HOW TO DEAL WITH URBAN FRONTAGE?
PARIS REGION MASTER PLANNING HANDBOOK

Situational analysis and public policies

PROJECT
To illustrate the implementation of the Paris Region’s Planning and Urban Development Master Plan (the SDRIF), the IAU has published a series of practical guides for regional and local planning authorities, elected officials and technicians working for combined or inter-municipal authorities and local councils, as well as for planners, urbanists and architects. These guides help to refine and disseminate the key concepts of the SDRIF. Paris Region Master Planning handbook no. 3, entitled “How to Deal with Urban Frontage?”, clarifies the physical and landscaping links that need to be developed between town and country and between built-up areas and open spaces. The aim is to give concrete examples of good practices relating to the treatment of urban frontage in planning documents, including the impact on development projects of the variable maximum thickness of such frontage.

METHOD
For this work, the IAU sought the help of internal experts, external partners and local stakeholders. It also made use of IAU research studies, revisions of the regional master plan as well as feedback from, and exchanges with, a broad range of interested parties.

RESULTS
The outcome of co-construction between all these players, this practical guide first presents the urban frontage concept, then briefly takes stock of the situation in the Paris Region and provides good-practice sheets on urban frontage as well as various tools and procedures that make it possible to meet this challenge in practical ways.

PRODUCTS