

The Reggio Calabria Charter for the Metropolitan Cities

The Inu – Italian National Planning Institute - President declares: “Metropolitan Cities have to be new organisms as regards aims and structure , which exceed the current political logic of compartmentalization to contain in a wider vision the organization both of the urban spaces and of the socio-economic process”. We will propose the Charter to all the Institution. We propose a new way to look at the territory”, adds the President of Architect, Planner, Landscaper and Conservatives Organization of Reggio Calabria.

At the end of the two days of the first Festival of Metropolitan Cities, the Inu and Architect, Planner, Landscaper and Conservatives Organization have presented and discussed a document of policy and urban planning for the Metropolitan Cities, whose principles are reported as follows.

We require that Metropolitan Cities:

- will be committed to relationships with the supra-national institution, to carry out projects of development useful to the country well-being and to the common goods safeguarding
- will endow themselves with multi-scalar, multimodal, multi-sectorial, environmentally sustainable systems of mobility sustained by ICT, with priority of investment on a unified iron transport system
- will promote the creation of new urban and territorial landscape, where safeness, salubrity, ecological efficiency and perceptive well-being are integrated, favouring the integration with both urban and rural scenarios of the internal areas
- will realize at least one park, metropolitan for dimension and accessibility, at disposal of the metropolitan citizenship
- will establish plans for the historical centres management and for the regulation of all the cultural heritage, including the ancient, modern and contemporary architectures, for the creation of the cultural heritage districts
- will assume an obligation of destination of their own balance at least of 20% for the environmental policies, aimed at the realization of integrated nets between cities and nature and for the recovering of the urban environment
- will realize coherence and perequation of the balances for the best allocation and functionality of metropolitan services
- will develop actions of governance and participation for the capacity of business and the productive local chains, also sustaining innovative forms of business community

- will promote initiatives to comprehend the demand of projects expressed by both autochthone and foreign citizens for the construction of the intercultural city

- will enhance the socio-territorial capitals to favour a local development capable to sustain it self

We hope that:

- in the regulations for the Mayor election, the electoral programs will refer explicitly and in depth to the metropolitan policies proposals

- the Metropolitan Cities will receive resources and the power to govern and manage these resources which allow the effective implementation of the strategies

- the Metropolitan Cities could predict with their own Plans interventions and areas of implementation of their own policies, not limiting these forecasts to addressess and directives

- the functional metropolitan areas will correspond consistently to the Metropolitan Cities entities the State/ Metropolitan Cities Conference will be established

- Metropolitan Cities will be used to start the process of constitution of macro-regions

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