

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**
Moderator: Flavia Giacobbe (Formiche)
Matteo Salvini – *Minister of Infrastructure and Transport*
Vincent Jeanbrun – *French Minister for Cities and Housing*
Marina Elvira Calderone* – *Minister of Labour and Social Policies*
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)
Jean-Michel Perret – *Mayor of Saint-Hilaire-De Brethmas / Winner of the 2025 Sustainable City Award in France*
Xaquín 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)*
- 11,10 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)
Viviana Milesi – *Councilor of the City of Bergamo*
Eugenio Patané – *Councillor for Sustainable Mobility and Transport, City of Rome*
Alvaro Garcia Restá – *President of the Argentine Society of Architects, former Secretary of Urban Development for Buenos Aires*
Nicholas Boys-Smith – *Director of Create Streets, London*
José María Ezquiaga – *Polytechnic University of Madrid*
- 12,00 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 (connecting from China)*
Chiara Martinuzzi – *IAE Paris Sorbonne*
Salvatore Monni – *Roma Tre University*
Benjamin Büttner – *TUM Munich*
- 13,00 *Light lunch*



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- 14,00 SPECIAL KEYNOTE
From Italy to Guadalajara: FIL at the University of Guadalajara
 Message from Rector General Karla Planter
- 14,15 SPEECH
 Angelo Piero Cappello* - *General Director, Contemporary Creativity Directorate General of the Ministry of Culture*
- 14,30 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*
 Oliver Martin – *President Davos Baukultur Alliance*
 Lodz (video) – Waldemar Olbryk – *From brownfield site to liveable neighbourhood (double Mipim 2025 award)*
- 15,30 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*
- 16.15 *Coffee Break*
- 16,30 SESSION 6
The local economy: trade, services and urban productivity
Moderators: Catherine Gall (CNAPPC S.C.) – Karima Kourtit (CNAPPC S.C.)
 Paul Krugman – *Nobel Prize Winner for Economics (connected)*
 Stefania Fiorentino – *University of Cambridge*
 Alexandru Banica – *University of Iasi, Romania*
- 17,15 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
- 18,00 Round Table
The city of proximity – Contemporary urban challenges
Moderator: Davide Maria Desario (Adnkronos)
Discussion between political representatives
 Maurizio Gasparri - *Senator of Italian Republic (Forza Italia)*
 Massimo Milani - *Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Fratelli d'Italia)*
 Roberto Morassut - *Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Partito Democratico)*
 Stefano Patuanelli - *Senator of Italian Republic(M5S)*
 Gianpiero Zinzi - *Member of the Chamber of Deputies (Lega)*

* to be confirmed

ATTEND THE EVENT

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