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## ***Cities as an Engine of Development of a Country***

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

"Cities as an engine of development of a country" is the topic of the XXVIII Conference of the Italian National Institute of Urban Planning - INU ([www.inu.it](http://www.inu.it)).

The conference will be held in Salerno, Italy, from the 24th to the 26th of October 2013.

The main topic is divided into three themes:

#### **Theme 1. Urban regeneration as resilience**

Following the great transformation of the contemporary city, the urban policies, in particular those related to urban planning and environment, should change radically. The paradigms which had led to the urban expansion and, later, to the urban transformation, are not valid anymore. The new approach will necessarily begin from the current settlement, economic and environmental conditions, assuming the strategy of adaptability to the specific context. This approach will be aimed at a dimension of sustainability which implies the research of durable balance between availability of environmental resources and their demands of use. It deals not only with promoting new urban regeneration interventions, but also with identifying those parts of the city where the functioning implies a decrease of the resources available for a sustainable growth. Accordingly, the strategy - also answering to the non absorbable effects of the crisis - can be defined of urban regeneration meant as resilience.

This approach includes:

- the exclusion or containment of any new land use that could involve a significant environmental regeneration
- the renaturalization of hydrographic networks
- the housing retrofitting
- the regeneration through functional integration and densification
- the maintenance, upgrading and innovation of infrastructures, also including the new renewable energy networks and those for waste management and disposal

#### **Theme 2. What form of plan and the new tasks of planning**

The process of deep transformation which involves the city and its territory, assigns to the urban planning and its main tool of intervention - the plan - a more important role than the urban expansion and transformation phases of the past. Indeed these require a wider capacity both of interpretation of current phenomenon - also anticipating the future- and of research of more suitable solutions in order to govern a so difficult situation, characterized by a scarcity of resources.

The proposed general strategy of urban regeneration, in order to face the problems of contemporary city, implies a revision of the operative planning techniques.



This includes:

- the regeneration of the existing housing heritage with both a conservation and substitution approach
- the brownfield regeneration, with particular attention to solutions which have effects both on the natural environmental regeneration and on the creation of new public spaces
- the regeneration of public spaces, with inclusion of compatible functions, suitable for the feasibility of the interventions
- the land use for the containment of energy waste, with urban solutions that determine both positive energy behaviors and reduction of requirements
- the sustainable urban mobility, with development of ecological networks connected with the territorial ones.

### **Theme 3. The resources for the government of the territory, the public city and urban welfare**

The new scenario determined by the current crisis, with a further reduction of necessary resources, makes clear that in the future the plan should measure itself with a scarcity of both available and new resources, avoiding any prevision whose feasibility is not guaranteed by a framework of real resources. Sobriety and austerity should be the new "style" of future planning actions. In this sense the theme of "public city" becomes extremely important.

Accordingly, the main questions include:

- the financial resources - local or national - for great infrastructures and hydrological and seismic security of territory
- new forms of social housing, in particular devoted to three social categories - young, ancient people and immigrants.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

In order to enrich the discussion with particularly innovative ideas which can significantly contribute to the construction of the conference thesis, INU encourages the widest participation to the debate not only among the members of the Institute, but also of professionals, public officers and scholars in the field of the territorial government.

All Authors are invited to participate to the general discussion of the Congress. The Authors who will propose particularly significant and innovative ideas in relation to the three conference themes will be invited to become an active part in the sessions that will be held on Friday, October 25th. Outstanding contributions will be mentioned during the Congress. All accepted papers will be published on Urbanistica Informazioni Online journal (with ISSN). Furthermore, if they meet the scientific quality standards of INU-Editions, the papers will be published in "The city government in the contemporaneity. Cities as an engine of development" (provisional title) Book, INU Edizioni, Rome, 2014 (with ISBN). Selected papers may be published in the INU journal "Urbanistica".



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Anyone can propose some reflections in the form of written contribution. Contributions should be sent no later than **September 15th, 2013 at: [segreteria@inu.it](mailto:segreteria@inu.it)**, with indication of the following object: "Author\_Contribution to XXVIII INU Conference \_Theme X" (replacing italics with the author's full name and "X" with the number corresponding to one of the three conference themes). The participation fee is **100 Euro** (reduced to 50 Euro for INU members), to be paid through bank transfer to INU, **IBAN IT 50 Y 01030 03375 000001060961, Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Agenzia 105 in Roma, (Via Giulia 169, CAP 00186 Roma)**, reason: "XXVIII Congresso, Call for paper". The payment of the fee is a mandatory for submitting the contribution. Evidence of the fee payment must be included in the same email used for paper submission. If the paper is not accepted the fee will be refunded.

The acceptance are based on anonymous evaluation by a Scientific Committee appointed by the INU Steering Committee. The eligibility of the paper both for the discussion in the Conference and its subsequent publication depends on the congruence with the conference themes. Papers which contain defamatory or racist contents, or of no interest to the discipline of the government of the territory will not be accepted as well.

The contributions should respect the following formats:

Short text: 8,000 characters including spaces

Short text with 1 image: 6,500 characters including spaces

Long text: 14,000 characters including spaces

Long text: with 1 image: 11,000 characters including spaces

The contributions that do not meet the above formats will not be considered. The editorial board will not make any change on his own initiative in order to make the contributions compatible with the formats indicated by INU Edizioni.

Since the assessment of the contribution is anonymous, please avoid any references to the Author' name within the text.

The publication of the papers in the Proceedings, which may take place after the date of the Congress, depends on the assessment of adequate scientific standard achievement.

The evaluation criteria are as follows: 1. Content relevance with respect to the conference issues, 2. Properties of language, 3. Clarity in the paper organization; 4. Clarity of the objective and sub-objectives; 5. Clarity of methodology; 6. Soundness and clarity of the theoretical basis of classification of the problems treated in the international debate; 7. Originality with respect to disciplinary paradigms and methodologies established on the basis of evidences; 8. Innovation of the discussed thesis and / or operational solutions proposed on the basis of proper argument.

If the contribution meets all the criteria, it will be automatically included into the Conference Proceedings. If the contribution does not reach sufficient levels in one or more criteria, the author will receive instructions by the Scientific Committee.