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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF YOUR CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PLACEMAKING AND PUBLIC SPACE INITIATIVES



Reggio Emilia, Italy, has a rich cultural heritage, innovative approach to education, outstanding urban development policies, and a commitment to sustainability. The city's emphasis on urban renewal, community involvement and civic engagement fosters a sense of belonging among its residents. Reggio Emilia's renowned educational philosophy, the *Reggio Emilia Approach*, emphasises the importance of child-led learning and creative expression, influencing education systems worldwide. Furthermore, the city's dedication to sustainability is evident in its urban planning initiatives, green spaces, and efforts to reduce environmental impact. Reggio Emilia is a model for cities striving to balance economic growth with environmental responsibility. Its historical architecture, vibrant cultural scene, and high quality of life make it an exemplary European city.

<https://www.comune.re.it/novita/notizie/la-citta-del-2030-il-piano-urbanistico-generale-e-stato-adottato-dal-consiglio-comunale>

Reggio's local government has overseen several forward-thinking developments over recent years and implemented many beneficial policies and strategies for the urban realm which puts people first and is strongly connected with the placemaking approach. One of the most important projects is the Santa Croce neighbourhood project, which is a regeneration of brownfield sites within the city to improve social housing, provide a huge public realm including sports facilities and street space, linking through to the new innovation park, the huge campo volo Arena Campovolo concert arena and urban park, and the Malaguzzi centre of learning for early years education.

<https://www.comune.re.it/argomenti/sviluppo-economico-e-innovazione/progetti-di-sviluppo-del-territorio/reggiane-parco-innovazione>

Moreover, there is a public strategy named “Futuro Prossimo: Reggio Emilia - 2030 (ATUSS)”, currently active, which is organised into three specific territorial dimensions:

- The places that identify the significant functional polarities which are entrusted with the driving role for the development of the city and the entire territory;
- The ecological-environmental, mobility and digital networks that constitute the supporting infrastructure serving the entire territorial system, to which the task of guaranteeing, respectively, the balance of ecosystems and biodiversity, the transition to systems of more sustainable mobility and the digital transition;
- The 15-minute City includes the mesoscale of the urban dimension, the micro-scale of the neighbourhood, and the city's proximity of local services and public infrastructure. This contributes to the level of well-being and cohesion expected by citizens.

The vision for 2030 designs an ecological city that achieves carbon neutrality, consumes less energy and produces it from renewable sources, no longer consumes the territory, and takes care of public spaces and the landscape.

A city that cultivates creativity, develops critical thinking, and promotes knowledge, learning and knowledge exchange. A safe city, open to relationships, international, welcoming and diffusive.

A smart city that applies digital technology and data sets to the development of cognitive and participatory processes to create opportunities for economic and social development.

A city that maintains and creates excellent businesses, incentivises and facilitates those who intend to undertake business, generates value for the territory and allows for greater conciliation between life and work.

A city that enhances human capital, civic and responsible protagonism, to activate governance processes; a collaborative city that pursues network and system logics with the other cities of the territory.

The ATUSS Futuro Prossimo project of Reggio Emilia for 2030 integrates different sources of financing with a view to complementarity and synergy between the actions. In the priority areas, in addition to the interventions to be carried out with the ERDF and ESF+ funds, numerous actions are developed with PNRR resources and other national funds.

<https://www.comune.re.it/argomenti/sviluppo-economico-e-innovazione/progetti-di-sviluppo-del-territorio/atuss>

The major urban transformation strategies to make Reggio Emilia a sustainable, inclusive, creative, and open city are strongly intertwined with the social and participatory reality of the city and draw energy, skills and values from it. The collaboration between the different components of the city (associations, private individuals, citizens, research bodies, PA) has always characterised Reggio Emilia as a pilot laboratory of bottom-up projects and processes of urban regeneration and social innovation.

Through its mixture of tradition and innovation, Reggio Emilia sets a standard for urban development that promotes inclusivity, creativity, and environmental stewardship, making it a deserving candidate for hosting Placemaking Week Europe 2025.



