NEW PARADIGMS OF URBAN LIFE: PROXIMITY, WELL-BEING IN CITIES AND TERRITORIES

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The international conference explores how our cities are changing and what new paradigms will define urban life in the 21st century. Starting with an introductory speech on the value of time, proximity and quality of life, the programme brings together prestigious experts national and international from urban planning, architecture, economics, mobility, sustainability, artificial intelligence, cultural heritage and new ways of living.

During the thematic sessions, key challenges such as climate adaptation, the city of recovered time, the economy of proximity, human mobility and the future of urban intelligence in the transformation of our territories will be analysed.

This event is particularly significant, as it is the last major conference on the theme of the CNAPPC's 2021-2026 council. It also represents a milestone in the strategic action taken by the CNAPPC and its Scientific Committee in support of the Urban Regeneration and Law currently under consideration by Parliament. We are particularly proud to actively contribute to the development and progress of this legislative proposal, which embodies a renewed commitment to a more sustainable, inclusive and proximity-based urban future.

The conference proposes a comprehensive approach to building more humane, resilient and liveable cities, where proximity, social cohesion and everyday well-being become the new compass for contemporary urban planning. The meeting culminates in a renewed vision of a new urban humanism that will inspire policies and projects for decades to come.

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Draft programme

9,00 *Welcome*

9,15 **Opening of proceedings**
Massimo Crusi – *President of CNAPPC*
Giuseppe Cappochin – *CNAPPC, Department of Urban Planning Legislation and Future of Cities*

9,30 **Speeches**
Marina Elvira Calderone* – *Minister of Labour and Social Policies*
Alessandro Giuli* – *Minister of Culture*
Matteo Salvini* – *Minister of Infrastructure and Transport*
Vincent Jeanbrun – *French Minister for Cities and Housing*
Gaetano Manfredi* – *President of ANCI*
Federica Brancaccio* – *President of ANCE*

10,10 **The Italian law on urban regeneration**
Roberto Rosso – *Senator of Italian Republic*

10,20 **Why we need new urban paradigms: time, life and proximity**
Carlos Moreno – *President of the CNAPPC Scientific Committee*

10,30 SESSION 1
Cities of recovered time: proximity, rhythms and quality of life
Moderators: Catherine Gall (CNAPPC Scientific Committee) – Nuno Valentim (CNAPPC Scientific Committee)
ANCI – Presentation of two examples of Italian cities
Jean-Michel Perret – *Mayor of Saint-Hilaire-De Brethmas / Winner of the 2025 Sustainable City Award in France*
Xaquin Moreda – *Architect, Municipal Councillor Pontevedra – Spain / A world-leading city where pedestrians reign supreme*
Arkadiusz Ptak – *Mayor of Pleszew / Theory and practice of the compact city (video)*

11,30 SESSION 2
The city as a living ecosystem: adaptation, resilience and urban nature
Moderators: Matteo Colleoni (CNAPPC S.C.) – Giada Maio (ANCI, Head of Energy, Climate, Mobility and Public Transport Office)
Alvaro Garcia Resta – *President of the Argentine Society of Architects, former Secretary of Urban Development for Buenos Aires*
Nicholas Boys-Smith – *Director of Create Streets, London*
José Maria Ezquiaga – *Polytechnic University of Madrid*

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12,15 SESSION 3

The human digital city: technology at the service of well-being and everyday life

Moderators: Peter Nijkamp (CNAPPC S.C.) – Karima Kourtit (CNAPPC S.C.)

Carlo Ratti – *Architect, Urban Planner, Curator of the 2025 Architecture Biennale and Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston (connecting from Boston)*

Zhang Li, *Dean of the School of Architecture, Tsinghua University, Cina*

Chiara Martinuzzi – *IAE Paris Sorbonne*

Salvatore Monni – *Roma Tre University*

Benjamin Büttner – *TUM Munich*

13,00 *Light lunch*

14,00 SPECIAL KEYNOTE

From Italy to Guadalajara: FIL at the University of Guadalajara

Message from Rector General Karla Planter

Speech

Angelo Piero Cappello* - *General Director, Contemporary Creativity Directorate General of the Ministry of Culture*

14,15 SESSION 4

Heritage, identity and places of life

Moderators: Frédéric Saliez (CNAPPC S.C.) – Catherine Gall (CNAPPC S.C.)

Guadalajara (video), Sergio Roldan – *MIT City Lab Guadalajara / Hector Garcia Curiel – University of Guadalajara*

Pia Fontana, *Architect, Mayorga+Fontana Arquitectura*

Vincenzo Corvino, *Architect, Corvino+Multari Arquitecto*

Oliver Martin – *President Davos Baukultur Alliance*

Lodz (video) –*From brownfield site to liveable neighbourhood (double Mipim 2025 award)*

15,00 SESSION 5

Housing, social cohesion and new models of urban living

Moderators: Xavier Crépin (CNAPPC S.C.) – Marta Thorne (Chicago - Barcelona)

Giordana Ferri – *Director of the FHS Social Housing Foundation, Milan*

Antoine Santiard – *H20 – Équerre d'Argent 2023*

Carmen Santana – *Expert in Urban Ecology, Spanish National Urban Planning Award 2022*

Joost Nieuwenhuijzen – *European Federation for Housing*

15,45 *Coffee Break*

16,00 SESSION 6

The local economy: trade, services and urban productivity

Moderators: Catherine Gall (CNAPPC S.C.) – Karima Kourtit (CNAPPC S.C.)

Paul Krugman* (video) – *Nobel Prize Winner for Economics*

Stefania Fiorentino – *University of Cambridge*

Alexandru Banica – *University of Iasi, Romania*

Emmanuelle Hoss – *Paris Commerces (video)*

16,45 Round Table

2026 Manifesto CNAPPC and Scientific Committee

Towards a new urban humanism: the grammar of proximity

Scientific Committee members present:

Carlos Moreno, Matteo Colleoni, Chaterine Gall, Nuno Valentim, Pia Fontana, Xavier Crépin, Frédéric Saliez, Peter Nijkamp, Karima Kourtit

17,30 Round Table

The city of proximity – Contemporary urban challenges

Discussion between political representatives

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