

A SYSTEMIC REUSE FOR ITALIAN ANAS HOUSES

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Abstract.

This paper is about the proposal of conservation and reuse of Anas houses. Anas is the Italian Company that builds and maintains the Italian roads and, in particular, the roadmen's houses located on Como Lake in Lombardy. Anas Company, after several internal changes, has fired many workers and nowadays houses are not in use. Currently they are abandoned and left to decay.

In 2016 Anas, according with the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities (Mibac), the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (Mit) and the State Property Agency, published a call for tenders with the aim of recovering the existing building heritage.

Our suggestion for a revitalisation of abandoned Anas houses, according with the call of 2016, wants to give a new identity to these buildings preserving and enhancing the features that characterise them: architectural typology, materials and colours.

The goal of our methodology is the reuse of buildings that represent an architectural heritage throughout the whole country using a systemic project to create a new development of local economy. The new functions of roadmen's houses are designed to create a modern attractive point for tourists offering hospitality, catering (diversified according to buildings' position) and sale of local products. We also want to start up new small local artisan businesses in close collaboration with laboratory activities for children and the elderly.

The result we would like to reach is to preserve and restore buildings of our historical memory that now are abandoned and degraded, transforming them into an attractive, economic, cultural and social hub within the community.

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