SoHoLab

The regeneration of large-scale
Social Housing estates through Living Labs

Project meeting
23rd - 25th September 2018
Milan

Introduction

This 2-days and half intensive program brings together SoHoLab project partners as well as relevant guest speakers from academia, institutions and civil society (reflecting the structure of SoHoLab national partnerships). A part from representing a fundamental step in project's updating and organisation among national coordinators (24th morning and 25th afternoon sessions), the meeting represents the chance to explore Milanese context through "SoHoLab lens" and to expand a common reflection on core issues addressed by the project. The meeting will focus on offering an overview of the Milanese context in terms of policies and practices related to a "LivingLab approaches" in urban regeneration (25th afternoon), involving experts from different field, backgrounds and social sphere; it will also introduce international project partners to the Milanese case study: San Siro neighbourhood (25th morning). Reflecting SoHoLab approach both moments of theoretical and critical reflection as well as "on field" activities are included in the program.

SoHoLab project

The SoHoLab project (2017 – 2020) establishes and evaluates LivingLab approaches to understand how under-privileged residents, housing associations and other intermediaries can be effectively involved in the regeneration of large-scale social housing estates. Through action-research methodologies, it aims to develop approaches and best practices to address the social-spatial exclusion of residents in deprived large-scale social housing estates in Europe. In particular, it addresses (1) the socially innovative potential of involving social housing residents in the collective regeneration of their housing environment, (2) collaborative research as a tool to gather in-depth knowledge of local living conditions and to contribute to the construction of a counterhegemonic image of the neighbourhoods considered and (3) the capacity of co-productive planning, bonding and bridging efforts to unite residents, neighbourhood inhabitants, public housing organizations, spatial practitioners and cultural, educational and social organizations around shared goals and interests.

SoHoLab approach is based on an international and interdisciplinary partnership between researchers, non-profit organisations, architects, housing professionals and city partners.
The approach is being developed, tested and refined on the basis of a retrospective evaluation of existing projects in Paris, of action research in an ongoing LivingLab experience in Milan and new LivingLabs in Brussels and Paris.

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More information is available at: *www.soholab.org*.

National Partnerships and cases study

Brussels | Cosmopolis Centre for Urban Research, Vrije Universiteit Brussel – project coordinator
Case study: Peterbos Park
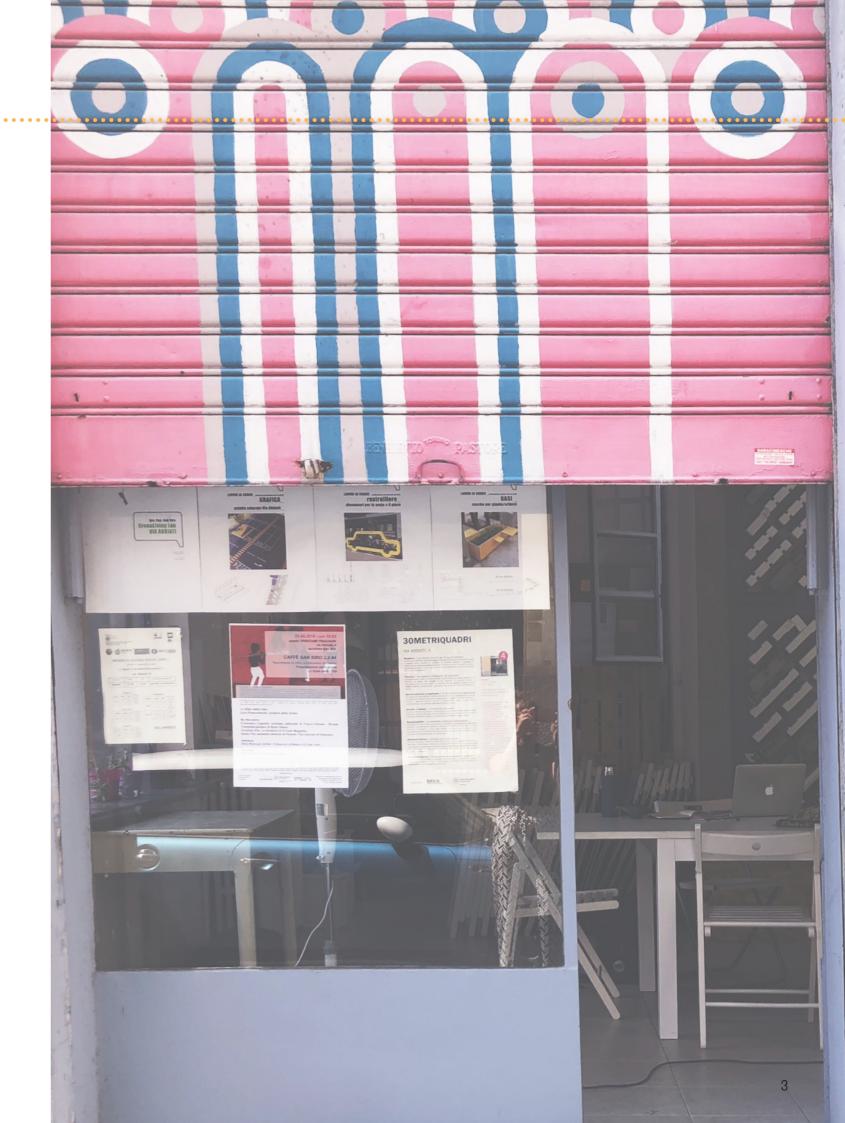Partners: Cosmopolis-Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Samenlevingsopbouw Brussel, SLRB Brussel

