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CITTÀ IN SCENA NEL MONDO: ITALIAN URBAN REGENERATION ON EXHIBIT ABROAD

The exhibition **Città in Scena. Urban Regeneration: the Italian way to a sustainable future** comes to BIG SEE Festival 2026 in Portorož in the framework of the 10th edition of the Italian Design Day in Slovenia, taking place on May 21st and 22nd, from 10 am to 6 pm, at Magazin Grando, Obala 10. The project is produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and curated by Ance, Associazione Mecenate 90 ETS and Fondazione Musica per Roma, which takes abroad and exhibits urban regeneration experiences in Italy, collected by the *Città in scena* Festival.

The exhibition showcases the best urban regeneration practices developed in Italy and promotes skills and technologies related to the design of urban spaces, construction and housing projects developed by Italian public administrations, companies and designers.

In fact, in Italy over the last few years, there has been a widespread interest and considerable focus on urban regeneration processes. Thanks also to the resources of the NextGenerationEU and other national public measures, this has become the most widespread approach to managing transitions in environment, energy, and society, limiting land consumption, recovering abandoned spaces and buildings both in the suburbs and historic centres, and giving them a new function related to the needs of neighbouring communities.

The exhibition has a dual objective. On the one hand, it aims to provide an account of the extraordinary vitality in our country's design and construction sectors and how it is significantly changing Italian cities from north to south. The other aim is to present a series of significant examples to illustrate the variety of solutions adopted, a testimonial to the vast range of skills in conception, design, technology and construction that are seeing such a strong growth in Italy in recent years, making this one of the best and most important results of the 'Made in Italy' brand.

Città in Scena. Urban Regeneration: the Italian way to a sustainable future originated in the wake of the experience acquired since 2023 with the *Città in Scena* Festival. Here, **over 130 urban regeneration projects** from all over Italy were showcased and explored.

Since the 2024 edition, the Festival has also benefited from the valuable collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, which has enriched the events with testimonials and connections with international cities such as Tirana, Tunis, Petrinja and Zagreb.

The exhibition also has the support of an extensive documentation system, accessible online, which contains detailed dossiers of all the projects on exhibit, as well as information on the designers, and the construction companies, materials and technologies used.