Chiostri di San Pietro_Photo of Reggio Emilia Municipality



Parco Innovazione_Photo of Reggio Emilia Municipality

POTENTIAL VENUES AND LOCATIONS FOR FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

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We propose to host the Festival in some specific places adopting an **itinerant approach**, with the aim to narrate, discover and promote the city of Reggio Emilia as a unique place for inclusive, open and accessible public spaces.

The identified places are five and all are included in the urban area, strongly accessible from the main city centre railway station, from a reasonable walking distance (maximum 1.2 Km distance among them).



A. Reggiane Parco Innovazione -

<https://parcoinnovazione.it/en/reggiane-parco-innovazione-eng/>

Reggiane Innovation Park is a European hub of services and functions with very high innovation potential, born from the regeneration of the historic Officine Meccaniche Reggiane, built in 1904. Once an emblematic workplace of modernity and a driving force of the Italian industrial growth of the twentieth century, today, following the restoration of the original structures, a scientific-humanistic technological hub, which brings together university and research centres, businesses and public administration in a unique location of great charm. It is aimed at the development of industrial research and technology, the birth of new businesses and the growth of existing ones, and the attraction of skills and creative talents.

The space inside is flexible and spacious enough to host 500+ participants.



B. Laboratorio Aperto ai Chiostri di San Pietro -

<https://www.chiostrisanpietro.it/lab-in-chiostri/>

The Laboratorio Aperto of Reggio Emilia is the innovative heart of the Chiostri di San Pietro, which is the physical place hosting the Reggio Emilia branch of the region network.

The Laboratorio Aperto is a place where cooperation and collaboration between businesses, citizens, the third sector, universities, the world of research and public administration happen. It is an opportunity for different actors and competencies to meet, exchange knowledge, nurture critical thinking and generate innovative ideas, to experiment with open and participatory forms of planning that favour the exchange and contamination of social, economic and technological knowledge.

The Laboratory animates the Reggio Emilia social innovation community, experiments with and develops new solutions in terms of services, products, organisations and processes in the areas of welfare, culture and education to respond to old and new needs of the community and the territory in a logic of open innovation.



C. Loris Malaguzzi International Centre

<https://www.reggiochildren.it/en/loris-malaguzzi-international-centre/>

The Reggio Emilia Approach® permeates every corner of the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre, making it a unique place for hosting business events, receptions and private parties. The building houses rooms of different seating capacities and has up to 2,000 square metres of exhibition space, offering flexible adaptable spaces and personalised solutions for every need: conferences, company and silver service dinners, standing buffets and parties.

With a seating capacity of 420 the Annamaria and Marco Gerra Auditorium is equipped to the highest international conference levels.

The Pause-Atelier of Tastes Restaurant draws on the eno-gastronomic tradition of the local territory, taking inspiration from worldwide cuisines.



D. La Polveriera

<https://lapolveriera.net/>

"La Polveriera" is a place in the heart of Reggio Emilia. It was conceived as a large square open to the neighbourhood and the city. A place for meeting and aggregation, an active laboratory of social culture. Initially, the area constituted the surviving portion of the old Piazza d'Armi of Reggio Emilia, when in the 1950s the Polveriera ceased its military function and the municipal administration subsequently acquired the area and buildings. The regeneration project aimed to revamp this area of the city, creating community opportunities and new connections. Through the renovation project of the historical asset, the whole area was transformed from an armaments depot into a building for social innovation.

The Polveriera is now a space that promotes change and regeneration, capable of creating strong synergies to produce new services –mainly social services to support fragile people– aimed at the private market and different community stakeholders, to transmit its values to the territory and to expand the community of cooperatives to other subjects.



