

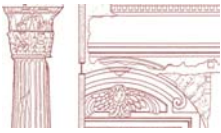
ADMINISTRATIVE ITER

In the context of the implementation of the Three-year Plan of Development of the Campania Region, revitalization is required for the entire Rione Terra of Pozzuoli, an area of approximately 36,000 square meters. In enclosed and open areas, this is a unique geological-architectural complex composed of tufaceous rock, a cliff overlooking the sea, with levels varying from 25 to 28 meters above sea level. The Rione (neighborhood), constantly inhabited since Roman times, was evacuated following the bradyseism of 1970. Abandoned for over two decades, its artistic and architectural heritage has been compromised. Recent publications on the finds and the history of the zone include "Sovrastrutture" by Gnosis Architetture and Alessandro Castagnaro, with a preface by Stefano De Caro and Renato de Fusco, pub. Electa Napoli 2002, and "Il Rione Terra di Pozzuoli" by Stefano De Caro and Costanza Gialanella, pub. Electa Napoli 2002. The Project of Recovery and Improvement of Rione Terra of Pozzuoli was shown at the 2nd Exhibition of Architecture, Urban Planning, Technologies and Services for the Development of the Territory of Milan, 19-22 February 2003.

Already, in the early phases of the work, the enormous archaeological heritage of the area became evident, and a campaign of digging was authorized in preparation for the work itself. The first lot of works, which was covered by a co-financing project, was completed and tested in 1996. The part of the Rione already renewed includes the access to the neighborhood from the piazzale, including the *piazzale* and the Sedile dei Nobili, and the monumental buildings: Palazzo De Fraja Frangipane, set aside as a museum with an underground archaeological itinerary, Palazzo Migliaresi which is utilized as a municipal building, both facing the square, and the Palazzo Vescovile, already utilized by the Episcopate, where a diocesan museum is planned on the lower levels. Other buildings in the Rione have been reinforced, and the archaeological digging continues area by area.

The archaeological excavations, which from the outset have promised the possibility of recovery of the Roman underground layout, are still in progress, and the first segment of the itinerary is now open to the public. The project for the facilities of the Archaeological Itinerary, officially opened by the President of the Campania Region on 16-06-02, has been opened to the public. The results of the research immediately revealed the enormous archaeological heritage present at the site, with a strong impact on the entire renovation project. Relics dating back to 194 BC have been discovered, as well as significant segments of the Roman roads, the decuman and cardo axes with streetfront constructions utilized for shops. Marble relics of great value have been found, making it possible to create a temporary worksite exhibition in the spring of 1995.

Following the declaration of priority of public interest in the realization of the Rione Terra - Port of Pozzuoli complex, a special Coordinating Committee was formed, and Local Agencies and Administrations responsible for such matters signed a Program Procedure Agreement.



Later the Rione Terra of Pozzuoli project was inserted in the Framework Agreement for Cultural Resources of 02-03-01, under the aegis of the POR Campania 2000/2006 P.I. Grande Attrattore Campi Flegrei.

For the Recovery and Restoration of the monumental Temple/Cathedral, the characteristic element of the entire area, it was decided to hold an international invitational design competition, to attract the attention of the scientific community. Alongside the competition, with special financing, procedures will be activated for the publicizing of the event with conferences, debates and exhibitions. The work is to be completed by the end of 2008.

The revitalization of Rione Terra represents, also thanks to the unique character of the context and its enormous cultural importance, a single project, inseparable in the recovery and utilization of the archaeological areas and the edification above.