

GiPA, founder and member

Foundation of the “Megacities Institute”

Non-profit Association, headquarters in Paris

- ▶ **Megacities represent 20% of the world’s population**
- ▶ **An open research platform for companies, local authorities and universities**
- ▶ **A mobility study covering 21 megacities is already under way**

Background

According to the United Nations, in 2015 there were already 71 megacities of more than 5 million inhabitants around the world. There will be 104 by 2030! These megacities exacerbate all the problems encountered by city dwellers: noise, pollution, automobile congestion, lack of parking space, limited green spaces, and problems with the supply of water, energy and food.

Ambition

The aim of the “Megacities Institute” is to study the variety of solutions implemented by the megacities around the world to solve these problems, assess them and disseminate them. The Institute is thus looking to promote new solutions based on current and future technologies, to make these cities more welcoming to humans and indeed to all living species as a whole. Finally, the Institute will attempt to identify the expectations of the populations by questioning them and involving them in various initiatives.

The “Megacities Institute” is a non-profit association. It is a research platform open to all contributors, whether companies, local authorities, or universities, in France, Europe and worldwide.

Initial results

The “Megacities Institute” has begun working, more specifically on a global mobility study. This study, being carried out by GiPA experts, is surveying individuals of all ages in 21 megacities in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Asia. The results will be presented next June.

Other initiatives will shortly be up and running. The “Megacities Institute” is open to proposals from companies, local authorities and universities.

"I am very pleased that GiPA is participating in the foundation of the Megacities Institute. We will work together towards a better knowledge and awareness of the needs of the inhabitants living in the megacities and consequently of the solutions to the issues raised." Eric Devos, CEO GiPA Group.

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