E. Ex Mangimificio Caffarri

<https://www.comune.re.it/novita/notizie/presentazione-alla-citta-dei-nuovi-spazi-allex-caffarri-dedicati-a-educazione-sostenibilita-ricerca-affidati-a-fondazione-reggio-children>

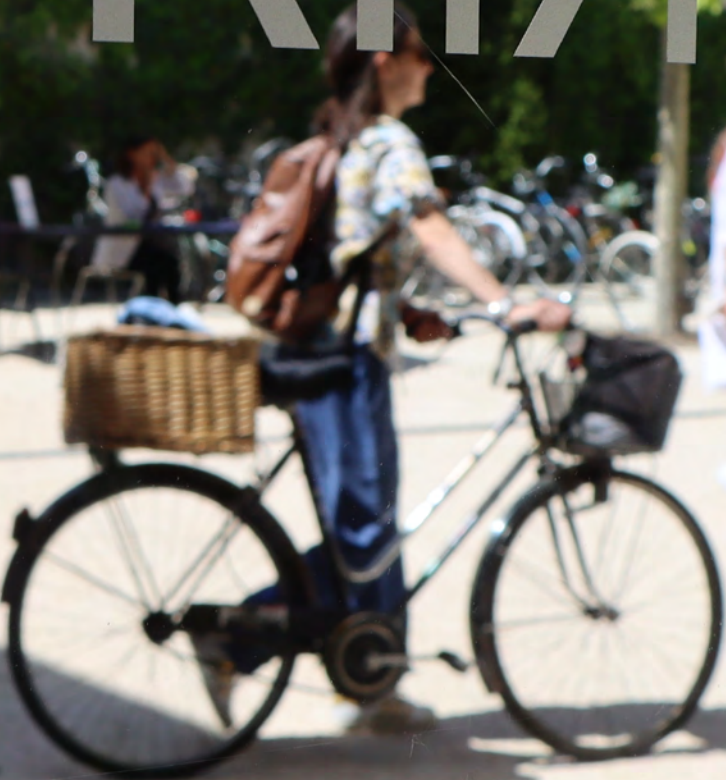
The complex of the former Caffarri Feed Mill in the Santa Croce neighbourhood has been characterised by a long manufacturing and industrial history. The building was originally linked to Officine Meccaniche Reggiane, when, in the early 20th century, it was a carpenter's shop for the construction of trains, then for warplane components. In the 1960s it moved to a private owner and was converted and expanded as a feed mill, before being closed down in 2013.

The former Caffarri was included in 2018 by the Municipality of Reggio Emilia in the Temporary Reuse Project, which gives new meaning and significance to the existing spaces. The challenge of this new place is to foster contamination between different ideas, practices and knowledge through educational laboratory research. This was carried out by looking at the contemporary issues of our Planet, from climate change to educational poverty to digital developments.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:



FRUITZON





Chiostri di San Pietro_Photo of Reggio Emilia Municipality

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND LOCAL PARTNERS WHO COULD BE INVOLVED

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Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti, Conservatori di Reggio Emilia - <https://www.architetti.re.it/>

Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti, Conservatori di Reggio Emilia is an independent professional regulator, established at the National level as a statutory body to ensure the professional skills, ethics and morality of architects, planners, landscapers, and conservators. The Ordine has an active dialogue with local citizens and professionals to promote transparency and growing awareness of the architecture profession as a social discipline for a good quality of everyday life.

Moreover, since 2020, the *Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti, Conservatori* organises the **Rigenera Festival**¹ on architecture which includes conferences, collective walking and open workshops to open-up perspectives on the city of tomorrow.

STU Reggiane Spa - <https://stureggiane.comune.re.it/>

STU Reggiane Spa is the subsidiary company of the Municipality and Iren Rinnovabili Srl. The company dealt with the urban regeneration process of the area Officine Meccaniche Reggiane, specifically in the design and implementation process of Parco Innovazione infrastructure – the new European headquarter for businesses and research in the city.

REI, Reggio Emilia Innovazione - <https://www.fondazionerei.it/>

Centre for Innovation with provide services to local and regional companies, specifically in innovation processes, tech transfer and Industrial and Technological Research services.

E:LAB s.r.l. - <https://progettohamlet.it/>

The Reggio Emilia Municipality has started testing a new digital collaborative platform, called Hamlet, and developed by Open Box - E:LAB srl in collaboration with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNimore) and shared with the Municipality of Reggio Emilia and Lepida.

