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Town planning reform is an unquestionable fact and the most part of the recent regional laws proves it, even if the law, foreseen by constitution and concerning the 'general principles of territory government', has still to be passed by Parliament. During next legislature, INU shall undertake to grant the positive conclusion of the law, through the confirmation of the public nature of planning and the proposal of the full equalization between restrictions and rights. It's also important monitoring the regional experiences that have already reformed their law, as well as all those regions that haven't effectively renewed their law yet.

Reform has to be carried on combining town planning subject analysis with everyday practice, as INU's tradition.

The first matter to be developed concerns the relationship between town planning and architecture, that is urban project question; such matter, in the past, brought to an ineffective contrast between plan and project and then to a greatest regard to architecture rather than town planning.

Recently, also in Italy, urban project subject and the relevant implementation modalities have been tackled, with particular care to citizens participation.

Another important aspect concerns the necessary compatibility between urban project and the essential elements of the plan, such as the mobility and the ecological network. This question, to be deeply analyzed, should allow town planning to be appreciated for its real role, concerning not only laws, control and administrative bureaucracy, but also project operations. A second matter concerns

the new transformation process interesting Italian territory, that produce great territorial imbalances. Towns have been largely changed and their geographic dimensions don't coincide with administrative boundaries any more; out-of-town territory is interested by a great urbanizing process. Transformation process involves serious effects (traffic congestion and other problems), particularly if mobility is based only on road system. Innovative town planning strategies, concerning an effective and sustainable mobility system, have to be implemented, as well as new centralities able to give order to settlement system.

The last two important matters concern house subject and periphery policies.

The first one has become topical again because of both the almost total absence of State in this question and the new features it presents nowadays.

INU tries to give an answer to these matters, proposing the implementation of State lands to be used for social aims and State building rights; both of them should be obtained by compensation (ordinary modality).

The second matter, characterized by international importance, should be tackled by comparing successful cases and their implementation projects, with particular care to peripheral areas and to project feasibility.

We have to analyze and compare real cases and not only theories, in order to understand the real effects they produced and the consequent peripheral redevelopment. The main purpose consists in generalizing the most convincing solutions and rousing real effects to national and regional legislative measures.

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