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PIACENTINIANO CENTRE: THE URBAN DESIGN COMPETITION IS OPEN!

The European two phases Competition promoted by the Municipality of Bergamo will regenerate the centre of the Lower City: 5 finalists and a total prize money of 90,000 euros

Bergamo, 5th May 2017. The publication of the brief on the Gazzetta Ufficiale opens officially the **European two phases Urban Design Competition promoted by the Municipality of Bergamo**. In the near future it will transform the centre of the Lower City gathering Italian and international designers and asking them proposals to overhaul open areas, public squares and spaces and new functions for the discarded buildings.

It asks for participants with multidisciplinary skills and **aims** at strengthening the role of the Piacentiniano system as the identity generator of the city centre, exploiting urban spaces, reviving commercial activities, re-using existing buildings, promoting social and cultural events and improving the accessibility of the area.

The **phase 1** is free, anonymous and open to groups of architects, engineers and technicians graduated in disciplines relevant to the subject of the call. The participants will have to develop a concept plan for the area (2 drawings in A2 format) and a technical-illustrative report.

The evaluation will consider five elements: architectural and urban quality of the spaces, compliance with the Competition's Guidelines, economic, social and market sustainability, interventions costs and maintenance costs, compliance with existing restraints and legislation in force.

The access to the **phase 2** is reserved to the best five proposals. **Participation is subject** to the demonstration of a relevant economic, financial, technical and professional capacity. Participants are asked to form multidisciplinary **groups of minimum 5 components** (1 architect, 1 urban planner, 1 sociologist or specialist in urban economics, 1 landscape architect, 1 young professional).

The scale passes from urban to architectural, focusing on two specific areas, "Piazza Dante e Quadriportico" and "Sentierone lato est, nella parte antistante il Teatro Donizetti, e Piazza Cavour". 11 drawings (A0 format) will be illustrated by 3 reports: technical-illustrative, environmental impact and performance characteristics, costs.

The evaluation process will consider the architectural and urban quality, the technical, economic, social and market sustainability, the costs, the compliance with existing restraints and legislation in force.



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5 members will form the **Jury**: 1 expert in town planning identified by the Municipality of Bergamo and 1 manager of the Organizing Body, 2 experts selected by the Order of Architects and the Order of Engineers, 1 expert in sociology and urban economics proposed by the Urban District of Commerce (DUC).

A **total prize money of 90,000 euros** will be given to the finalists: 30,000 euros for the winning design and 15,000 euros for each of the other four proposals.

The working project design of the areas of Piazza Dante and the Quadriportico will be entrusted to the winner group.

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THE PIACENTINIANO CENTRE

The Piacentiniano Centre was realized in the first thirty years of the 20th Century following a project of the architect **Marcello Piacentini** and the engineer **Giuseppe Quaroni**, who won the competition launched in 1907 to transform the area of the former Fair with the proposal “Panorama”. The project gave birth to a service centre for the commercial, political, administrative, financial and judicial activities of the city. It is set on a rigid orthogonal plant and redefined the buildings on the “Sentierone”. Many important local and national architects including Giovanni Muzio, Sandro Angelini, Ernesto Suardo and the same Piacentini signed the projects of buildings such as the Headquarters of the Banca d’Italia and the Chamber of Commerce, the Bergamo Bank and the Palace of Justice.

COMPETITION TIMELINE

Deadline to request clarification - Phase 1: 26 May 2017 | **Deadline Phase 1:** 5 July 2017 | **Selection of the 5 finalists:** by 25 September 2017 | **Public meetings for in-depth clarification:** October 2017 | **Deadline to request clarification - Phase 2:** 27 October 2017 | **Deadline Phase 2:** 28 December 2017 | **Winning Project:** by 9 February 2018

PRIZE MONEY

Winning project: 30,000 euros | **4 finalists:** 15,000 euros each

CREDITS

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