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Cities and Territories: Verona at the centre of Architects PLC's reflections on Urban Regeneration

Monday, April 22nd – In collaboration with the Municipality of Verona, *“The future of cities: starting again from neighbourhoods”* international conference will take place at Veronafiore Congress Center, Verdi Auditorium, Viale del Lavoro 8, from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

The **contribution the National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists (CNAPPC)** intends to offer to politics through the **“Project of the Future –What Cities and Territories Do We Want to Live In?”** initiative, begins in Verona. Indeed, Verona will host **“The future of cities: starting again from neighbourhoods”** international conference, organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Verona as part of the *Viviamo Verona* Project and scheduled for Monday, April 22nd from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, at the Verdi Auditorium of the Veronafiore Congress Center.

Massimo Crusi, President of the Council of Architects PLC, explains that this project aspires to help shape a new vision of urban regeneration based on the concept of **proximity**, and to give relevance to the numerous draft laws currently addressing this issue. If proximity and **polycentric development** are adopted as fundamental principles for cities and territories, they can become the lever for an innovative urban landscape that is more sustainable, liveable, and interconnected.

Following Verona, the CNAPPC project will continue with initiatives in central and southern Italy. It is supported by the contributions of a dedicated task force of experts and a prestigious international, multidisciplinary Scientific Committee chaired by **Carlos Moreno**, internationally renowned academic, professor at IAE Paris 1 Sorbonne, and creator of the *“15-minute cities”* concept.

Giuseppe Cappochin, Head of the Department for *Urban Reform and the Future of the City*, affirms that “the goal is to provide concrete contributions to the Legislator, public administrations, and public opinion, in order to reimagine the challenge of urban regeneration in our cities and territories. This will be achieved through innovative paradigms of territorial governance, imagining new ways of living, working, and moving around.”

These topics place **Verona**, and other municipalities, in a position of true leadership. Representatives from the City of Verona, **Turin, Bergamo, and Vicenza**, alongside university professors, business leaders, and professionals will discuss and exchange ideas on these themes. The discussions will take place against the backdrop of Verona's new PAT (*Piano di Assetto del Territorio*) (Urban Master Plan) and in light of the new public policies of the city.

Verona's Deputy Mayor and City Planning Councillor, Barbara Bissoli, explains that “this is an important step towards understanding and sharing the vision behind the revision of the Verona's PAT and the importance of the current participatory and listening process involving local districts. Though not part of the procedure regulated by law, this process aims to identify the needs and interests of those living in the neighbourhoods, with the goal of strategically redesigning ‘human’ spaces—places truly suited to those who live there and feel a deep connection with the city.” *“The future of cities: starting again from neighbourhoods”* conference will also be an opportunity to publicly present the concrete objectives of the **Memorandum of Understanding recently signed between the CNAPPC and the Department for Regional Affairs and Autonomies (DARA) of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.**

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