

***The human-centred development strategy to face the challenges of our century.
From right to the city towards rights to adequate housing for all.***

Concept Note

The general thesis of this World Habitat Day Celebration is that towns, cities and metropolitan cities can reduce their economic, environmental and social diseconomies if they adopt a 'circular' model of organization. The 'territorialized' model of ***circular economy is the 'circular city'*** model, which puts in virtuous relationships its centres with its suburbs: the historical centre and the consolidated city with the suburban territory.

This circular model is necessary today to face the ***climate change impacts***. It can improve the promotion of a Better Urban Future, more inclusive and more ecologically sustainable, grounded on the implementation of human rights. The right to health/wellbeing is achieved through the housing rights: through the access to ***adequate housing and services for all***, interpreted through the ***lens of bio-ecology***, if we want to avoid other future pandemics.

A multidimensional and multicriteria approach is proposed for integrating the humanistic paradigm with the ecological paradigm to support the planning processes for development from the perspective of the circular economy and circular city model. The originality of this proposal consists, on the one hand, in assuming objectives/criteria emerging from the strategies of the Agenda 2030, New Urban Agenda, European Green Deal and, on the other hand, in focusing on the integration of the proposal of the World Health Organization about the integration of the environmental, economic and social impacts produced by climate change in planning/designing choices, towards identifying preferable ***nature-based solutions*** in which ***nature becomes the most important city infrastructure***.



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PROGRAMME

11:00 – 11:20

Introduction

Michelangelo Russo (Head of the Department of Architecture, University of Naples Federico II)

Moderator

Ugo Guarnacci (Project Adviser, European Commission - EASME)

1) The challenge of climate change, as the most important issue of this century because of its ecological, social, and economic impacts

11:20 – 11:40

Antonio Navarra (President of the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change)

11:40 – 12:00

Francesco Fuso-Nerini (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)

12:00 – 12:20

Gonçalo Canto Moniz (University of Coimbra, Portugal)

2) Actions for reducing negative impacts of the city development

12:20 – 12:40

Anna Domaradzka (University of Warsaw)

12:40 -13:00

Cristina Garzillo (Senior Coordinator ICLEI - Local governance for Sustainability, Freiburg)
Re-inventing historic areas: an opportunity to turn challenges into transformation

3) The key role of the community in the human-centered city development: from right to the city towards rights to adequate housing/services for all

13:00 – 13:20

Riccardo Crescenzi (London School of Economics, London)

4) The circular economy model and circular city to improve the state of our towns and cities

13:20-13:40

Joanna Williams (Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, London)
Rebuilding cities after a pandemic - a circular approach

13:40 – 14:00

Cristiana Parisi (Copenhagen Business School)

5) The informal sector and the informal city: which desirable future?

14:00 – 14:20

Sahar Attia (Cairo University, Cairo)

6) Conclusions

14:20 – 14:40

Sigrid Stagl (University of Wien)
Luigi Fusco Girard (University of Naples Federico II)

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