Hamlet is the digital proximity tool, complementary to physical relationships between people, through which citizens can obtain information, use services, dialogue with the administration and the community, and actively collaborate on specific projects and initiatives to identify solutions to the needs of the neighbourhood.

1 <https://www.rigenerareggioemilia.it/>

Fondazione E-35 - <https://e-35.it/>

E35 Foundation is a non-profit, public participation Foundation. It supports the European and international promotion of the Reggio Emilia territory, to attract economic resources, knowledge, and partnerships in support of local development policies and support of local authorities and their aggregations, of the economic and non-profit fabric of the territory.

UNIMORE - Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia

<https://international.unimore.it/>

UNIMORE has a longstanding tradition (it was founded in 1175) and is considered one of the best universities in Italy for teaching and research. It is ranked among the top 10 large-sized Italian universities by the Censis University Ranking 2023.

UNIMORE, which has just over 28,000 students including 3,500 postgraduates, is large enough to offer all the facilities one would expect from a major university (well-stocked libraries, computer rooms, free internet connection and study support services) but small enough to retain a personal and friendly learning environment.

UNIMORE is composed of 13 Departments, 1 School of Engineering and 1 Faculty of Medicine, offering a wide range of degree programmes at the undergraduate level, right up to doctoral studies in most disciplinary areas, from the humanities and social sciences to engineering and technology, and from physical and natural sciences to medicine and life sciences.

UNIMORE is located in the heart of one of Europe's wealthiest and most dynamic regions, which is world-renowned for its production of mechanical parts, engines, sports cars (e.g. Ferrari and Maserati) as well as for its agro-food sector, ceramic tiles and manufacturing industries.

Centro Interculturale Mondinsieme - <https://mondinsieme.org/>

The Centro Interculturale Mondinsieme –the Intercultural centre of the city– was born as a project of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia in the early 2000s and became a Foundation in 2010. Among its central objectives is the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue of active citizenship and the constant exchange and meeting between people of different origins, organized in associations, as well as between local, national and international bodies and institutions.

Laboratorio Aperto, Chiostri di San Pietro - [https://www.](https://www.chiostrisanpietro.it/)

[chiostrisanpietro.it/](https://www.chiostrisanpietro.it/)

The Chiostri di San Pietro – St Peter Cloisters– is a place of cultural production and a laboratory of social innovation. They were born from the regeneration of a sixteenth-century masterpiece, the ancient Benedictine Monastery of Saints Peter and Prospero, a monumental heritage asset of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia.

Due to their natural historical vocation, the Chiostri di San Pietro is the ideal candidate to be a cultural exhibition and attractive centre of international importance, but not only. With the birth of the Laboratorio Aperto right next to it, the Chiostri become a hub of social innovation, promoting themselves as a place of community-engagement, discussion and open and widespread innovation in the field of personal and digital services.

ARTER Emilia Romagna - <https://www.art-er.it/>

ART-ER Attractiveness Research Territory is the Emilia-Romagna Joint Stock Consortium born to foster the region's sustainable growth by developing innovation and knowledge, attractiveness and internationalisation of the territory.

Laboratori Aperti Emilia Romagna - <https://www.laboratoriaperti.it/>

The project to create the Network of Laboratori Aperti –Open Laboratories– of the Emilia-Romagna Region was one of the priority axes of the Por Fesr 2014-2020 - Attractive and participatory cities - and gives concrete implementation to the European Urban Agenda which recognises cities as having a central role as a territorial hub and provides for actions to qualify the cultural heritage and develop all the factors that can encourage citizen participation in the city's strategic choices, through the use of new ICT technologies.

The intervention strategy of this axis is based on strengthening the identity of urban areas capable of triggering processes of participation of citizens and businesses in the strategic choices of the city and creating new opportunities for employment and inclusion.

These spaces are equipped with advanced ICT solutions where cooperation and collaboration are developed between businesses, citizens, the third sector, universities, the world of research and the public administration and, in general, all the actors who have a role significant in the transformation of the information society in the urban context.

