



FOSTERING THE URBAN GOVERNANCE

The annual Conference of ReCS

Verona, 15 and 16 June 2006

After the Conference “Cities, heart of Europe”, that took place in Florence 2 years ago, the next meeting organizing by ReCS (Strategic Cities Network) in Verona aims at promoting an high level forum to launch a annual reflection on the issue of urban strategic planning, focusing on the new perspectives and benchmarking different European experiences.

The urban policy, the development of cities for territorial growth and competitiveness, the financial resources available to implement these policies, the dialogue between the different institutional actors and the citizens to enrich and foster the participation in the urban development, represent key elements to be discussed and analysed within the ReCS network.

During the first two years of activity, ReCS enjoyed the support of high level scholars and national experts of urban development, the cooperation with ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities) and - through its European office IDEALI - a promising dialogue with members of the European Parliament and representatives of the European Commission.

The meeting FOSTERING THE URBAN GOVERNANCE is particularly interesting for its contents, for the key speakers, and for the timing in which is scheduled, since the role of cities in the new EU cohesion policy is now at the centre of the European agenda.

The Conference programme

1st day – 15th of June

The first meeting session will approach the theme of the multilevel governance based on the institutional partnership between Cities, Regions, Member States, and European Union. The second panel of the first day will introduce the discussion on the strategic planning as the best approach to cope with citizens' increasing demand of participation.

2nd day – 16th of June

The second session is dedicated to the financial resources available for urban regeneration, with an interesting focus on the project financing experiences, the European Bank Investment new loans, the new Structural Funds and other financial tools.

The third session will be dedicated to strategic planning methodology of the European cities. This approach represents an innovative instrument for governance coordination and urban management.

Key experts and politicians will participate in the meeting, such as Camagni, Dente, Perulli, Le Galès, Scott, Veltz. Italian and European Mayors, together with representatives from the European Parliament and the European Commission, will be the protagonist of the discussion.

The meeting is organised by the Municipality of Verona and by the Network ReCS, in collaboration with ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities) and its European office IDEALI.

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Thursday 15 th June

2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Opening plenary: *Cities and multilevel governance*

Chair

Prof. Fabio Rugge (Pavia University)

Discussants

Prof. Bruno Dente (Politecnico of Milan)

Prof. Patrick Le Galès (Sciences Po, Paris)

Speakers

Franco Bassanini, President of Astrid, Research Institute on Institutional democratic reforms, former Italian Minister for decentralization reforms

Luigi Gilli, Councilor for regional planning and local development - Emilia Romagna Region

Representative of the European Commission

Fabrizio Barca, Italian Minister of Economy

Final remarks

Massimo Cacciari, Mayor of Venice

6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Workshop: *Urban Strategic Plans: roads for the future, a game in network for the communication*

Chair

Mauro de Robertis, Deputy Mayor on Innovation, Municipality of Verona

Speakers

Aldo Cecchini (LAMP)

Alberto Colorni (METID)

Final Remarks

Paolo Zanotto, Mayor of Verona and Preseident of ReCS

Friday 16th June

9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Workshop: *City and “city-region”: projects, finance-ments and best practices*

Chair

Prof. Paolo Perulli (Piemonte Orientale University)

Discussants

Prof. Allen Scott (UCLA, Los Angeles)

Speakers

Gaetano Fontana, Director, Italian General Department of Infrastructure and transports

Renzo Marangon, Deputy Governor, Veneto Region

Representative of EIB, European Investment Bank

Representative of Banca Intesa

Speech for the European Cities:

Barcelona: **Francesc Santacana**, General Coordinator, Metropolitan Strategic Plan of Barcelona

Munich: **Klaus Illigmann**, Munich Strategic Plan

Birmingham: **Sandy Taylor**, Strategic Regional Advisor Birmingham City Council

Turin: **Paolo Verri**, Director, Torino Internazionale

Bari: **Michele Emiliano**, Mayor of Bari

Lecce: **Adriana Poli Bortone**, Mayor of Lecce

Final remarks: **Giorgio Pagano**, Mayor of La Spezia

2.30 p.m.– 5.30 p.m.

Plenary session: *City, Strategic planning and urban governance*

Chair

Prof. Carlo Trigilia (Florence University)

Discussants:

Prof. Roberto Camagni (Politecnico of Milan)

Pierre Veltz (ENPC, Paris)

Representatives of European Cities

Jan Olbrycht, Member of European Parliament

Sergio Conti, Councilor of Piemonte Region

Leonardo Domenici, Mayor of Florence and President of ANCI

Final remarks:

Paolo Zanotto, Mayor of Verona and President of ReCS