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## REGENERATING THE PUBLIC SPACE

### Turin, the Basse di Stura urban and river park

The exhibition shows the results of the design exploration activities carried out by the students of the Bachelor in Territorial, Urban, Environmental and Landscape Planning and of the Bachelor in Architecture, Construction, City of the Politecnico di Torino who participated in the Educational Workshop "Regenerating public space: standard, soil and ecosystem services".

The Workshop was promoted by the Collegio di Pianificazione e Progettazione of the DIST-Politecnico di Torino within the framework of the MIUR 2018-2022 Excellence project, which run in parallel with the ordinary teaching activities, placing itself as an "extra" offer, making use of the teachings of internal and external lecturers at the Politecnico and recognizing 4 university credits for students as free credits.

Through a multidisciplinary learning path (theoretical and applicative), it was intended to define both operational methods to produce "new knowledge" in support of territorial governance processes aimed at limiting soil consumption (zero balance), and design methodologies for the public space as a strategic area for integrated policies of urban, ecological-landscape, historical-environmental and architectural regeneration of the contemporary city. The activity (May-October 2019) developed in 4 Work packages:

1. Theoretical lessons
2. Computer Lab activities
3. Design activity: "Regenerating public space: the urban and river parks of Turin. The case of Basse di Stura". At the base of the proposed design theme, there is the hypothesis of the need to move from quantitative standards to a qualitative approach in the planning and design of "green services". The case study of Basse di Stura has been dealt with around important problem areas of the current city phase (especially in reference to the need to face social, environmental and climatic emergencies), introducing concepts, strategies and tools specific to contemporary urban planning and design research. The objective is to bring out the density and complexity that the notion of "public urban space" poses and the inseparability of ecological-environmental, economic, social, institutional aspects that its understanding, planning and governance requires.







4. The educational exhibition, inaugurated on September 30<sup>th</sup> and open until October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. Making use of the specific knowledge and skills provided and tested in the previous Work packages, as well as acquired during the studies, the students, organized in 4 Planning Groups, have ventured into the elaboration of a complex urban project, starting from the understanding and interpretation of the phenomena that characterize the urbanization and urban regeneration processes related to the public spaces of urban parks.

The educational initiative was also selected, presented and discussed at the BISP-Biennale of Public Space 2019 (Rome, 30-31 May), "Green public" thematic area, Workshop "Green and blue infrastructures: from urban standards to ecosystem services", coordinated by Carlo Gasparrini (INU) and M. Cristina Tullio (AIAPP).

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