

Territorializing the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP). Strategies, tools, and projects for regenerating the city and contemporary territories

Presentation of the initiative

Call For Papers

1. The cultural and regulatory setting

The Call for papers “Territorializing the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza, NRRP). Strategies, tools, and projects for regenerating the city and contemporary territories” is part of the Sapienza University of Rome research project (2022) titled: “*Integrare programmazione economica e assetto del territorio. PNRR, verso nuove strategie e strumenti per città inclusive, sostenibili e resilienti*” (“Integrating economic programming and territorial planning. NRRP – towards new strategies and tools for inclusive, sustainable, and resilient cities”).

The initiative originates from the consideration that the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza, NRRP), approved in 2021 by the Council of the European Union as part of the Next Generation EU programme. Its objective – to mitigate the impact of the social and health crisis and to close the technology gap that separates Italy from the most evolved European countries and has direct repercussions on our territory’s structure – casts light on the need to task an innovative system of planning tools and strategies with territorializing the anticipated investments and measures, by associating economic programming with territorial organization.

In our current, historic phase, exceptional and marked by emergency as it is, the foundations are being laid for a profound reconsideration of the relationship between plan and market with a view to building a path that might continue from reforms to investment, combining the Keynesian effects expenditure demand with those of the *good* investments that pay off through their beneficial impacts on growth and employment.

However, the extraordinary financial endowment of the NRRP does not correspond to a “country idea,” a clear “territorialist vision”; what is lacking is that political continuity that constitutes the alternations without which the implementation of policies, programmes, and projects that have already begun, or the start of planned ones, cannot be guaranteed; above all, what is lacking is the will to anticipate an *ad hoc* planning that reaffirms the principles and the social purposes of urban planning in the regeneration processes.

The NRRP is being introduced into a political and regulatory setting marked by the failure to approve a *Territory governance law* that is needed for coordinating European bodies, State, and regions, and for adopting and making operative the new strategies contained in the community policies oriented towards principles of sustainability and resilience.

Two years after its approval and three before its expiration, the implementation of the NRRP is contending with highly centralized guidance and monitoring functions, with the timing of the “Plan,” and with the prevalence of top-down modes of implementation. The NRRP also clashes with unfortunate, ambiguous, and coarse terminological constructions, clumsily borrowed mostly from English and now part of the current jargon of policy wonks and politicians, which debase far more complex disciplinary content, thereby hindering the development of effective processes of urban, scenic, environmental, and socioeconomic regeneration. In this setting, the call focuses attention on certain highly interrelated themes, relating to:

- a general, critical rereading of the “Plan” often marked by projects lying for years in the drawers of public offices, and therefore distant from the culture and objectives of the NRRP;
- a rethinking of the analytical methods and planning strategies used to select the projects, by more deeply examining the relationships that exist between projects/works, economy, territory, infrastructures, environment, landscape, and settled communities;

- the ability of infrastructures and of transport networks to contribute towards the regeneration of “fragile” or degraded socioeconomic settings;
- the possibility of relying on forms of public/private partnership, especially for the purposes of publicity, that allow community resources to be valorized, thus promoting the activation of effective regeneration processes.

For these themes, the call refers to the analysis of strategies, tools, and projects able to valorize identity-based cultural heritage; to reduce hydrogeological risk; to promote actions for mitigating and adapting to climate change; to guarantee the supply of ecosystem services and the decarbonization of the energy system; to oppose the marginalization processes of inner areas; to implement policies for urban regeneration, social housing, health, education, sustainable mobility, and the socioeconomic development of “less-developed” areas; and to promote social inclusion and territorial equity, providing concrete responses to phenomena of decay and impoverishment of welfare.

2. The Call for papers

The *Call for papers* “**Territorializzare il PNRR. Strategie, strumenti e progetti per la rigenerazione della città e dei territori contemporanei**” (“Territorializing the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza, NRRP). Strategies, tools, and projects for regenerating the city and contemporary territories”) is aimed at promoting a broad, interdisciplinary and interscalar dialogue able to interpret the settlement dynamics, the territorial interconnections, the criticalities, and the needs for balanced, consistent development. Designed for researchers, scholars and professionals involved in the multiple disciplines relating to territorial governance policies marked by a strong degree experimentation, the initiative intends to select working hypotheses and contributions of ideas on the proposed issues, through the preliminary submission of an abstract in Italian and English, to be followed by the full paper. To foster broad, qualified dissemination of the proceedings, all the contributions selected by the Scientific Committee that have duly paid the entry fee shall be published in hardcopy with ISBN.

The abstracts in Italian and English (2,000 characters each, counting spaces, drawn up in accordance with the guidelines) shall be e-mailed in Word format by no later than **1 February 2024** to territorializzarepnrr.pdta@uniroma1.it, with the subject indicating “**Abstract - Territorializzare il PNRR**” (“Abstract – Territorializing the NRRP”).

By **18 February 2024**, the result of the Scientific Committee’s assessment of the abstracts will be announced, with selection for publication where applicable.

The **full paper** (max. 24,000 characters, counting spaces, including *abstract and bibliography*, with 3/4 images) shall be transmitted in Word format in its final version by no later than **18 April 2024**, along with the receipt for payment of the publication expenses fee, equal to € **200.00**, to be received via wire transfer payable to the banking account of the PDTA (Department of Planning, Design, and Technology of Architecture): Dipartimento PDTA (Unicredit - Agenzia Roma La Sapienza no. 30660 Iban: IT80H0200805227000401386464).

The Scientific Committee will also select some authors for presentation at an international Conference to be held in the month of **June 2024**.

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Abstract submission guidelines

Abstracts must be original and must not have been already published or presented at other conferences. They must contain a brief description of the topic, and a brief reference to the methodology used and to the main results achieved.

The abstract must contain:

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