



After experiencing near complete demolition in the 1950's, that which was salvaged of the San Berillo district is today considered by all Catanese to be an area of illegal activity, prostitution, immigrants, and abandoned and degraded buildings. This district is a so-called peripheral area which reflects and contains the history of an often contradictory and shameful past. Attempts are made to isolate and marginalize it, while many refuse to acknowledge its very existence. Despite its strategic central location, this area is literally 'pushed out of the minds' of the city's general population.

Yet for the municipality of Catania, this area symbolizes much more. In this district, the degradation and marginalization does not result from its physical or cultural detachment from the city center, as is the case of the new mono-functional peripheral areas (satellite cities, suburban districts, etc.). San Berillo's situation is much different, in that its present state derives from a history of cultural paradigms which gradually characterized the local society.

In this sense, San Berillo, fragile and historically significant, is capable of representing a great resource for the city by overcoming preconceptions and prejudices.

Even though this area, which has survived decades, is virtually a ghost town (none of the historic families of the district reside in this area any longer; the owners of its buildings in many cases are not accessible and often do not have any interest in their property; a few underprivileged citizens occasionally reside in small areas of the district), the project aims to restore a significance to this area by building upon its history.

To speak of the history of this district, forgotten by most, assumes a particular importance; it is significant that San Berillo allows the city of Catania a moment of introspection. One would have to contemplate past events and memories which have forsaken connections to the society which created them. Therefore, the project cannot simply base itself on their recollection; it must inevitably aim at nurturing new relations amongst these areas, elements and people. In this scenario, San Berillo represents an exceptional opportunity for Catania, given that it allows the city to plan and develop its actions in a contemporary approach.

The project which the municipality dedicated to this district is inspired by these considerations and implies "visioning" while strategically planning its course. The first phase, which has consisted in understanding, unveiling and defining the elements of this environment, has allowed for the definition of strategic actions to be endeavoured, while taking into account environmental, social and economic sustainability.



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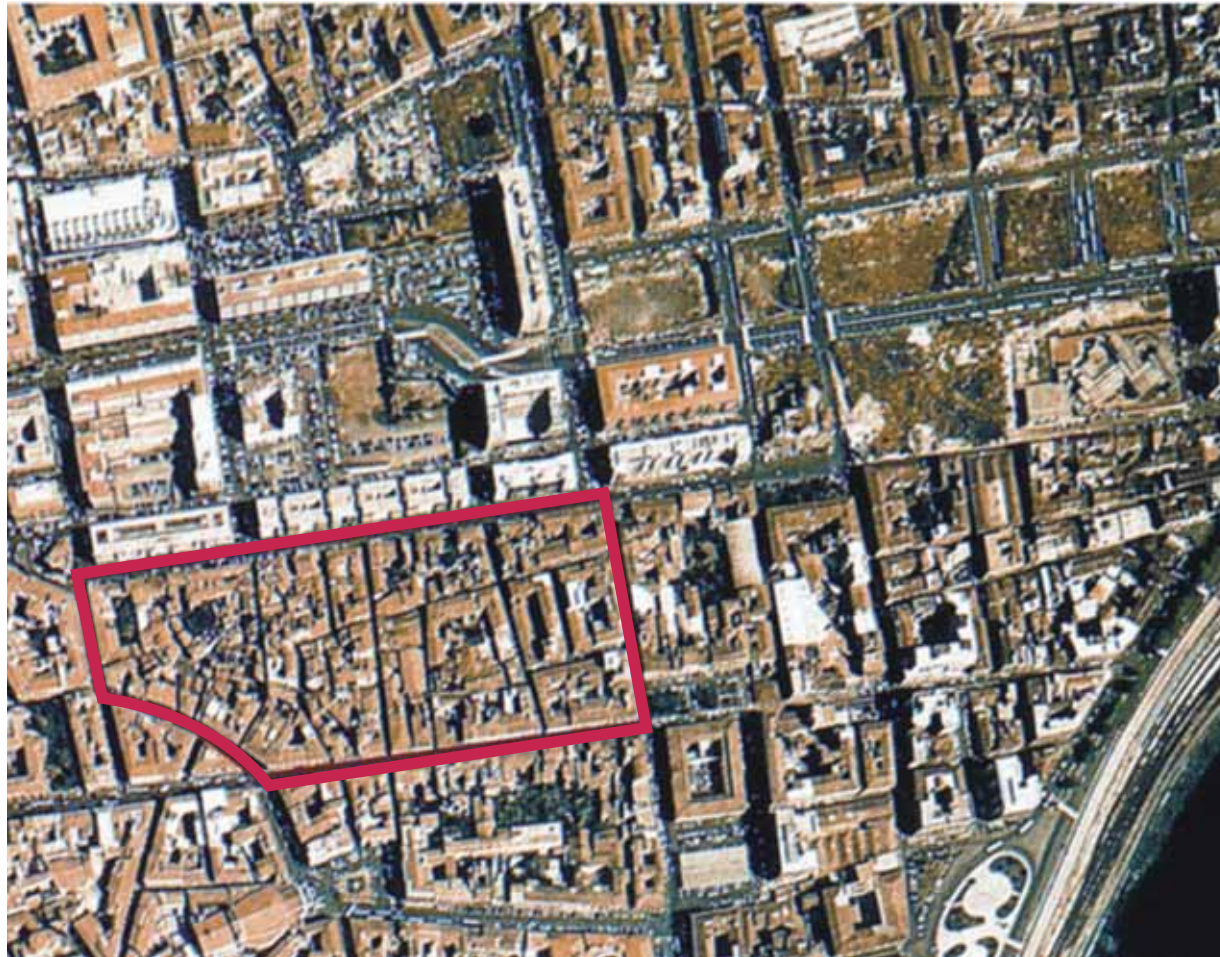
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Year of political decision: 1999
Year of technical project: 2005- 2006
Years of implementation: 2005 - 2010

