

THE SYSTEMIC APPROACH FOR NEW USES OF IH AT URBAN SCALE, THE STUDY CASE OF LECCO.

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Abstract.

The paper deals with the evaluation of the new uses of Industrial Heritage (IH) in Lecco. The aim is to identify some main factors that prevent or facilitate the conservation of IH in new uses. In order to achieve this, the authors analysed the increasingly relevant conservation issue in Italy in some study cases that have been successful interventions of conservation and the creation of new uses for historical factories.

In fact, up to recent years, the main scope of using industrial Heritage has been the residual functionality of the buildings, despite their documentary value of their past function almost up to the present day [1, 2, 3]. Common examples of this are left-over machinery, the archive of factory production, the power station and additional or core production systems which usually did not survive after the refurbishment of the buildings.

On the other hand, over recent decades, it has been mainly through conversion into museums that has led to the preservation of the factory settlement: nevertheless, the viability of museum use is not sustainable for all inherited industrial legacy.

The objective of the present paper is to assess the existence of an urban plan for new use of dismissed industrial buildings and which strategies were successfully used for conservation according to a systemic view for land management, environment protection and valorization of the historical memory as explained in the Nizhny Tagil Charter [1], the current international reference.

As a case study in Lecco, the authors assessed the need for a strategic vision for the conservation of the city's industrial heritage based on a multidisciplinary approach regarding the study of the current conditions, the involved stakeholders and the provision of a systemic vision.

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