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CLUDs for regenerating small historical centres



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Fo.Cu.S. – which is the acronym of Formazione (**T**raining), Cultura (**C**ulture), Storia (**H**istory) - is a research centre of Sapienza, University of Rome.

Mission: The elaboration of methods and techniques for the valorization, rehabilitation and management of small historical centres and their landscape through appropriate policies based on an integrated sectoral and territorial approach



The Peculiarities of Fo.Cu.S. Strategies

- ✓ strong **interdisciplinary** approach
- ✓ **links** with other research centres, academic institutions, government entities, international organizations, donors and private-sector operators
- ✓ **integration** between policies for the physical recovery and those for the economic and social regeneration of small historical centres
- ✓ **planning** to a wide territorial scale (**inter-municipal**)



The relevance of small historical centres in Italy

- 91.8% of Italian municipalities have no more than 15,000 inhabitants
- their total surface covers 70.4% of the whole national territory
- 42.2% of the country's population lives in their boundary
- one or more historical settlements are generally located in each small Italian municipalities



The keystones of successful valorization strategies

- ✓ Integrating Sectoral and Territorial Dimensions
- ✓ Anchoring Projects to the Territory
- ✓ Re-use and Accessibility to Counter Depopulation Trends
- ✓ Conserving the Identity of People and Places
- ✓ Not just Commerce and Tourism



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Strategic and Specific Goals

Strategic target: evolution forms of “integrated activity districts” for regeneration policies of small historical centres (starting from Italian experience of “Centri Commerciali Naturali”)

Specific goals:

- ✓ to overcome sectoral approach in commercial districts through new mix of “local business activities”
- ✓ to emphasize the role of minor centres to face the contemporary “urbanity” demand through innovative PPP, mixité, financing and management models
- ✓ to integrate local development and “networked” vision (physical, social, economic, cultural)

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Method and Keywords

Method

- ✓ Multiple case-study approach
- ✓ Critical assessment of regeneration policy models

Keywords

- ✓ Integration (polysemic dimension)
- ✓ Accessibility, Mobility, Connectivity
- ✓ Regeneration & Cohesion

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Work package 1 – Urban Management Tool

- ✓ Wide range analysis of “Centri Commerciali Naturali” case-studies (original Italian model of BID, TCM,...)
- ✓ Classification of urban strategies supporting CCN
- ✓ Identification of socioeconomic programmes and urban planning tools oriented to urban regeneration policies
- ✓ First selection of a significant group of CCN case studies

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Work package 2 – Territorial Milieu

- ✓ In-depth examination of selected CCN case-studies; confrontation with other research group's results; extraction of comparing success and critical factors
- ✓ Set up of a CCN best-practice panel for small historical centres through PPP, Urban-rural relationship context, inter-municipal cohesion network strategies
- ✓ Critical comparative evaluation of selected Italian case-studies with international regeneration policies (referred to integrated activity districts)

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Work package 3 – CLUDs Local Action Plan

(to be modified in progress)

- ✓ Identification of main axes for possible guidelines useful to simulate a “Local Action Plan” applied to 1-2 CCN case studies
- ✓ Synthesis of a preparatory document for building “Local Action Plan” guidelines applied to selected CCN case studies
- ✓ Analysis and evaluation on site about availability, affordability, consensus of an extended panel of stakeholders to join the main axes of a “Local Action Plan”
- ✓ Evaluation of potential synergic “accompanying measures” by public administrations for regeneration policies