PROJECT FUNDING

Autonomous initiative of the Municipality

Initiative induced by normative measures / economic incentives:

- European
- National
- Regional



LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Urban Regeneration Plans ("Piani di Recupero Urbano")

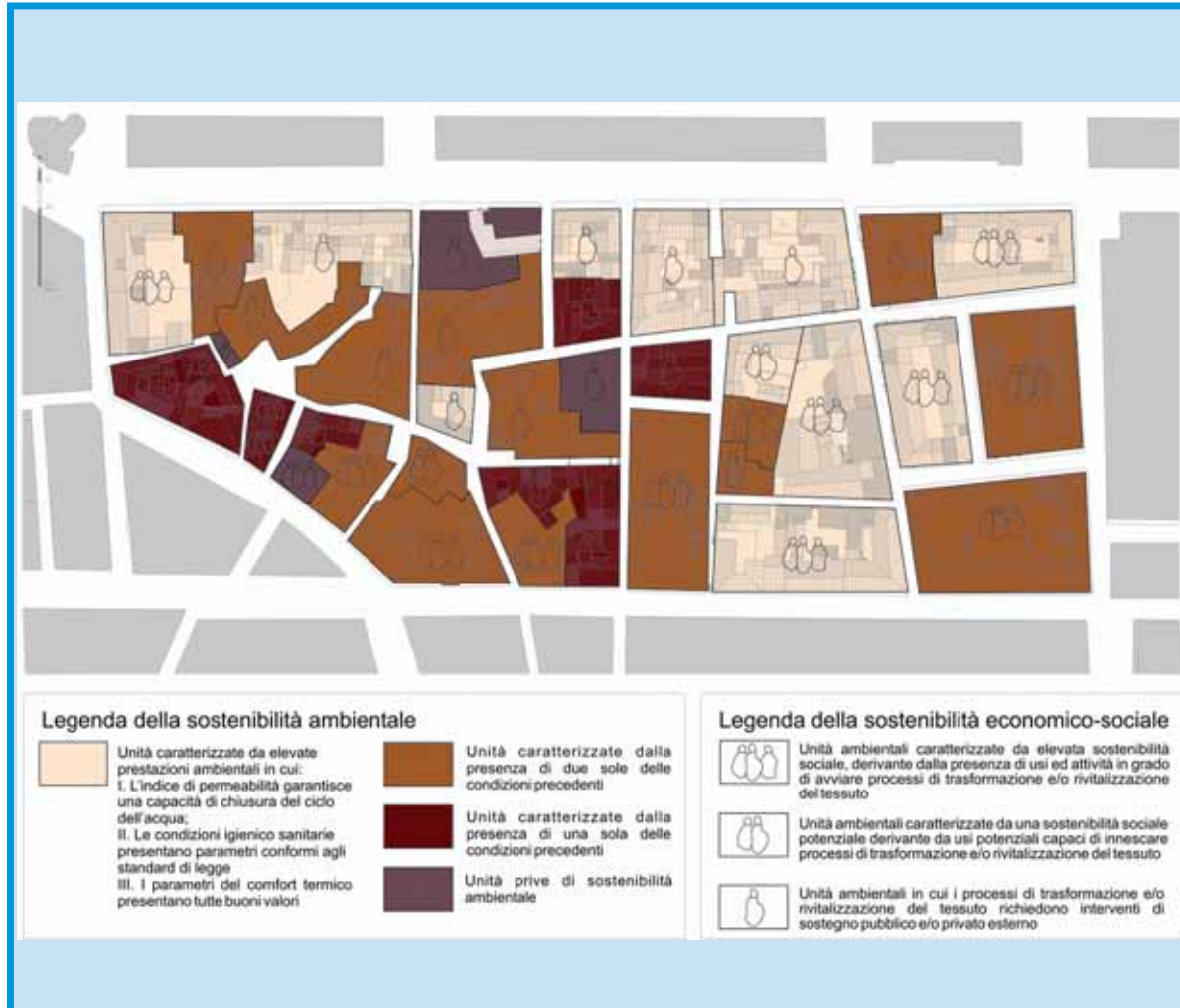


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DIMENSIONS

DIMENSION OF THE AREA

4.800 sq m

SIZE OF POPULATION

150

BULK OF BUILDINGS INVOLVED

400.000 m³

TIPOLOGY

PHYSICAL INTERVENTION

Transformation / demolition - reconstruction

- Complete regeneration of the whole area

Conservazione o restauro

- Regeneration of old, existing buildings

SOCIAL / ECONOMIC MEASURE

- Restoration of a normal social life in the area

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PROJECT TOOLS

STRUMENTI TECNICI

Regeneration plans

FINANCIALS TOOLS

OTHER TOOLS OF PUBLIC POLICIES



<i>soggetti</i> / <i>interventi</i>	conservazione	sostituzione	ristrutturazione urbanistica
privato	Yellow	Light Green	
Privato con possibilità di sostegno da parte del pubblico	Orange	Green	
Privato con possibilità di sostituzione da parte del pubblico	Red		Blue
pubblico	Brown	Dark Green	Dark Blue



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Comunidad de Madrid



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ESDP steps



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MAIN ACTORS AND THEIR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

The financial plan, the operational procedures and the identification of the actors are still on a preparatory phase

EXPECTED / ACHIEVED RESULTS

Regeneration of a highly decayed district, located in a very central part of the city of Catania



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