



Regione Siciliana



Comune di Catania



Comune di Novara



Ayuntamiento de Navalcarnero



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Piazza Stesicoro, one of Catania's most important historic downtown squares, is located on Via Etnea, the principal baroque street of the city. Since its construction in the 1700's, this square represents a central location in which various and diverse commercial activities and zones of the city converge. These areas include: the open market ("fera o' luni"), the city's stretch of stores and boutiques housed in buildings dating from the early 1900's and an area of modern architecture dedicated to offices and the tertiary sector in general, founded in the mid 1900's after the demolition of a nearby degraded district. The pavement of the square was made of porphyry stones. This, along with its circular planter seats made of porphyry and lava stone, were in extremely poor condition. The greenery planted in the early 1800's (*Phoenix canariensis*) was scarce and lacked at least five species. Furthermore, there were no ramps for the disabled. The monument dedicated to Vincenzo Bellini (Monteverde, 1876) situated in the center of the square was in a particularly bad state, due to both atmospheric pollution and the great number of pigeons found in the area.

Vegetation:

Various date palms (*Phoenix dactilifera*) were situated within the square to compensate for its lack of trees and vegetation.

Seating and resources:

The square's pavement, a diagonal design beginning at the base of the Bellini monument and encompassing the entire area, was created by alternating blocks of lava and white Comiso stone forming concentric borders. Sixteen benches with white stone bases from Comiso were made, as was a canopy constructed with iron tubes and copper covered sheet-iron. The lighting system that was created includes a series of traditional cast iron lamp posts with lantern tops and various elements which the original system lacked. The lamp posts were positioned according to the pavement's design.

Selection criteria:

this project, among those dedicated to the requalification of Catania's historic downtown area, was deemed a priority for the city of Catania, considering the extremely poor physical and environmental conditions that the square presented prior to its restoration.

Objectives reached:

the requalification of an important city square located in an area of intense traffic, linking the downtown area with its high number of offices to the principal commercial areas and marketplace.



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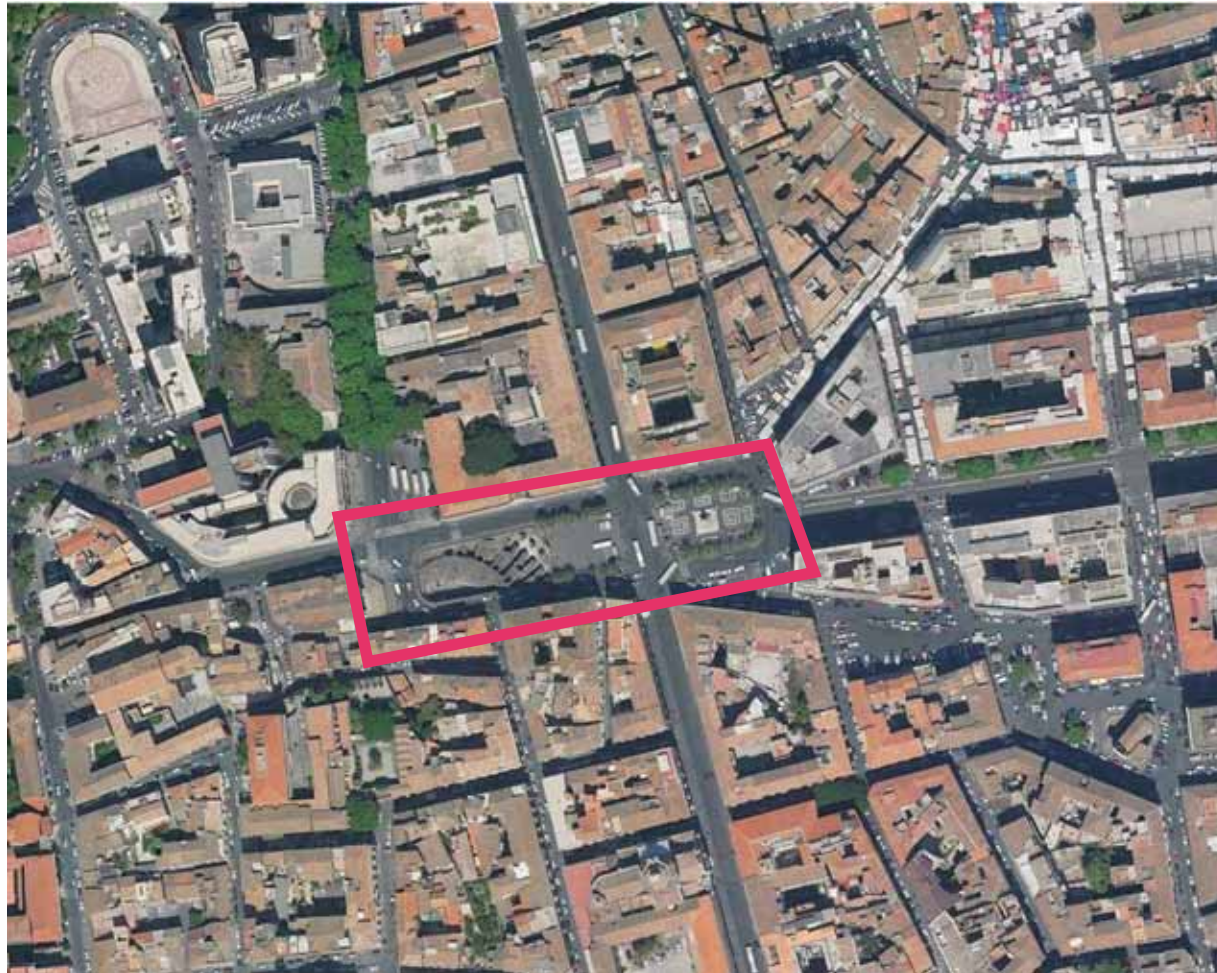
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Year of political decision: 1997
Year of technical project: 1997 - 1998
Years of implementation: 1998 - 1999

