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Planning as a problem



Romagnano al Monte (Salerno): a contract of quarter for an historical centre under used Massimino Cavallaro

There is nowadays widespread consensus on the need to revitalise old towns and enhance their functions in the framework of overall land use management, both for town planning purposes and to foster economic and social development. In other words, old towns are no longer seen as requiring static conservation measures: the need to safeguard the heritage of a community, in its physical, cultural and landscape expressions, is nowadays opening up opportunities for social, economic and urban enhancement, adopting a sustainability-based approach. The territory of Romagnano al Monte boasts a number of potential strengths which reveal their vitality, thanks to schemes launched by the Municipal administration to foster tourist fruition of the area, which offers unique artistic and natural attractions. The main objective of this action plan is renewal of the functions of the old town area of the municipality. The main positive impacts for the territory include: - renovation of the abandoned urban area, and protection and improvement of the whole environment; - increased economic prosperity and employment, thanks to the creation of new spaces for new economic activities linked to tourist accommodation and tourism-related services: - implementation of service activities on the local and supra-local level; - enhancement of cultural and environmental tourism. To achieve the above aims. Neighborhood Contract II was used to promote urban and social upgrading of this

area and was integrated with other actions already

funded and in progress. Planning paid great attention to environmental aspects, selecting environmentally friendly solutions which minimise resource consumption. The programme includes the following areas and actions:

- rehabilitation of the historical built stock of the existing Old Town, by means of consolidation, restoration and refurbishment projects and the assignment of new forms of use including tourist accommodation and local produce shops, in full respect of the quality of the buildings and the high environmental value of the area;

- environmental upgrading of the area currently consisting of prefab buildings, in Palazzo locality, through creation of an urban park equipped with sports facilities for use by the local community and the tourists staying in the old town of Romagnano al Monte;

- upgrading of the street and network of the housing development in the Ariola locality, through resurfacing of dilapidated roads and completion of the pedestrian areas, so as to achieve greater integration between the various parts of the urban fabric in the new settlement;

- completion of the sports area in the Pian di Piede locality, including creation of an urban park/equipped green area, with pedestrian paths and a parking lot for cars and caravans.