Why Space?

Urban Development and Social Safety Nets
Because Economic activity is distributed unevenly

Distribution of GDP per capita by NUTS-3 region

Data source: Eurostat
Because where you live and transport access affects you access to jobs

Douala, Population (height) and Accessibility (color)

Kigali, Accessibility to Employment Opportunities
IN PORT-AU-PRINCE THE SHARE OF OPPORTUNITIES ACCESSIBLE WITHIN AN HOUR DRAMATICALLY DECREASES WHEN USING COLLECTIVE TRANSPORT OR WALKING

Share of Port-au-Prince’s opportunities accessible within a given time-frame depending on the transport mode used
Source: Author’s own elaboration at Flowmonitor/WorldPop using OSM data
Opportunities accessible within 60 minutes of walking

Port-au-Prince

88%
Because informality is prevalent in most cities we work in
And such slums are often located on marginal land.
Doe Community: Monrovia
SHAPING LABOR MARKETS: CONNECTIVITY, JOBS AND RISKS

- Increase speeds through more investments and enhanced efficiency
- Increase affordability of collective transport
- Strengthen coordination of land use and transport investments for better resilience
MOVING FROM RECONSTRUCTION TO RESILIENT URBAN PLANNING FOR A BRIGHTHER FUTURE

IN THE SHORT TERM: INVEST TO ADDRESS BASIC SERVICE DEFICITS

IN THE MEDIUM TERM: LEVERAGE INFORMATION TO FACILITATE COORDINATED DECISION MAKING

IN THE LONG TERM: STRENGTHEN PROPERTY RIGHTS AND PROMOTE REFORMS FOR IMPROVED URBAN GOVERNANCE

FOR HAITI'S LARGEST CITIES: BUILD FRAMEWORKS FOR MUNICIPAL COOPERATION
Lagging regions and EU Cohesion Policy (2 of 2)

- **Cohesion program** is the largest single budget item in the EU (bigger even than CAP) – more than €50 billion annually, with the express of supporting cohesion... primarily through regional policy

- Planning and budgeting done in 7-year cycles

**Key funds for Cohesion Policy (budget in 2014-20 period)**

- European Regional Development Fund (€200b)
- Cohesion Fund (€64b)
- European Social Fund (€89b)
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (€85b)
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (€6.4b)

- Now is a critical moment in planning for the 2021-2027 programming period

The question for the EU is: how to spend what will increasingly be more limited available funds for regional policies in order to have the biggest impact?