PROJECT FUNDING

Autonomous initiative of the Municipality



Initiative induced by normative measures / economic incentives:

European
National
Regional



LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

n.a.



Sub project:
"RegeneratioNet" - "PO3IT3"

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DIMENSIONS

DIMENSION OF THE AREA

1,700 sq m

SIZE OF POPULATION


n.a.

BULK OF BUILDINGS INVOLVED


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TIPOLOGY

PHYSICAL INTERVENTION

Transformation / demolition - reconstruction (functions and features before and after) 

- Street paving, lighting and urban furniture

Preservation or restoration 

SOCIAL / ECONOMIC MEASURE 

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PROJECT TOOLS

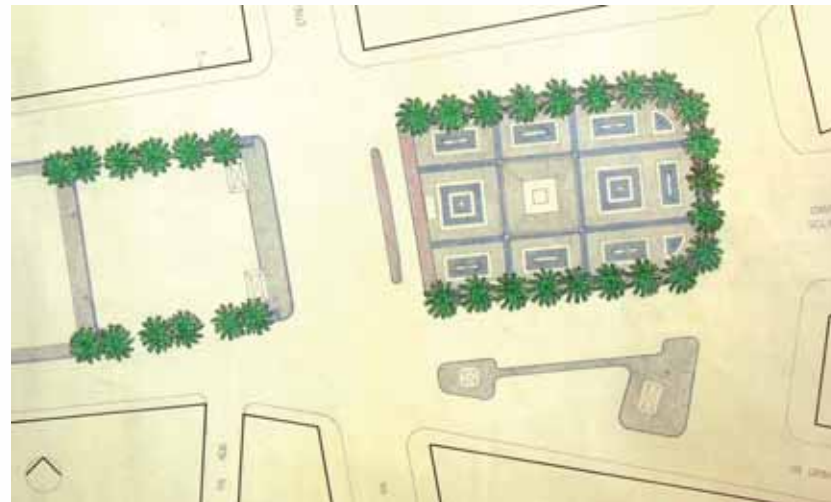
DESIGN TOOLS

- Construction projects

FINANCIALS TOOLS

OTHER TOOLS OF PUBLIC POLICIES

- Citizens participated consulting and monitoring groups



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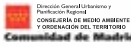
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MAIN ACTORS AND THEIR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION



100%

European Union

PUBLIC ACTORS

European Union:

ERDF: € 232.405,60

PRIVATE ACTORS

EXPECTED / ACHIEVED RESULTS

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- 1.700 square meters of restored territory
- The project was part of a restoration plan launched in an historic and degraded downtown area.

BENEFITS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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