Avanzi - <https://avanzi.org/sustainability-in-action/>

It is an independent company based in Milan, Italy. Since 1997 we have been promoting sustainability through social innovation. Our mission is to design and develop innovative solutions for sustainability and facilitate their implementation through initiatives, projects and new ventures.

We take action through seven business areas, all based at Avanzi coworking, including urban regeneration and local development.

Consorzio Cooperative Sociali Quarantacinque - <https://www.quarantacinque.it/>

Consorzio Cooperative Sociali Quartacinque is a network of not for profit enterprises. Designs, innovates and manages services in the field of Welfare. The member cooperatives are based in 12 Italian regions.

Consorzio Oscar Romero - <https://www.consorziromero.org/>

Consorzio Oscar Romero is the first social consortium born in the Reggio Emilia province. To date, it is made up of 13 cooperatives and promoted by Confcooperative Federsolidarietà. Since 1990 it has acted as a point of reference for values of solidarity and hospitality, supporting the growth of member cooperatives and their relationship with local partners.

Impact Hub, Reggio Emilia - <https://www.impacthubre.it/>

Impact Hub Reggio Emilia is part of the famous international coworking and people network where entrepreneurs, creatives and professionals can access resources, be inspired by the work of others, develop innovative ideas strengthen useful relationships, and identify new market opportunities. Our members are entrepreneurs, social investors, freelancers, startups, creatives, artists, consultants, innovators and young professionals.

Politecnico di Milano - <https://www.polimi.it/>

The Politecnico di Milano is one of the most famous Italian universities and includes the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies which is a thematic and interdisciplinary research structure of the Politecnico di Milano established in January 2013.

The Department carries out research, design experimentation and training in the fields of architectural and urban design, spatial planning and territorial governance, urban policies, conservation and intervention on built and natural heritage, and historical interpretation -criticism of architecture and the city.

It is one of the most important research structures in Italy in the field of city and territory disciplines, located in a solid international network of centres of excellence and open to forms of cooperation with institutional and social actors at local, national and international levels

Farmacie Comunali Riunite - <https://www.cittasenzabarriere.re.it/>

Reggio Emilia Città Senza Barriere project has adopted the public trajectory of contributing to overcoming architectural barriers (everything that hinders the mobility and accessibility of every person with disabilities: physical, sensorial, mental) and mental barriers (i.e. obstacles of a behavioural nature and cultural, often the main cause of marginalization and social stigmatization) creating a new way of thinking about the city "for" and "with" disability. It is a project entrusted to the special company FCR (Farmacie Comunali Riunite) which, for over twenty years, has been one of the main players in Reggio Emilia's welfare policies. Because it is first and foremost the task of politics to take responsibility for the weakest and make consequent choices.



Gattaglio Community Centre_Photo from the Reggio Emilia Municipality



Parco Del Legno Temporary Use Project_Photo from the Reggio Emilia Municipality

LOCAL PARTNERS

Below are some indicative local partners, organised by the major ethos they are adopting and working with. Many others actively collaborate with the Municipality of Reggio Emilia in urban regeneration and social innovation projects. Neighbourhood projects which are part of the public strategy Neighbourhood Common Good can be viewed at this link:

<https://www.comune.re.it/argomenti/citta-collaborativa/i-progetti/qua-il-quartiere-bene-comune>

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Some local partners are active in valuing the territory in terms of environmental sustainability to support better use of slow mobility, a relationship with nature and respect for the natural ecosystem by promoting education actions.

