HOW TO FOSTER URBAN INTENSIFICATION?
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.1 “How to Foster Urban Intensification?” illustrates the idea of urban compactness, which is sometimes difficult for people to accept locally. The goals of keeping urban sprawl under control and of reducing the need to travel encourage the search for a new urban model featuring a denser, better equipped and better serviced town or city. Working on the existing urban fabric is a difficult and demanding task. The aim is to provide good practices that meet the needs of responsible and successful urban intensification.

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 intensification concept, then briefly takes stock of the situation in the Paris region and provides good-practice sheets on urban intensification as well as various tools and procedures that make it possible to meet this challenge in practical ways.

PRODUCTS