

CURRICULUM VITAE PABLO DE OTAOLA

Date and place of birth: Born in 1953, in Bilbao (Spain)

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EDUCATION

Civil engineer with specialty in urban planning and transport. Polytechnic University of Madrid (1978).

Languages: Spanish (native)

French (fluent written and spoken)

English (fluent written and spoken)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since January 2019 I am in a sabbatical period, writing and researching.

From June 2004 to December 2018

Director of the "Comisión Gestora de Zorrotzaurre" a public-private entity responsible for the urban development of the future island of Zorrotzaurre (Bilbao). It is chaired by the Major of Bilbao.

The objective of the project is the transformation of an industrial area of 830.000 m², located in the estuary of Bilbao, to create a new neighbourhood with 5.500 housing units, offices, shops and cultural spaces. All this in a project designed by the architect Zaha Hadid (Pritzker Prize 2004).

See www.zorrotzaurre.com

2003-2004

Director of the project for the extension of the Valencian Institute of Modern Art (IVAM). Authors SANAA (Pritzker Prize 2010).

2001-2003

Deputy Director of the Valencian Institute of Modern Art (IVAM). Ministry of Education and Culture of the Valencia's Region.

1993-2000

General Director of Bilbao Ria 2000, a public company created at the end of 1992 and shared 50% between the Federal Administration and the Basque authorities (Basque Government, Bizkaia Province, Bilbao and Barakaldo city halls).

Chaired by the Mayor of Bilbao, its objective is the recovery of the Bilbao metropolitan area through actuaciones combining urban planning, transport and environment.

See www.bilbaoria2000.org

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Internationally, I have collaborated in the following projects:

- Since 2009** Member of the "Quality Circle" of Euralens. An initiative for the development of the area around the city of Lens (France) in relation with the new Louvre Museum.
- 2017-2018** Coastal front of the Nantes-Saint Nazaire metropolis (France).
- 2015-2016** Inter-ministerial Mission for the Metropolitan project in Marseille (France).
- 2005** Coastal project in Asuncion (Paraguay). Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2004** Plan for the Bogotá Centre (Colombia). Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2001-02** Project "Île de Nantes". City of Nantes (France).
- 1998** Urban Plan of the City of Bogotá (Colombia).

From 1998 to 2000 member of the International Brownfield Exchange (IBE), participating as an expert in the several meetings of the IBE that took place in Buffalo and Chicago (USA), Toronto (Canada) and Dessau (Germany) and the National Conference Brownfield in Dallas (United States).

OTHERS

- Medal for professional merits of the Spanish Association of civil engineers (2009).

- Member of the jury of the following international competitions:
 - . 2015. Urban and Territorial Consultation in Marseille (France). Laureate teams Christian Devillers & Associates, LIN (Finn Geipel) and SEURA (David Mangin).
 - . 2010. Urban planning for the design of the project « Île Nantes » in Nantes (France). Laureate team Marcel Smets.
 - . 2004. Design of the headquarters of Euskotren in Durango (Spain). Laureate Zaha Hadid Architects.
 - . 2001. Design of the Convention Centre in Cordoba (Spain). Laureate Rem Koolhaas.
 - . 2001. Grand Prix of Urbanism in France. Laureate Jean-Louis Subileau.