

Logistics and the City: New Issues, New Solutions
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Logistics operations take place in specific premises (warehouses), frequently located in specialised industrial parks called freight villages. These groupings allow firms to share facilities, the provision of basic services to employees and also help the use of transport modes alternative to road haulage.

Various types of freight villages (international, national, local) are located in the territory according to their own rationale and play a part in its structure. Biggest villages locate on the periphery of main metropolitan areas. Public authorities endeavour to include freight villages in their planning approach.

After a first phase of rapid quantitative growth, new demands regarding logistics, concerning social and environmental issues, result in a renewal both of technology and of regional and urban planning methods.