

VALENCE ROMANS CAPITALE DES START-UP DE TERRITOIRE

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VALENCE ROMANS ON ITS WAY TO BECOMING A FAB CITY

At 7pm on Wednesday 14 October, the territory of Valence Romans officially joined the Fab City international network. This is a network of cities, metropolitan areas and local authorities of all sizes on every continent that are working towards self-sufficiency by 2054. In doing so, Valence Romans has set out on an exciting new international venture: to inspire and be inspired by the world beyond.

Announced at the Fab City International Summit starting today, this is tremendous news for Valence Romans: it is now a member of the Fab City network. Along with the candidate cities of Linz in Austria and Zadar in Croatia and the region of Bas-Saint-Laurent in Quebec, it has joined a worldwide network of cities and territories committed to becoming self-sufficient: Barcelona, Madrid, San Francisco, Boston, Mexico City, São Paulo, and more; and in France: Paris, Brest, Rennes, Occitanie Region and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region. Its bid is being championed locally by FabT.

HOW VALENCE ROMANS' BID WAS UNIQUE

Valence Romans is a medium-sized territory, which makes it stand out in a network made up mainly of large urban centres (around 40 of them). Valence Romans is both an urban and a rural area, a 'smart hub' where farming, tourism, industrial subcontracting, the animated image and the digital economy all rub shoulders. Neither too big, nor too small, it is the perfect size to foster innovation through a proximity, cooperation and solidarity. This territory has proven its resilience and its ability to reinvent economic growth. For example, it has been working towards food autonomy for years. Valence Romans is also a positive energy territory, earning official TEPOS status. Lastly, Valence Romans is the birthplace of the Start-up de Territoire initiative, the purpose of which is to start up businesses by and for the local area with a positive social and environmental impact.

A NEW MODEL OF THE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CITY

The Fab City network began in Barcelona in 2014. It brings together cities and regions experimenting with new urban models designed to be resilient and sustainable. These territories have risen to the challenge of developing a circular economy instead of a linear one and producing locally most of what they consume by 2054.

Economists predict that by 2054, 70% of the planet's population will live in cities, hence the urgency of coming up with new models.

FIND OUT MORE

- ❖ Fab City Network > fab.city
- ❖ Bid declaration by Nicolas Daragon, President of Valence Romans Agglo and President of FabT > [Le film de candidature](#)

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