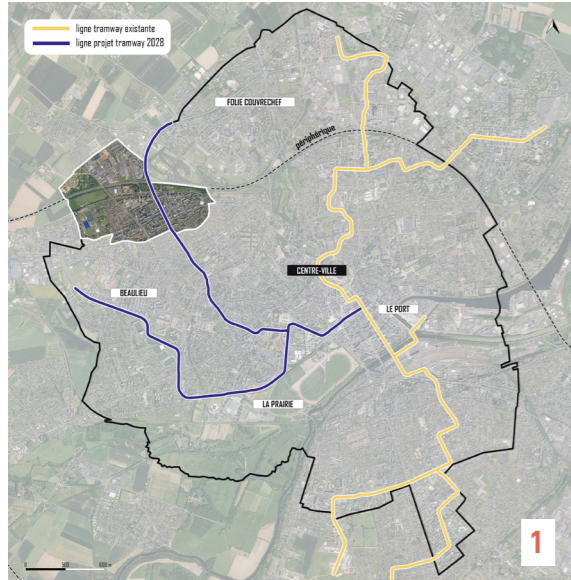


# CAEN (FR) – CHEMIN VERT NEIGHBOURHOOD – JACQUARD MOLIERE SITE – PILOTE SITE



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The City of Caen (1) is situated in Region Normandy, France. (108 000 inhabitants) at the back of river Orne estuary, which flows into the Channel at Ouistreham, a ferry port heading to Portsmouth. The World War II beaches, a famous historical site and episode of Normandy, are located a few minutes from the City of Caen.

After World War II, in Caen as in many European city, an ambitious programme of reconstruction were launched, driven by the head-architect Marc Brillaud de Laujardière, and Henry Bernard (University), and Marcel Clot, Chemin vert neighbourhood. Today, the qualities of the reconstruction-model of Caen are remarkable, and deserve a great attention. 60 years after the Reconstruction, the urban planning and urbanism department of the city of Caen continues to develop the city.



2

Since 2017, the City of Caen and its partners have been engaged in an urban renewal program for the **Chemin Vert neighbourhood (3)**, located in the northwest of the city. The Chemin Vert district (2) is one of Caen's largest neighbourhoods. It lies between the ring road to the north, the urban ensembles of the Reconstruction era to the south, and mixed housing estates to the east and west. In 2029, the district will be served by the new streetcar line, which will link the project site directly to downtown Caen in 15 minutes.



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Today, the Chemin Vert district is facing persistent dysfunctions: aging housing, a stagnant housing offer, social housing isolation, and commercial fragility.

Public players have expressed their ambition to strengthen this deteriorated social link, revitalize the district and improve the supply of new and existing housing, with a focus on the Jacquard-Molière sector (4). The challenges facing this sector, which includes the site of the former Jacquard secondary school (5), a shopping mall, housing and facilities, are to create a new centrality by opening up the area, building on the existing commercial appeal, developing a new housing offer that will guarantee the mobility of the social housing stock, rethinking the restructuring of public facilities around the site and creating a new streetcar line that will link the district to the city center. The challenge is to recreate a centrality at the heart of the urban and landscape fabric of the Chemin Vert district by openly articulating the multiplicity of programs on the project site (tramway, shops, housing, public services, park) through the prism of social links, conviviality and intergenerational mix.



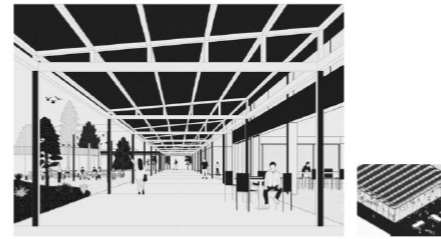
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## EUROPAN 18 – RESULTS- JACQUARD MOLIERE SITE

PROJET MENTION SPÉCIALE



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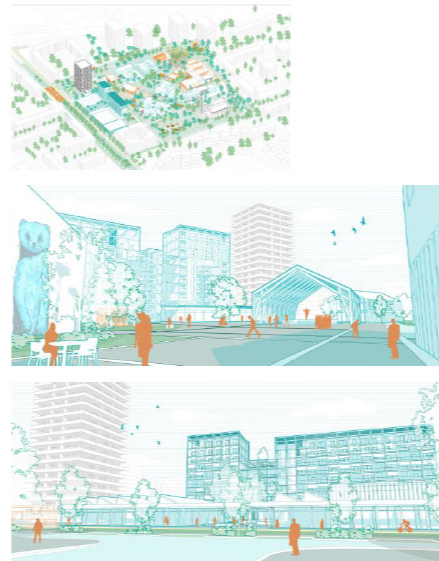
Thus the city of Caen is engaged in European 18, an interdisciplinary competition of architecture, urbanism, landscape for young professionals across Europe. Various European sites participate in the European 18 competition, among which Caen, with the site Jacquard-Molière in Chemin vert neighbourhood, at the north of the city.



The specific subtheme in which Jacquard-Molière site is engaged, "resourcing from social dynamics – promoting open neighbourhoods" matches harmoniously with the scope of the topic of New European Bauhaus facility: Innovative approaches for the spatial design of neighbourhoods (HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-02)

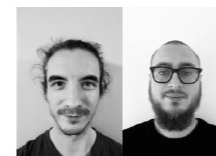
Today, the European 18 Competition has awarded 3 teams of architects and urbanists for the Jacquard-Molière site of Caen, and the Planning Department has launched a workshop programme with the 3 teams in 2026 and the residents of Chemin Vert Neighbourhood.

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At this step, joining a consortium to propose a project of the topic "Innovative approaches for the spatial design of neighbourhoods", would be of great interest for all the parties and would allow maximising the Chemin-vert neighborhood renewal global quality aligning with NEB principles.

The city of Caen can offer :

- High level architect network and partners across Europe
- Academical-level researches and publications neighbourhood, citizens and ecological-practices-adoption-centered (2 French universities are involved in on-site researches with the city of Caen). Researches publications are to be released in spring 2026.
- Long-term involvement of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood in the renewal programme
- Strong experience of citizens-engagement practices (local city-facility organise the participation-process)
- Open-mindedness and desire to work with multidisciplinary approaches through European Union to trigger a high-quality neighbourhood renovation for Caen Chemin vert
- Political support of the city council
- Contributions for policies recommendations and verified and managed datas

Thus, Caen could be a pilote site of great interest and high-quality level for a consortium of partners, offering guaranties to delivering tasks and meeting deadlines.

The consortium of European partners can offer to Caen :

- The possibility to perform a better, thorough and smarter renovation programme thanks to an holistic approach aligned with New European Bauhaus values and principles.

