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- From Port cities, historical gateways between Europe and the world, to the cities playing the gateway role today
- Taking in consideration how the maritime dimension impacts on inland development
- How to apply the strategic approach to urban development
- Evaluating the urban impact of economic change
- Analysing how the infrastructure development strengthens relationships between cities and territories
- Reflecting on how European policies act for development and cohesion of the European territory
- Smart planning: how technological and cultural innovation impacts on urban development

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