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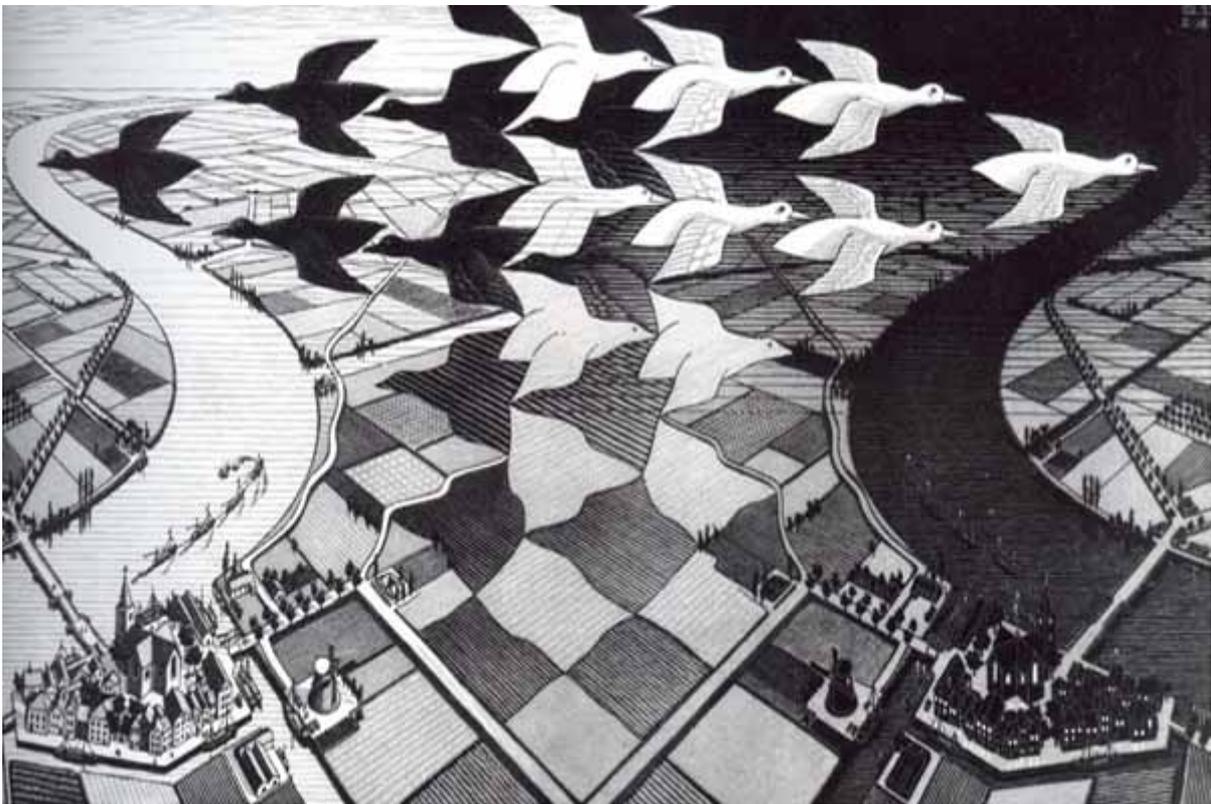
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**Olympics and Strategy. Participated Vision of Provincia di Torino in Local Governance**

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M.C. Escher, Day and night, 1938

The studies start from the renewed perception of the territory rising from the national debate on regional planning.

In the past the land was described as a place where a defined number of relations take place apart or connected by simple schemes; now it is perceived as a complex system with an high density of relations that the planning discipline have to consider as a whole.

Tanks to the studies on provincial planning, that has as the right dimension of development for over-municipality relational level, a rich net of territorial relations, spread apart from the government, was discovered and studied.

These tools are connected to the territory by a direct experience of local reality and than express a local vision of development opportunities, with business plan and procedures to do it successfully.

The example of *Provincia di Torino* was studied because a flexible planning system was applied in the local offices as an experimental tool of development (an interview campaign to land associations that engaged a strategical approach took place).

Then the practise in the Turin Olympic Committee for the organisation of Winter Games "Torino 2006" gave the opportunity to study the Olympic Games as a complex value for local development and the reaction of local development factors. In fact a big event as the Olympic Games could have an heavy impact on local balances but also define new opportunities of development for local communities. Strategical Planning, on the other hand, can describe complex scenarios of the future and then offer an useful support for choices.

The questions formulated followed by personal observation in the work:

- What the connection between the Olympic Games and the opportunities of development expressed by the territory?
- Will the Olympic Games represent an opportunity of development for local reality?
- Has the territory a strong vision to guide the future development *with the Olympic opportunities*?

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