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Press release

Urban Regeneration: a new online platform by Italian architects now available

Presented in Rome and at the Sorbonne University in Paris

At www.cnappc.org, users can find proposals, debates, and the most innovative national and international experiences concerning the future of urban and territorial planning.

Rome, September 5th 2025 – The new web platform of the National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists (CNAPPC) is now online at **www.cnappc.org**. The platform is dedicated to urban regeneration, and it is conceived as a true *agora* for rethinking urban and territorial spaces in Italy, as well as for promoting discussions, in-depth analyses, debates, and new proposals at both national and international levels.

Following its presentation in Rome — where Senator Roberto Rosso, rapporteur of the unified draft law on urban regeneration, took the floor — the initiative was also illustrated at the Sorbonne University in Paris during the *"Towards Sustainable Urban Proximities"* international conference, organized by the Global Observatory of Sustainable Proximities (GOSP), a joint initiative by UN-Habitat, UCLG, the City of Paris, and the ETI Chair - IAE Paris Sorbonne.

The platform represents a further step in the ongoing path undertaken by the CNAPPC through the Department of Urban Planning Legislation and the Future of the City, chaired by Giuseppe Cappochin, and supported by a distinguished Scientific Committee chaired by Professor Carlos Moreno — world-renowned academic and creator of the "15-minute city" concept — and composed of architects, urban planners, economists, sociologists, and experts from various other disciplines.

According to Massimo Crusi, President of the CNAPPC, “urban regeneration is an articulate process whose most significant outcome is the activation of social innovation capable of driving substantial changes in the urban and social fabric of cities. It is central to CNAPPC's policies because it combines architectural quality with its ability to enhance the quality of life of citizens and communities. This is a role that Architects PLC must increasingly take on, in the pursuit of sustainable development.”

“We have drawn valuable insights from the most significant international experiences, through which we have established meaningful relationships. The invitation to participate in the international conference in Paris is proof of this,” stated Giuseppe Cappochin, Head of the Department of Urban Planning Legislation and the Future of the City. “It is essential that a radical shift in the approach to urban regeneration, with innovative paradigms for territorial governance, also takes root in our country — imagining new ways of living, working, and moving.”

At the heart of the CNAPPC's efforts lies the concept of proximity, which globally has proven to be a powerful tool for improving mobility, reducing pollution, revitalizing the economy, and transforming urban space, with particular attention to the vital role of the landscape in enhancing the quality of urban life.

According to Carlos Moreno, the CNAPPC's new initiative in territorial governance is crucial in fostering a culture of the city and the territory in which Italy has long been a leader. “The new portal represents a unique innovation, even at international level, as it aims to establish a network of collaborations with key national and international stakeholders, while also showcasing — thanks to the diverse expertise of the Scientific Committee — the interdisciplinary contributions to urban regeneration.” — stated Carlos Moreno.

“Now that urban regeneration, once again, appears to be a priority on the political agenda,” concluded the President of the CNAPPC, “we hope that the new draft law, introduced in the Senate this past August, will swiftly complete its parliamentary process. It is worth noting that — also thanks to the contributions of Architects PLC — the bill incorporates the concepts of proximity and polycentric development, which are essential for the growth of our cities and territories.”