



Since January 2002, the Municipality of Catania has coordinated and managed the "Catania Metropolitan City" Integrated Territorial Project (ITP).

The Integrated Territorial Project (ITP), which the 2000-2006 Community Support Framework for Objective One Regions defines as: "a combination of tightly coherent and related intersectorial actions that share the common objective of territorial development and that justify a cohesive implementation approach", represents an important opportunity for territorial development and assumes a primary role for the disposition of the resources employed.

The core idea of the "Catania Metropolitan City" ITP is to fully initialize the formation and consolidation process of the metropolitan city, through key actions which promote sustainable development with regards to the environment, the territory and the local economic system. The objective is to create a "welcoming metropolitan city" for both the resident and commuting population as well as a "communication and trade metropolitan city", that makes the most of its distinct geographic location and its rich cultural and economic traditions.

In numerical terms, infrastructural activities make up for 74% of the "Catania Metropolitan City" ITP, while the remaining 26% is equally distributed between public measures and aid administration.

The key actions pertain to various sectors and are distributed as follows: 45.7% territorial regeneration, 23.9% cultural heritage, 21.7% productive system and 8.7% education.

Those regarding the education sector include courses on "security" (in terms of both civil defence and law safeguarding) and "innovation" (regarding new professions based on innovation technology and administrative innovation for Public Administration human resources).

The cultural sector will benefit from two specific courses of action: "Systematization and dissemination of knowledge" and "Recuperation and utilization of cultural and environmental heritage". With regards to the first course of action, two specific projects have been financed: "Cultural sites and corridors" and the "Archaeological Park's multimedia center" both aimed towards promoting innovative access to the cultural, artistic, monumental and environmental heritage of Catania. The second course of action has benefited neighboring Catanese municipalities which, thanks to EU funds, have restored squares, plazas, historic buildings and recuperated much of their unique cultural heritage.

"Catania Metropolitan City" - Integrated Territorial Project



Year of political decision: 2002
 Year of technical project: 2002 - 2004
 Years of implementation: 2004 - 2008

PROJECT FUNDING

Autonomous initiative of the Municipality

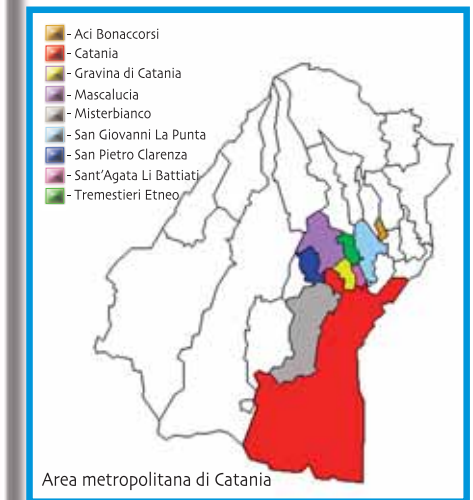
Initiative induced by normative measures / economic incentives:

- European
- National
- Regional



LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Regional Operative Program Sicily 2000 – 2006 [Commission Decision C(2006) 7291]
 Regional Operative Program Sicily 2000 – 2006, Executive Integration [Regional Sicilian Council Resolution 177/2007]

