



The project regards the creation of a poly-functional center, located at the Port of Catania, dedicated to supplying services and offering tourist, recreational, commercial and cultural activities. This will be made possible by restructuring and recuperating the building named "Vecchia Dogana"(Old Customs). The project will proceed in compliance with procedures foreseen by the current normative standards, modified by the Legislative decree n. 163/06.

Since its construction, dating back to the end of the 1800s, the building has been utilized for offices and customs deposits; hence the name "Vecchia Dogana" (Old Customs). The structure encompasses an area of approximately 5300 square meters, of which 3900 square meters are covered. Two internal courtyards, with an area equal to 1400 square meters, are symmetrically positioned with respect to the central gallery.

The deposits, situated along the perimeter of the building (with walls 12 meters high including pitched roofs with curved shingles), the four towers located at the corners of the building and the two positioned at the entrances of the central gallery will be restructured following procedures which will preserve the building's principal framework. Once the deposits and towers are completed, they will contain restaurants, stores, offices, technical areas and a maritime tourist station. The central gallery, which connects the two courtyards located inside the building, will be covered with light material (glass and stainless steel). The gallery will act as an access corridor, connecting the city to the port. Symbolically, this will represent the first real occasion in which Catania begins to take advantage of its port.

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Year of political decision: 2003  
Year of technical project: 2004  
Years of implementation: 2005

## PROJECT FUNDING

Autonomous initiative of the Municipality and the Port Authority

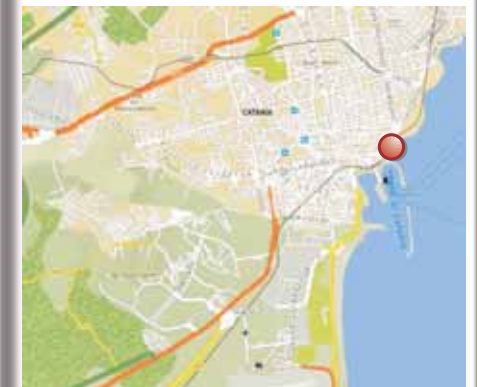
Initiative induced by normative measures / economic incentives:

- European
- National
- Regional



## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

D. Lgs. 163/06 (project financing)



Sub project:  
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## DIMENSIONS

DIMENSION OF THE AREA

5,300 sq m

SIZE OF POPULATION

n.a.

BULK OF BUILDINGS INVOLVED


3,900 sq m

## TIPOLOGY

PHYSICAL INTERVENTION

Transformation / demolition -reconstruction 

Transformation of the old building into a multifunctional centre

Preservation or restoration 

SOCIAL / ECONOMIC MEASURE 

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## PROJECT TOOLS

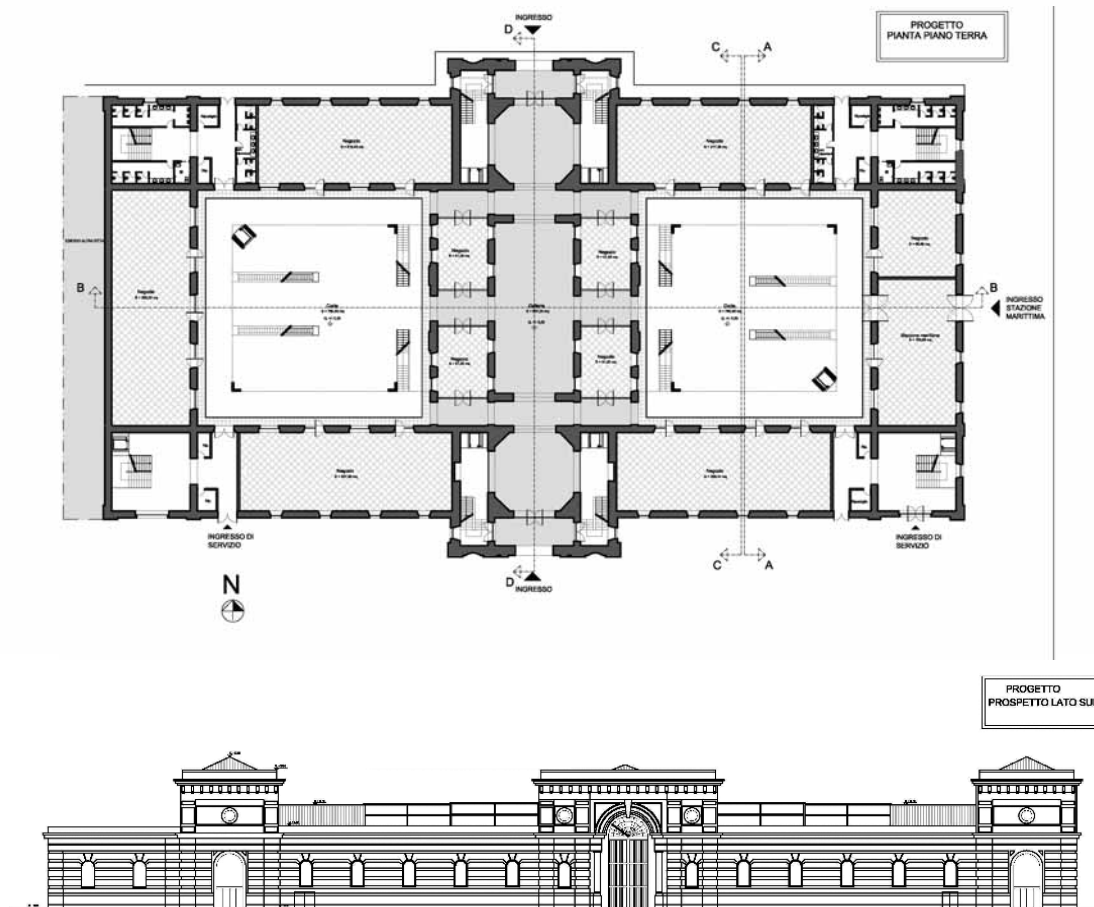
### DESIGN TOOLS

Construction projects

### FINANCIALS TOOLS

- Project financing
- ERDF grant

### OTHER TOOLS OF PUBLIC POLICIES



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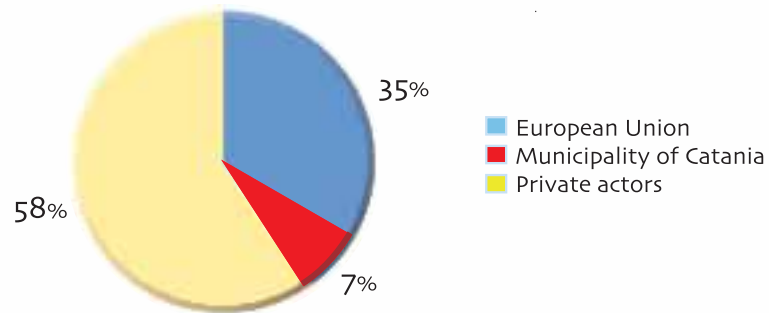
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## MAIN ACTORS AND THEIR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION



### PUBLIC ACTORS

European Union:	€ 3.000.000
Municipality of Catania:	€ 600.000

### PRIVATE ACTORS

€ 5.000.000

## EXPECTED / ACHIEVED RESULTS

### PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Restoration of an historical, architectonically valuable building;
- Creation of new services for the city;
- Opening of the port area to the citizens

### BENEFITS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- Revenues from the direct running of the good