

# LOGISTIC SPRAWL AND THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF GOODS' MOVEMENTS IN PARIS

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# **Objectives**

- TO VERIFY THE PROCESS OF 'LOGISTIC SPRAWL' USING THE CASE OF PARCEL TRANSPORT TERMINALS IN THE PARIS REGION
- TO DISCUSS ITS IMPACTS ON PARIS URBAN GOOD'S MOVEMENTS IN TERMS OF CO2 EMISSIONS
- TO DISCUSS POLICY IMPLICATIONS









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## Introduction

- Paris: 32 tonnes of goods per inhabitant per year
- Ambitious freight transport strategy since 2002: city logistics experiments
- Paris Region: 'flight' of many logistics facilities to the suburbs
- Parcel and express transport market: an important share of goods' transport in large European cities (Paris)







Paris Region: the Ile-de-France region and its eight departments





- Context:
- 1965: the Paris region's Land Use Master Plan Development of 'new towns' around Paris
- Severe land pressure in Paris, urban renewal projects
  1960s and 1970s: centrifugal locational pattern for logistics and transport companies
- Cost of land in Paris: obstacle to the development of vast and modern logistics facilities @ possible in the far suburbs





















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• A centrographic analysis: movement of the barycentre of 1,78 km to the East and 2,19 km to the South.

Distance from the barycentre	1974	2008
	6 km	16 km
Distance from the centre of Paris	1974	2008
	5 km	16 km

Confirmation of 'logistic sprawl' of parcel transport terminals.









# **CO2** impact assessment of logistic sprawl

- Focused on the direct consequence of logistics sprawl, i.e an additional 10 km necessary to reach the Parisian destinations
  - → 15,000 tonnes of CO2 generated per year

**Comparison with the CO2 emission of:** 

- freight transport in Paris: 1.7 million tonnes of CO2 emitted each year
- city logistics experiments in Paris: about 500 tonnes avoided each year







# Logistic planning and public policy issues

- Land use planning in France: decisions on land use depend on municipalities
  - → very fragmented
- Local attitudes towards logistics terminals
  - favourable: providing industrial jobs
  - against: generating noise, truck traffic and safety problems

Final choice for the location of logistics terminals: an agreement between a developer and a local community





# Logistic planning and public policy issues

- Master Plan for the lle-de-France region (SDRIF):
  - The new SDRIF (2008): no mention of road terminals and warehouses
  - Incoherence between SDRIF recommendations and municipalities' specific land use planning and building permit decisions

A solution would be the adoption of a more integrated planning approach under a regional authority





# Shall we try to have logistics terminals back in cities?

#### • The policy of the City of Paris

- > The City allocates logistics spaces within parking facilities it owns
- Bid for tender: the most environmentally friendly operator is the winner and can use the space at a low rent
- Chronopost Concorde, La Petite Reine, Colizen are examples of operators using the spaces
- They can be large companies (Chronopost) or start-ups (La Petite Reine, Colizen)
- Today 5 logistics spaces are in operation, 2 are planned in the immediate future

#### • The example of Japanese cities

Multiple story terminals in urban zones or logistics activities on the first floors of multi use buildings