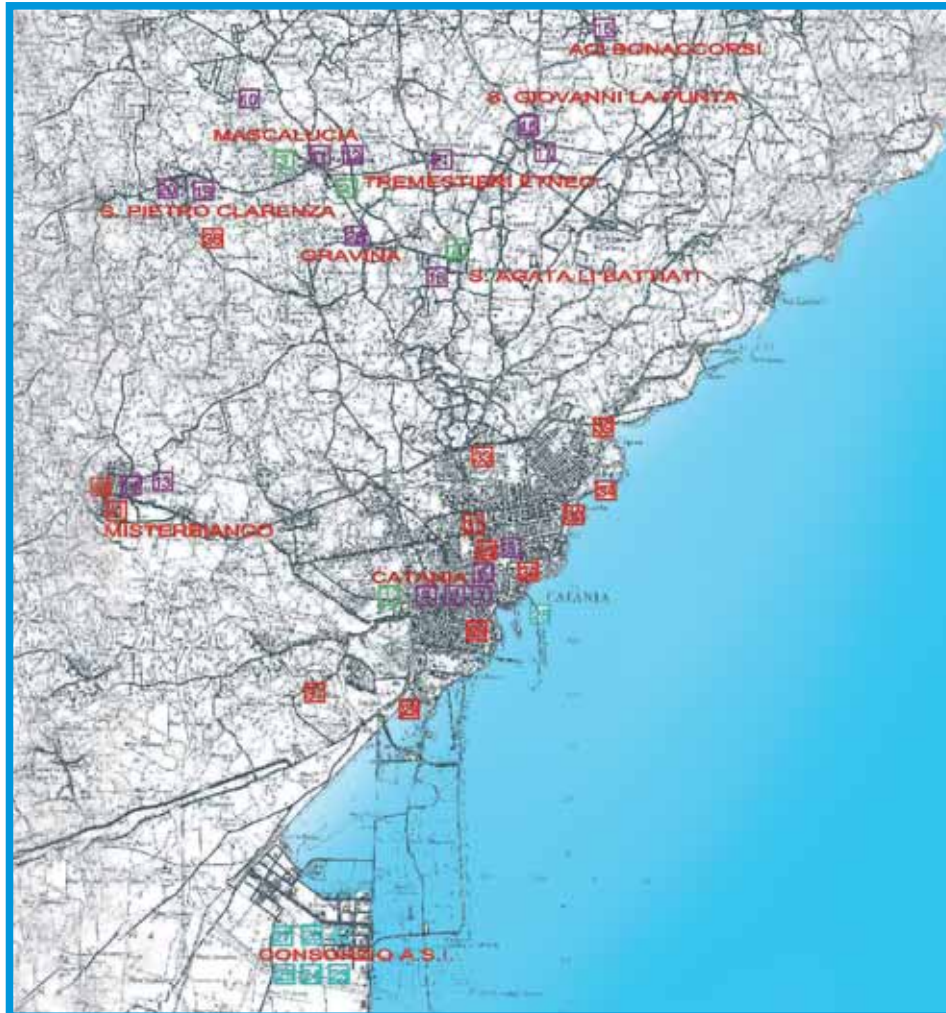


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DIMENSIONS

DIMENSION OF THE AREA

268 sq km

SIZE OF POPULATION

496.118 (year 2001)

BULK OF BUILDINGS INVOLVED


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TIPOLOGY

PHYSICAL INTERVENTION

Transformation / demolition - reconstruction 

- Buildings and public spaces rehabilitation
- Implementation of green areas
- Biking routes
- Investments on the mobility system

Preservation or restoration 

SOCIAL / ECONOMIC MEASURE

- SMEs grants
- Public safety and anticrime policies
- Technological innovation
- Tourist and cultural marketing policies
- Public administration staff training