- Ecosapiens - <https://www.ecosapiens.it/>
- Api Libere, az. agricola - <https://apilibere.it/>
- Asineria di Reggio Emilia - <https://www.asinidireggioemilia.it/>
- CAI Club Alpino Italiano - <https://www.caireggioemilia.it/>
- FIAB Tuttinbici - <https://www.tuttinbici.org/>
- Consorzio di Bonifica dell'Emilia Centrale - <https://www.emiliacentrale.it/>

CULTURAL WELFARE

Cultural associations were invited by the Municipality to experiment with new strategies of cultural participation from a proximity perspective, through creative processes, new productions and practices of reflexive training, constructing a path addressed to the city

- Teatro dell'Orsa - <https://www.teatrodellorsa.com/>
- Mamimò - <https://www.mamimo.it/>
- Associazione 5 minuti aps - <https://www.cinqueminuti.eu/wp/>
- Le Galline volanti aps - <https://gallinevolanti.com/>
- Compagnia del Buco - <https://compagniadellbuco.it/>
- Associazione Culturale 5T - <https://cinqueti.it/>

INCLUSIVITY AND PROXIMITY

Associations that, thanks to their capillarity and their roots throughout the municipal territory, are key players in the activation of small services in favour of the reference community, because they are able to listen to their territory and co-design together with the Public Administration new services and proposals to favour opportunities and moments of sociality and conviviality for all.

- Cooperativa Rigenera - <https://www.cooperativarigenera.it/>
- Accademia di quartiere - <https://www.accademiadiquartiere.com/>
- C.S. Catomes Tôt - https://www.facebook.com/catomestot/?locale=it_IT
- Filef Reggio Emilia - <https://filefreggioemilia.it/associazione/>
- Associazione Giro del Cielo - <https://www.girodelcielo.com/>

URBAN REGENERATION

Experiences of shared planning, to make communities and associations protagonist in the co-management of places in the city with activities that enhance and strengthen their vocations. The objective is to make these places common goods available to all and reposition them as places of culture, wellbeing and enhancement of the local territory and landscape.

- Il Mauriziano aps - <https://www.almau.re.it/>
- Villa Levi ets - <https://www.villalevi.re.it/>
- Il giardino di Gabrina - https://www.facebook.com/giardinodigabrina/?locale=it_IT
- Parco del Legno - <https://www.fioriribelli.it/>
- Parco delle Ginestre e Reggia di Rivalta - <https://www.insiemeperrivalta.it/>



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ANY UNIQUE ASPECTS OR THEMES THAT YOUR CITY CAN BRING TO THE FESTIVAL

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Collaborative city

Reggio Emilia is part of **POR FESR EMILIA ROMAGNA 2014-2020 - Axis 6 “Attractive and participatory cities”** which is a regional programme financed by Europe for economic growth and attractiveness of territories based on participation and citizen engagement.

The framework is the **“Neighbourhood Common Good”** the public program supporting the co-creation of services and the enhancement of skills and active involvement of citizens. It consists of three lines of action: (i) Community spaces and networks consist in the creation of networks of associations that collaborate in the co-design of innovative services for the communities of the neighbourhoods; (ii) Neighbourhood greenway and parkways consists of discovering and mapping with the citizens the cycling and walking trails and making them available to anyone who wants to explore the city and get active outdoors; (iii) Spaces and Parks as Common Goods dedicated to new ways of temporarily using dismissed common public spaces and properties to activate social and cultural initiatives with an innovative trait and through a participatory process that could bring new use to those places.

<https://www.comune.re.it/argomenti/citta-collaborativa>

Innovative research

In 2021, the Municipality of Reggio Emilia was included as one of the pilot cities in the City Science Initiative programme promoted by the European Commission to implement evidence-based research into the local authorities. The result was the configuration of the City Science Office as an applied scientific research unit in administrative and digital innovation, administrative Innovation and ESGs, Welfare and social innovation and the development of collaborative solutions, Environmental sustainability and ecological transition to foster a Climate Change Agreement.

<https://www.chiostrisanpietro.it/lab-in-chiostri/city-science-office-reggio-emilia/>

Environmental Sustainability

As part of the city’s urban plan, they aim to be carbon neutral by 2050 and have set a roadmap to do this with a 55% reduction by 2030, which includes implementation of urban forestation, creation of continuous ecological corridors to reconnect the city to the rural area and the creation of a new large urban park north of the city thanks to the planting of over 25,000 trees and 78 new hectares of public greenery.

Inclusive city

Reggio Emilia was one of the founder members of the Intercultural Cities Network in 2008. It was also the founder of the Italian Network of Intercultural Cities: Le città del dialogo.