Paris | Architecture Urbanisme Société: Savoirs Enseignement Recherche, CNRS 3329 – national coordinator
Case study: ParisLab
Partners: AUSser-CNRS 3329, Andrei Feraru (AAF), Immobilière 3F

Milan | Department of Architecture & Urban Studies, Politecnico di Milano – national coordinator
Case Study: Mapping San Siro (San Siro neighbourhood)
Parnters: temporiuso.net, Polis Lombardia, Osservatorio Regionale sulla Condizione Abitativa - Regione Lombardia, Aler Milano

Programme

Sunday 23rd

Paolo Grassi Theatre, Via Rovello, 2, Milano

17:30	Aperitivo in Nina Vinchi cloister
19:30	ALL IN performance – ATRES BANDES, Spanish company
Convener	Angela Lucrezia Calicchio (Outis Director – Centro Nazionale di Drammaturgia Contemporanea)

Monday 24th

Politecnico di Milano
Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 26 (M2 Piola)
Sala Consiglio (first floor) - Edificio Carta (29)

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome coffee
Welcome greetings – Gabriele Pasqui (DAStU Director)
Introduction and programme presentation – Francesca Cognetti (PoliMi)

10:30 – 13:00 **State of advancement of the project** (reserverd for VUB – PoliMi/Polis – AUSser)
Introduction (project coordinator) – Michael Ryckewaert and Nele Aernouts (VUB)
VUB – Brussels
AUSser – Paris
PoliMi and Polis Lombardia – Milan
Discussion

Convener VUB

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:30 **Traces of Living Labs: an outlook on Milanese context**
Final seminar of the cycle SoHoLab Lunch seminars on action-research
Introduction – Francesca Cognetti and Elena Maranghi (PoliMi)

Institutional policies
• *WEMI SPACES - places of access to city Welfare AND urban regeneration system We Mi* – Pietro Lembi (Comune di Milano)
• *La città intorno: a collaborative process to promote community hubs* – Chiara Bartolozzi (Fondazione Cariplo)

Bottom-up experiences
• *Project of Quattro Corti in Stadera: spaces for inhabitants and neighbourhood* – Sara Travaglini and Maria Chiara Cela (Dar Casa) + Federica Verona Noicoop/Solidarnosc/CCL
• *Mercato Lorenteggio: space, project or process for urban regeneration?* – Erika Lazzarino (Ass. Cult. Dynamoscopio)

Discussion with intervention of: Massimo Bricocoli (DAStU, Politecnico di Milano), Michael Ryckewaert (VUB), Dominique Lefrancois (AHTTEP, ENSA Paris-la Villette), Isabella Inti (temporiuso.net), Alice Boni (Polis Lombardia)

Convener PoliMi - VUB - AUSser

19:00 *HugMilano, Via Giulio e Corrado Venini 83, M1 Rovereto*
Visit of HugMilano (WeMi Hub) – brief presentation by Sara Atelier (co-funder)
Aperitivo

Tuesday 25th

09:30 – 13:00 **Partner meeting: Exploring San Siro**

San Siro neighbourhood, Milano

10:00 – 11:30 *gathering point – Piazzale Segesta, M5 Segesta*
Tour of the neighbourhood and Trentametriquadri – Alice Ranzini (IUAV – Venezia) and Sabina Uberti Bona (PoliMi)

11:30 – 13:00 *Trentametriquadri, Via Abbiati 4, M5 Segesta, M1 De Angeli*
Introduction and presentation of the three Milanese pilot projects – Francesca Cognetti (PoliMi)

• *Luci a San Siro*: reactivating vacant spaces – Andrea Ghirlanda (P.O. – Sviluppo e valorizzazione del patrimonio abitativo pubblico, Regione Lombardia) and Cristina Cocciolo (Director – Area Gestionale, Aler Milano)
• *Green Living Lab Abbiati*: for a better quality of the public space – Carlo Gallelli e Matteo Persichino (temporiuso.net), Gianfranco Orsenigo (DAStU, PoliMi)
• *Ghe pensi mi*: activating local women's competences – Elena Maranghi and Sabina Uberti Bona (PoliMi)
Discussion

Convener PoliMi

Project partners representatives (Regione Lombardia, Aler Milano, Polis Lombardia and temporiuso.net) and local network Sansheroes members are invited to participate.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
(Lunch will be prepared by a group of women involved in the pilot project Ghe pensi mi: Milanese women for a world of services – SoHoLab)

14:00 – 16:00 **Conclusions**

14:00 – 15:30 Structured discussion on Wp2, Wp3 and Wp4

16:00 Greetings and departure

Convener PoliMi - VUB - AUSser

Project partners (Osservatorio Regionale sulla Condizione Abitativa - Regione Lombardia, Aler Milano, Polis Lombardia, temporiuso.net) have been invited to participate to the sessions: *"Traces of Living Labs: an outlook on Milanese context"* and *"Partner meeting: Exploring San Siro"*.
Sansheroes local network has been invited to participate to the session: *"Partner meeting: Exploring San Siro"*.
Arjama Mukherjee, Maria Jimenéz, Nicholas Brevini (Mapping San Siro internship students), Alice Ranzini (PhD student at Iuav Venezia), James Patrick Macneil (PhD student at Milano Bicocca) and Gianfranco Orsenigo (PhD student at PoliMi) will participate to the meeting

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