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Comune di Novara



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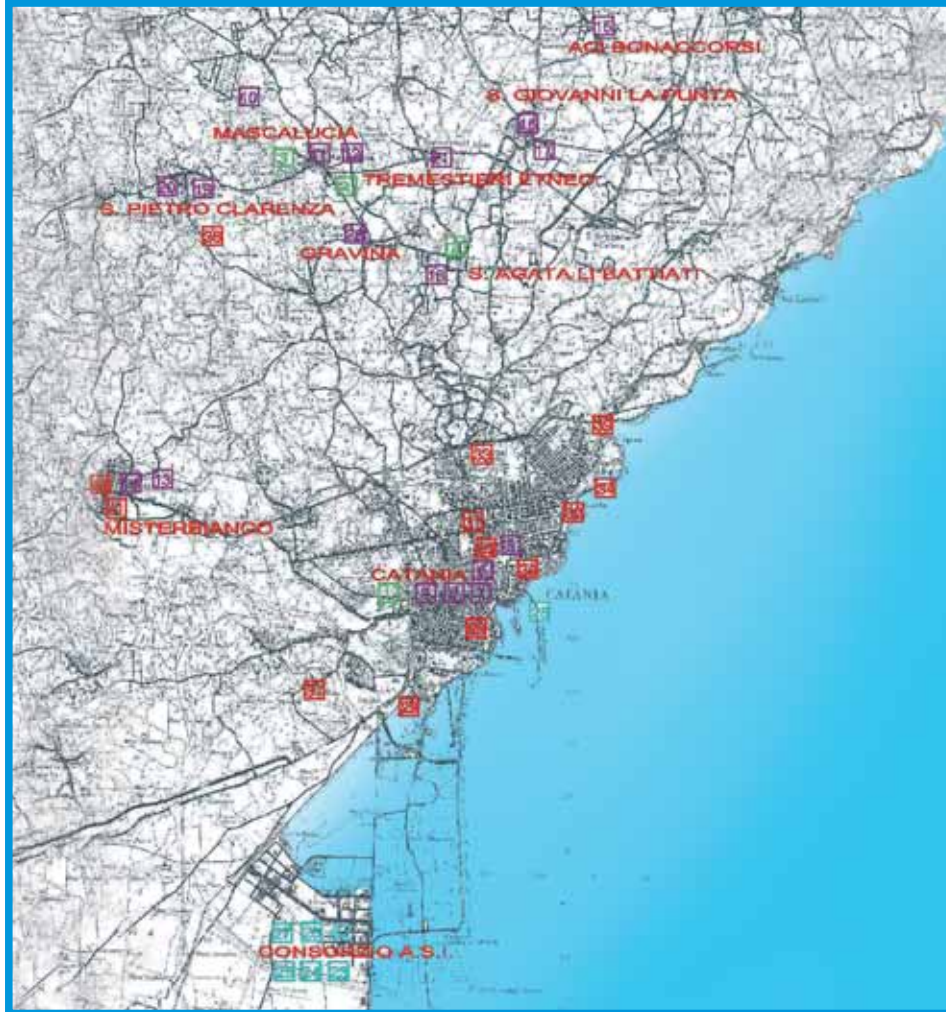
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PROJECT TOOLS

DESIGN TOOLS

- Construction projects regarding public spaces urban mobility and the regeneration of urban areas

FINANCIALS TOOLS

- Grants for public works
- Co-financing of enterprises

OTHER TOOLS OF PUBLIC POLICIES

- Safety
- Innovation
- Education
- Promotion of tourism and culture
- Projects regarding the productive system



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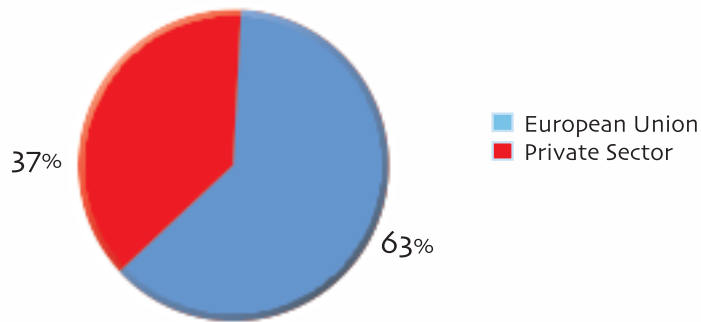
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MAIN ACTORS AND THEIR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION



PUBLIC ACTORS

European Union: € 91.185.808,13

PRIVATE ACTORS

Various: € 52.814.191,87

EXPECTED / ACHIEVED RESULTS

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- 34 infrastructural projects regarding nine districts
- Strengthening of the productive system
- Creation of new enterprises
- Support of small and medium enterprises

BENEFITS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR