

CALL FOR PAPERS TRIA n. 18

Urban regeneration in the EU

During the last three decades the European Union (EU) has paid growing attention to the key role that cities play in the development of the European territory and their potential contribution to tackling the economic, climate, environmental and social challenges that the EU continues to face.

Due to this awareness, a complex process of urban regeneration policy-building has taken place within Community institutions since the late 80s. This has led to the definition of what we could call today the EU urban policy, a policy field that has been formalized through the launch of a number of non-compulsory tools of different types particularly oriented to support the Member States (MS), the regions, the cities, and other stakeholders to face the problems of decline of their urban areas.

The URBAN Community Initiative has been largely recognized as the most influential tool launched in this regard. The so-called *URBAN method* and the *Urban Acquis* of the EU are based on its integrated, collaborative and innovative approach to urban regeneration. It was also assumed in the “urban mainstreaming” vision adopted in the context of the Cohesion Policy from 2007, in which its guiding principles aimed to be integrated into the operational programs of the Member States.

In the new programming period (2014-2020) the urban dimension of the Cohesion Policy has been reinforced. In this framework, MS are obliged to earmark at least 5% of their allocations of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support *integrated sustainable urban development strategies*. In addition, new tools have been introduced to foster innovative and integrated urban action (the Urban Innovative Actions, the Urban Development Network). Together with the continuation of existing initiatives such as URBACT, these and other policy instruments have the objective of fostering the EU support to urban regeneration with an integrated approach.

This issue of TRIA focuses on **urban regeneration in the EU**. Its aim is to address the policy action summarized, from the recognition that scholarly research on it remains very limited. The objective is to contribute to a better understanding of the general scenario and to bright the attention of the scientific community, policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders to the relevance of the critical analysis of the action undertaken to advance to sustainable urban development. We are interested in contributions which shed light on the following issues:

- The ways in which the mentioned policy tools and financial frameworks have contributed to the transformation of urban regeneration policy in the MS, the

regions, and the cities of the EU. In this regard, we welcome studies that address also the contributions of policy documents, and processes.

- Studies drawing on particular cases of EU urban regeneration programs/projects or using a comparative approach.
- A critical review of the *integrated urban regeneration* concept adopted by the EU, along with contributions aimed to understand the obstacles and barriers that MS face to implement such an approach in their national frameworks.
- Analysis of the “urban mainstreaming” vision adopted from 2007 in the context of the Cohesion Policy, its consequences and lessons learned so far.
- The process of construction of the *Urban Agenda for the EU*, and its programmatic framework (the *Pact of Amsterdam*) from a critical approach.
- The contributions to theory on integrated urban regeneration and related fields resulting from the study of the mentioned policy action.
- The urban regeneration tools launched in the different MS to support *integrated sustainable urban development strategies* in the present programming period 2014-2020.
- The “Europeanization” of urban policies in the MS as a result of the mentioned policy action.
- The urban policy of the EU in the context of the *New Urban Agenda* of United Nations and other relevant tools and approaches in the international context.

Authors are invited to submit papers presenting their reflections and descriptions of actual experiences of urban planning and design concerning urban regeneration in the UE. The contributions should deal with themes connected to the subject and their contents might be about theoretical/methodological aspects and/or case studies related to European context.

Submission instructions:

This issue is especially coordinated by Antonio Acierno and Sonia De Gregorio Hurtado.

To be considered for publication in this issue, papers should be submitted before the **30th May 2017** to antonio.acierno@unina.it and s.degregorio.hurtado@gmail.com.

They can be written in Italian, English or Spanish and must follow the TRIA Author Guidelines: <http://www.tria.unina.it/index.php/tria>

Articles should include an abstract (up to 300 words) covering the objective and research questions addressed, methodological approach, limitations, originality and key findings. Articles should also include up to 5 key words.

Authors are also requested to provide a short author bio (200 words), including contact details, and affiliation. All submissions will go through the regular journal review process.

Relevant dates:

15th May 2017: Submission of papers

15th June 2017: Notification of acceptance

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