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Abstract

REVIVISCERE REVIGLIASCO

THE REBIRTH OF THE PLACES THANKS TO THE
FINDING OF THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY

THE CASE OF REVIGLIASCO TORINESE

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Revigliasco is a village located on the Turin hill, a fraction hamlet since 1928 of Moncalieri since 1928, which tells its story in a murmured, scarcely perceptible way,

whispered with medieval windows, sundial painted on the wall, pebbles and regal gardens, so hidden that it hasn't been enough loved and appreciated enough by most of the residents inhabitants who live there. The great urban extensions, happened in '50 to '90 of the past century, had implicated a social mixing between the native farmers and people of Turin, who were looking for a quiet life, immersed in the nature, but near the city. This little village, blinded overcome (ma anche blinded va bene) by Turin, results is divided into two parts: people who live 360 degree the hamlet in a complete way and people who only "sleeptsleep" in Revigliasco. Is this village destined going to end up in oblivion, making all its inhabitants extraneous or is there still time to recover a sense of community and places' identity of places to bring it back through the construction of a new and amalgamated community?

The first step has been to study theoretically the concepts of globalization, community, identity, participation, memory and places' perception of the place theoretically. The re-appropriation, from both a social and territorial point of view, is the central element of this thesis. After having listened and have interviewed different active interviewees in the hamlet, they have emerged various problems have come to light, that can be summarized as follows: abandonment of the Castle, the lack of social amalgamation between the natives and the new inhabitants, the scarcity of social infrastructures, insufficient knowledge of the historical past of the village.

Two different types of activities are proposed: the first is going to be the presentation of events and manifestations, which involve the inhabitants to reconcile together thought and to knowledge of the places and their past. The second step is going to regain possession of a part of the country territory, which has been abandoned for years, with the community who manages totally entirely the area -, a space that requires minimal architectural intervention conceived, designed and built by the community in collaboration with different associations both of from Revigliasco and of Moncalieri.

The first objective was to connect and unite the inhabitants, between among Revigliasco's people and between among Revigliasco's and Moncalieri's people, provoking in them environmental self-awareness, knowledge of the territory, of the past and present; these elements are necessary to lead a great support in the participatory attendance's processes.

Knowledge of the landscape in fact increases a social role, because when an environment is familiar to everyone, it offers contents for common memories and symbols, creating in the people's mind of the people a connection and communication.

The objective aim of the activities and events propose is to give back confidence in others citizens, the awareness of what together the inhabitants can do, and satisfaction when they are able to complete the projects. This project will lead to the reversal of the inhabitants' vision, of the inhabitants from the owner of public property to the custodian, in partnership with others.

It is only through the activities and re-appropriation of this space, the knowledge of the past, the relationships between among people that Revigliasco will be able to return to feel a sense of community and reviviscere.

