

## #34. SEAFRONT IN VEULES-LES-ROSES

### Location:

Veules-les-Roses, France

Year: 2013

### Theme(s):

Partnership/ Inclusivity/ Stakeholder involvement

Languages: English/ French

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### WHY IS THIS A GOOD EXAMPLE?

What once used to be a fishing harbour has been transformed into a 21st century modern and popular resort. The site is strongly marked by the high cliffs bordering its beach. Exhume the Veules, the smallest river in France, whose bed has been erased by the post war works, has been brought back to life as an integral part of the place. This resort shows the full concept, being an innovative, sustainable and transferable example of a river passage reconstruction, the connection with the waterfront, and its use as an open public space for everybody.



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### DESCRIPTION

Close to Etretat, the small resort of Veules-les-Roses suffered from bomb damage during the Second World War and then from the post war reconstruction, which channelled the river and covered it with a parking lot. The project, which focuses on the entire seafront has consisted, initially, of redeveloping the promenade and equipment related to the tourist season (games and paddling). The river, whose bed had been erased by the post war works, is now showcasing it as part of the reconstruction of the site, giving way to a freshwater garden along the river. It is composed of a large wooden deck, rounded and comfortable benches, a viewpoint on a pier extending into the sea, playgrounds and a paddling pool for children.

#### Owner

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