Reggio Emilia has developed a specific attention to the inclusion of the growing elderly population (21.3%) and other marginalised categories. With one of the highest rates in Italy of non-national residents (17%, almost 150 nationalities), diversity has become a distinctive feature of our community and is nowadays embedded into local policies, in the Municipal organisational structure and in the local economic texture (16% of migrant enterprises). In January 2023, Reggio Emilia became the 1st Italian city to adopt a Local Action Plan against discrimination and hate crimes, reaffirming its role as “City of People”, as mentioned in the City’s emblem, which values all the forms of diversity as a resource, rather than as a threat, for community growth and innovation. The LAP foresees 5 areas, e.g. training program for the Municipal staff, a data collection process on equality and a series of actions from education to housing, access to services and communication. The LAP will be integrated not only in the City’s Single Programming Document, but also in the General Urban Plan, so as to include LAP indications in terms of diversity promotion in the strategic guidelines for the urban vision of the city.

<https://www.comune.re.it/argomenti/intercultural>

<https://www.retecittadel dialogo.it/>

Connectivity

Reggio has a stop on the high-speed rail network – the station was designed by Calatrava and forms a spectacular landmark setting the transport hub to the north of the city. The high-speed rail network in Italy is a fantastic service and serves the local population well, with bus transfers every 15 minutes into the city centre.

<https://calatrava.com/projects/reggio-emilia-stazione-mediopadana-reggio-emilia.html>

As part of the urban plan there are strong initiatives to create an accessible city, encouraging inclusivity for all abilities. Sustainable modes of transport, with buses and cycleways well integrated into the urban realm. Reggio has the most cycleways per capita in Italy.

Several urban neighbourhoods are fantastic examples of places within the city. Urban planning has sustainable mobility and 15-minute City principles high on the agenda – 62% of the population is in a 15-minute City. Plan to increase to 75%.

<https://www.comune.re.it/argomenti/mobilita/progetti>

Social Housing

The new phase of public investment in popular neighbourhoods to encourage multi-tenured housing development, multi-generational living, and opportunities for students. Also inclusive design of spaces.

City information

Located in Northern Italy, in the Po River Valley, at about 50 km from Bologna, on the Via Emilia, Reggio Emilia borders Parma's territory to the west and Modena's territory to the east. In the north, the Po River separates its territory from the province of Mantua, while in the south the Apennines mark the border with Liguria and Tuscany.

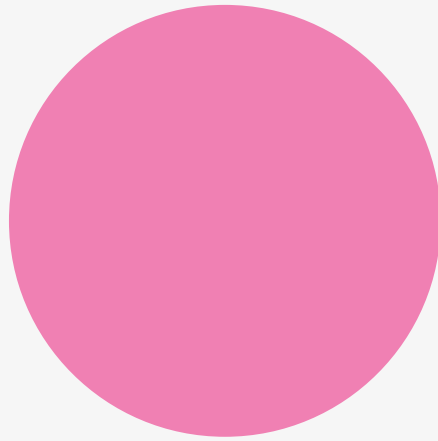
Reggio Emilia, also known as the Tricolour Flag town, as here the future Italian flag was adopted for the first time in 1797, has an ancient history: in the XI century, the town was the heart of Matilde's county in the neighbouring territory. Later, important figures marked its Renaissance, ranging from Boiardo to Ariosto, the great poet of *The Orlando Furioso*.

Nowadays, famous for its gastronomy, lifestyle quality and, internationally, the "*best kindergartens in the world*", Reggio Emilia is also a town of art, whose symbols are the XVII-century Basilica della Ghiara and the famous Teatro Municipale Valli. Contemporary aspects are also visible, for those who drive along the A1 motorway, in the bridges designed by architect Santiago Calatrava for the Alta Velocità (High Speed) Railway Station.

https://www.reggioemiliawelcome.it/en?set_language=en

<https://emiliaromagnaturismo.it/en/towns/reggio-emilia>

<https://visitareggio.it/en/>



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