# OECD URBAN LOGISTICS HUBS ROUNDTABLE

#### **Session 2: Drivers of Innovation**

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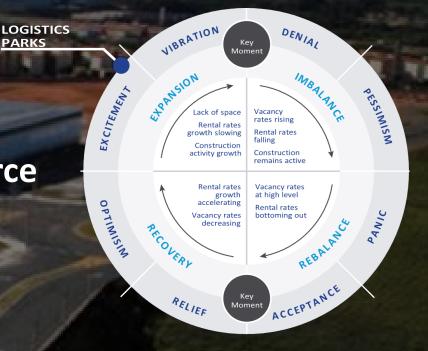
### Global Changes

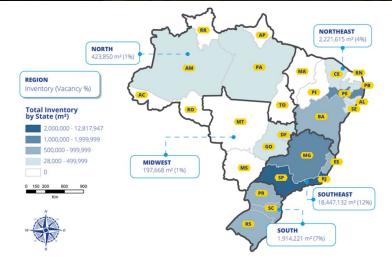
- Dealing with multiple crises: Covid-pandemic, Ukraine war and subsequent impacts (supply chain, economic, energy, labor....)
  - Resilience and Darwinism
- Urbanization: 68% of world population will live in urban areas up to 2050 (United Nations)
  - Brazil: 85% of population, nowadays
  - +50% of the Brazilian population is concentrated in 317 cities vs. 5.568 in total (IBGE)
- E-commerce: Big Star
  - 16% of Brazilian commerce in 2022 vs. 14% in 2021
  - Should represent 25% of Brazilian trade commerce in 5 years
  - has fueled fears of exacerbated competition with traditional retail structure (Dablanc, 2023)
  - Omnichannel



# Logistics Real Estate: Brazil

- Has been skyrocketing, driven by e-commerce
- 17% growth in 2022: 23.2M m<sup>2</sup> (triple A)
- 12% growth projection in 2023: 25.9M m<sup>2</sup>
- Next 5 to 7 years: 50M m², approx.
- Market Potential: +100M m²

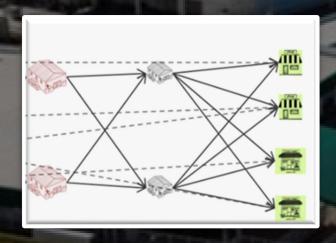






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- Urban logistics hubs shortage: demand growing
- Shortcut: players employed to increase mini hubs availability:
  - Old properties/factories acquisition and retrofit: co-warehousing, cross docking, last mile





- São Paulo city:
  - 0.34M m<sup>2</sup> already retrofitted
  - +0.52M m<sup>2</sup> to be delivered up to the end of 2024



## Survey-Investigation: Abralog & Afilog (June 2022)

Dealing with Crises – The new normal for Logistics Real Estate in Brazil and France

Turnover for the past two years increased

High inflation and interest rates

Very impacted by war in Ukraine, mainly French developer

Supply chain disruptions: logistics costs, price volatility, sourcing delays

Inventory increase and the relevance of better anticipating, improve visibility

Supply chain reorganization: better mix - near and fast shoring

Degree of digitization: 50% think it is good (uptake 75% or above)

Sustainability integrated in the stakeholder's agenda

New sources of energy

Labor shortage: non-qualified and qualified Developers, facility owners, constructors, investors', specific challenges

Perspectives for next 2 years: stakeholders' express optimism







## Survey Conclusions

- Specific challenges for developers, facility owners and investors of logistics real estate: staff hiring, finding land, rising costs and administrative delays
- Urban land for logistics activities remains a key issue
- Companies start to look at how to specifically address energy and sustainability challenges
- Solar energy with photovoltaic panels on roofs and battery electric lorries are the most identified solutions
- Respondents more inclined towards geothermal and biomass energy (France), hybrid fuels, Bio, CNG and Hydorgen for trucks
- Policy-makers need to address the administrative delays subject
- The issues of land and labor shortages to be included into national-local policy agendas







#### Drivers: Innovation and City Logistics Improvements

#### Who?

<u>Collaboration, co-operation</u>: public authorities and private sectors working closer to better understand B2B-B2C dynamics and how to tackle challenges

**Academy**: the imperative contribution => knowledge is key

<u>Technology & Digitization</u>: available, to be explored => urban hub's locations, size, network optimization, urban freight analytics, routing, etc.

#### **Positive Impacts**

<u>Logistics</u>: balanced network (UCC, Hubs), flow optimization, better throughput and costs, alternatives transportation model (cargo bikes, autonomous vehicles, drones), renewable energies. etc.

<u>Social & Environmental</u>: urban mobility improvement, livability, decarbonization, circular economy, sustainability, social inclusion, employability, etc.

<u>Regulation Improvement</u>: zones and traffic restrictions, documentations, approval time reduction, bikers' delivery (working time, wages), etc.

<u>Investment</u>: real estate (developers, facility owners, investors, constructors), operators consortium, Public Private Partnership, etc.

