planning and real estate, and who have completed at least one year of a Master's programme.

Continuing education: The Executive Master of Regional Governance and Urban Development is a degree course for experienced managers who want to help strengthen the culture and practice of cooperation for urban and/or regional development.

WHAT DOES THE GROUP PROJECT BRING?

The group project is central to teaching and learning at the Urban School. Thanks to this original module, students get to work on a full-scale problematic from a public, private or non-profit organisation.

The assignments allow partners to:

- take advantage of the research and teaching expertise developed at the Urban School
- benefit from quality studies and outputs
- draw on a capacity for innovation

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The organisation and management are identical for all the Urban School Master's programmes:

- The project is jointly monitored by the management of the Urban School Master's programmes and the partners at every phase;
- A coordinator and a treasurer are appointed among the students at the start of the project;
- A practitioner or academic tutor, expert on the subject, provides regular methodological supervision.

WHAT IS THE FINAL PRODUCT?

- Written reports and PowerPoint presentations;
- Exhibitions, videos;
- Organisation of study trips and seminars;
- Public presentations of results;
- Spatial designs: plans, sections, façades, models (for the Master of Urban Planning)
- etc...

WHO CAN SUGGEST A GROUP PROJECT?

- Local authorities;
- Companies;
- Local non-profits;
- NGOs;
- Consulting firms;
- Design and engineering firms;
- Urban planning or development agencies;
- Government bodies;
- National institutions, etc.

SOME EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMATICS AND DELIVERABLES

REGIONAL AND URBAN STRATEGY

“Better life in the city in hot times: innovative experiences to refresh the cities”, project carried out for the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations

“Citizen participation at the level of large cities, large inter-municipalities and metropolitan areas”, study realised for France urbaine

“How care transforms the city and real estate”, study carried out for Nexity

GLM

“The airport of the future”, project realised for Aéroports de Paris

“Valuation of data in the city”, study realised for AIMF

“Sustainable cities qualitative comparative study with application of Arcadis Sustainable Cities Index 2018”, project carried out for Arcadis

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“Urban Land Commons in Mexico City”, project carried out for AFD

“Urban impacts of the arrival of line 18 of the Grand Paris Express on the Massy Opera district”, study carried out for Massy Palaiseau

“Ecological and participatory developments in peri-urban areas”, project realised for Rennes métropole

EXECUTIVE MASTER

“Identifying the conditions for successful dialogue between businesses and the Métropole du Grand Paris”, study realised for EDF Grand Paris and the Métropole du Grand Paris

“Development of a decision support tool under the Action Coeur de ville programme”, project carried out for Epareca

“Proposals for Olympic Village Resilience”, project realised for Une autre ville

WHAT MAKES A GOOD PROJECT?

Each group project is defined through a joint discussion between the partner and the Urban School Master’s team. A good project:

- addresses issues that are important for the partners;
- is achievable within the relevant programme’s time frame and with the resources available;
- gives a clear definition of the problem or issue to be addressed;
- has realistic and precise expectations of the results for the group

PROPOSING A PROJECT: HOW TO CHOOSE?

	URBAN PLANNING	REGIONAL AND URBAN STRATEGY	GETEC	GLM	EXECUTIVE MASTER GTDU
Topic of study	City planning and projects, transport planning and infrastructure, urban renewal and housing, urban policy, urban planning and development, property development and economics, urban projects	Fields include public policy, economic development, regional business strategies, urban planning and development, social policy, sustainable development policy, etc.	European energy policies, corporate environmental strategies, legal and economic issues, risk management, biodiversity, mobility, circular economy and resilience, etc	Major cities and their governance, economic development, social inclusion, mobility and transport issues, regulation of water supply, energy policy, etc.	Urban development, regional governance, and partnership and/or institutional strategy in a wide range of fields (big data, planning, mobility, CSR, housing, public services, citizenship and inclusive cities, etc.)
Language	French	French	English, exceptionally French or Spanish	English, exceptionally French or Spanish	French
Duration	9 months from October to the end of June (2 days per week)	9 months from September to mid-June (1.5 days per week)	9 months from September to mid-June (1.5 days per week)	5 months from January to mid-June (1.5 days per week)	6 months from March to October (50 hours)
Typical schedule	<p>March-July: the partner makes a project proposal and defines specifications</p> <p>September: the commission is finalised, teams are formed, the tutor is chosen</p> <p>October-December: first phase of the project</p> <p>December: interim deliverables</p> <p>January-April: second phase of the project and fieldwork</p> <p>May-June: the assignment concludes with the final deliverables</p>	<p>April-September: project proposals are made and specifications defined</p> <p>October-November: discussion and finalisation of projects and agreements</p> <p>January-February: first phase of the project</p> <p>March-April: interim deliverables</p> <p>May-June: final deliverables</p>	<p>November-January: project proposals are made and specifications defined</p> <p>Early March: commissions are finalised, teams formed, the tutor is chosen</p> <p>Late March: project launch with the steering committee: team introductions, guidelines on the commission and deliverables, identification of key people to contact</p> <p>Mid-June: presentation of the project methodology, action plan and appraisal</p> <p>Mid-October: final deliverables submitted</p>		

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

WHEN TO SUBMIT A GROUP PROJECT REQUEST?

- Regional and Urban Strategy, GETEC and Urban planning: between March and July for a start in September or October
- GLM: between April and October for a start in December
- Executive Master: between October and January for a start in March

FORMALISING THE PROPOSAL

All interested institutions must complete a document containing:

- a description of the organisation (office/department),
- a summary of the commission with the skills required and the deliverables expected.

THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT*

The partner and Sciences Po sign an agreement clearly stating the objectives and conditions of the assignment entrusted to the group project.

FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION*

Partners provide funding to:

- cover the project's running costs (such as travel expenses) and payment of the tutors;
- help finance study trips—an essential part of our Master's students' training—to ensure they are affordable for everyone.

The budget is rigorously monitored by the Urban school's executive management team and Finance Department.

*These terms vary for the Executive Master. Please contact Charlotte Halpern for more information.

SOME PARTNERS 2019-2020

REGIONAL AND URBAN STRATEGY

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Agglomération de Lisieux
- ARS - Sciences Po
- Atelier des territoires
- AVISE
- Caisse des dépôts
- CGET
- Cœur de Lorraine
- GRDF
- IHEDATE
- Nexity
- Régions de France
- RTE
- SNCF
- Syntec Numérique

GLM

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Association internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF)
- AREP
- EDF
- EGIS Conseil
- Groupe ADP
- Institut Paris Région
- OECD - Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC)
- SNCF Hubs and connexions
- Société du Grand Paris

EXECUTIVE MASTER

- Epareca
- Une autre ville

URBAN PLANNING PROGRAMME

- Altaréa Cogedim
- ANMA (Agence Nicolas Michelin & Associés)
- Aquitanis
- EPA Belval
- EPA Saclay
- Métropole du Grand Paris
- Rennes Métropole

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