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Abstract

COLLABORATIVE URBANISM

A urban reactivation process for the city of Valencia

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This research work is founded on the relationship of different elements like: the historical analysis of the partecipatory approach, with a particular attention to the professionals that are occupied of community and space public from the second industrial revolution, the examination of some theoretical tools and the analysis and the comparison of practical cases to world level, essential for the construction of guidelines usefull to trigger collaborative process.

The aim of this thesis is to seek an alternative to the unidirectional approach and top down typical of the urbanistic science as we have gotten used and begin to plan and to act in an collaborative, shared, inclusive and glocal optic, pursuing some strategies that it is shaping all over the world through interesting experimentations.

In this optics the projects leave the place to the design strategies and to their experimentations that guarantee the quality, the necessity and the use of the intervention, maintaining opened the possibility to correct the same strategy, electing public space as fulcrum of the reactivation of the physical space and the local community.

Collaborative urbanism, in fact, doesn't foresee a planning FOR an unknown use, but WITH the fruitoris themselves, transforming the passive and dissatisfied community, in a strong group that it feels to belong to a place and for this reason it respects it.

This typology of reactivation makes the residents actors aware of the space in which they live and it promotes a return to a public life of quality.



Fig. 1 People build the space and they give him quality

The approach that is chosen to adopt for the regeneration of the city of Valencia follows all these principles, equipping itself with tools individualized through a careful analysis of the similar experiences that, in positive and negative way, they face the thematic one from a practical rather than theoretical point of view, in a general optics that unites action and

theory, strategies for a long time term to punctual and temporary actions, material actions to those immaterial, for an urban approach more than sustainable, resilient.

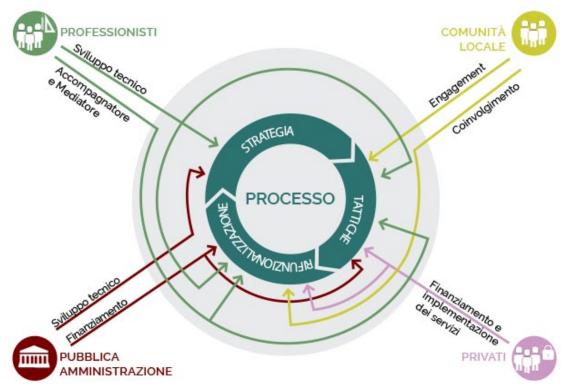


Fig. 2 Collaborative process

For this reason, in this thesis, strategy is the only element of the process that has been completely defined, contrarily of the part related to tactical actions and actions of refunctionalization, that are hypothesized and introduced in the form of suggestions, because that is anticipated a collaboration with the local actors.

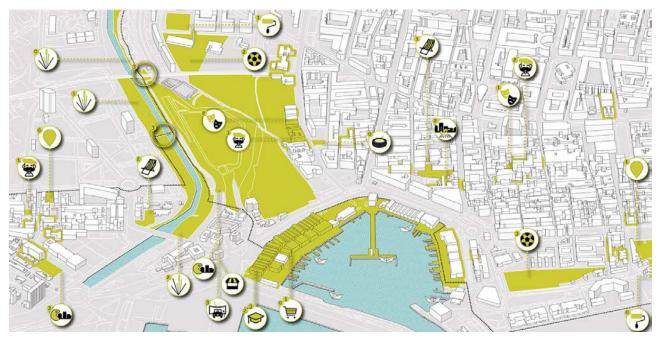


Fig. 3 Reactivation of the port of Valencia