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After the positive closure of Planning conference of 23 april 2008, the Municipal structural plan (Psc) is taking on its final form to be adopted in the next few months.

The Psc is centred on new forms of participation and of widespread assumption of responsibility. The Urban mobility plan, the Strategic plan for the historic centre, the environmental and green plans, the Zonal social plans and the Services plan are some of the examples in this sense.

A project for sustainability, innovation and social cohesion

The Structural plan, spanning 15 years, proposes an idea of the city, a future project based on five policies: Reggio, city of environmental sustainability; Reggio, city of social capital; Reggio, city of knowledge and innovation; Reggio, a public city; and Reggio, a European city. The new Plan indicates three project lines: City of new meanings; City of meanings to be rediscovered; and City of meanings to be regenerated.

Based on this idea of the city, the Psc is divided into six strategies, in their turn subdivided into fifteen actions:

- the city does not expand, it becomes transformed;
- the city is transformed and renewed;
- the city is upgraded;
- the city is modernized;
- the public city is reinforced; beyond the city ... the territory recognizes and develops its resources. I will just mention a few aspects:

Reggio in the regional and European context.

What interests us is understanding the role that the cities and territories of Parma, Modena and Reggio intend to exercise: a city-

system, a coalition of cities and territories that will increasingly constitute a European logistics platform.

Environmental sustainability cultural choice of the plan

The Psc sets coherent choices with the option of sustainability as an opportunity of investment in quality, research, new products, new professional skills and talents.

New places of production; it is necessary to limit the trend recorded in the last few decades towards urban dispersion, both in agricultural areas and for productive activities.

New future-generating centres

In Reggio the centres of excellence and the network linking them to the rest of the territory are engines of development, placing them in relation to the vast area. The centres are characterized by their high architectural and environmental quality, by their strong functional overtones, historicized or wholly open to what is new, in which what is public often dialogues and interacts with what is private. Just a few of these are: the system of the Estensi ducal villas and of the Crostolo river park, the University campus of San Lazzaro, the former Reggiane workshops area, and the historic town; and the north area.

From the districts and the villas to the city design: the Services plan

The Services plan addresses some decisive questions such as the identity of the places, the level of social well-being, the effectiveness and accessibility of the public and private services; it conducts analyses, makes interpretations and formulates proposals for each of the 57 sectors into which the municipal territory has been sub-divided. Understanding how the citizens conceive their own

context of life, the social and population problems that have arisen, the networks of relations, the identities and the central aspects to be strengthened or reconstructed, the endowment of services and infrastructures to be developed or qualified; such are the ambitious, innovative objectives of the Services plan.