

# Large housing estates in Italy

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## Urban Milan Programme of EU Initiative

The Urban Programmes are characterised by their creative and innovative strategic approach to the problem of Urban re-qualification of the North Western suburbs of the Milan City Council. These programmes are strongly centred round the local population, looking to involve them in all the various phases of the decision making process .

Urban proposes to increase the value of the environmental, social and economic resources of this area based on three main strategic priorities: Eco-compatible improvements of the urban environment, Enterprise and agreements on employment to create social initiatives, Intelligent transport systems, Integrated Administration and Communication.

### Urban Area

The Programme concerns an area of 12 square km in the North-West of Milan which has a population of around 53,000. It is made up of the suburb areas: Bovisa, Bovisasca, Certosa, Garegnano, Musocco, Quarto Oggiaro, Vialba and Villapizzone.

#### Weaknesses

Presence of rundown industries, Highly congested infrastructures, Decaying environment, Poor level of integration between production and residential activities, Low level social class, High presence of non-integrated ethnic groups.

#### Strengths

Availability of environmental resources and territory to be upgraded, Presence of an interchange-infrastructure system, Presence of prized metropolitan institutions, Presence of a widespread and qualitative web of participation and social economy.

### Programme Structure

The programme is organised in priority axes of intervention in which each action is aimed at improving the specific weaknesses of this area.

**Axis 1:** Plural functional re-urbanisation, it concerns action on the "physical" character of the land.

**Axis 2:** Enterprise and employment agreements, concerning the local socio-economics.

**Axis 3:** Intelligent transport system, oriented to the promotion of sustainable mobility.

**Axis 4:** Technical assistance for the integrated administration of the programme including the monitoring of the programme, financial statements and communication.

### Funds

European Funds for Regional Development – EU 10,700,000  
Public Sector Investments – EU 16,300,000  
Agreements\* - EU 20,000,000

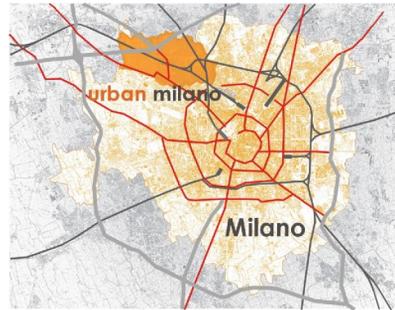
\*Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Milan City Council Lombardy Region, Province of Milan, AEM (Municipal Energy Group), ALER (Lombardy Residential Housing Group)  
Total: EU 47,000,000

### Urbact

The 16 Councils which have taken part in Urban I, the 10 cities of Urban II and the 20 cities of Urban-Italy (a programme which was started in order to provide continuity to the European Union initiatives on a national level), have produced the network of Urban Italy cities, underwriting on the 18th February 2003, a protocol of agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.

The network intends to promote, at both a national and European level, the exchange of good practices between cities involved in re-qualification and social economic development programmes. It hopes to stimulate interest among institutions in the field and to give the broadest possible visibility to urban city problems.

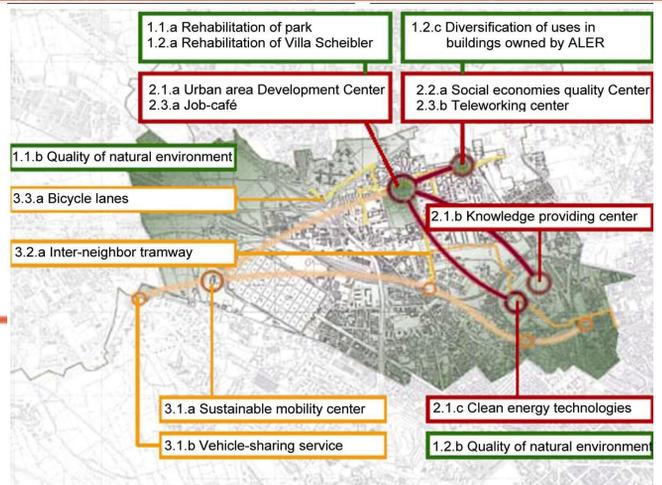
To reach this aim, the network of Urban Italy cities intends to promote studies and research in the field of integrated policies, setting up training programmes for the arrangement of other projects and presenting proposals of legislative and finance interventions in this field. Among the priorities there is the participation to Urbact, the European Community programme which encourages the exchange of good practices and the creation of a network between European Urban cities.



Milan and the Urban area



Housing estate



Axes intervention



Job centre



Villa Scheibler



Centralised traffic light system



Park Scheibler



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