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*The Public University’s hospitalities and meeting spaces, after COVID 19*

International competition of ideas for students of architecture, engineering and design for the regeneration and re-functionalization of open spaces serving the canteens and university residences of ADSU in Chieti and Pescara

Pescara and Chieti

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The university residence of Pescara “G. Benedetto Croce”, located not far from the University Center, has for some time been playing an important role as a structure at the service of non-resident students, and has already started a process of increasing hospitality in favor of foreign students since 2017, coming from public universities networked with the University of Chieti and Pescara through various international cooperation programs. The residential complex, consisting of a building for receptive use, and a complex for canteen use, undergoing renovation, has a considerable amount of open spaces, in a state of under-use and partial decay.

During the period of the pandemic, precisely these spaces in front of the canteen and the Pescara residence were of strategic importance for the socialization and exchange of shared projects, hosting impromptu activities, organized by student associations or single university teachers, such as small exhibitions at the ‘open, cinematic events, and convivial activities for the benefit of the students housed in the residence and the other university students who continued to enjoy them together with the meals provided in different ways.

A first, partial temporary arrangement of some of the aforementioned areas, in the period April / December 2020, was experimented by the architecture students who were guests of the residence (outdoor cinema, common temporary furnishings, educational installations) as a result of the Workshop “This House is a Common Good” promoted by prof. Piero Rovigatti, of the UdA Department of Architecture, in collaboration with the professors and international guest students (Universidad de La Salle, Bogotà), as part of the University’s international relations.

This first experience has highlighted the importance of the use of external and open spaces, internal and contiguous to the Adsu CH / PE structures, for carrying out activities at the service of students, also of a cultural, sporting and recreational nature, also in relation to the scarcity of supply of these services in the urban area of interest.

From these experiences and general considerations arises the idea of competing for the definition of intervention procedures and solutions aimed at filling these gaps, taking as a theme for reflection the reorganization and re-functionalization of the open spaces inside the structures of the Student House beyond their current functional definition, taking the consideration of these spaces in relation to the general system of public spaces and urban commons that organize the neighborhood as a theme for reflection and design proposal.

INSIDE / Outside, Beyond the courtyard, title assumed by the competition, thus becomes a motto and strategic indication of a design action that tries to consider the organization of these spaces no longer, only, as an internal service endowment to the community that inhabits the Student House, but as a space of relationship between this community and the larger community that lives and lives in the neighborhood to which it belongs. An opportunity to rethink the open space around and at the service of imported service equipment that the recent COVID emergency has made particularly relevant and timely, like any consideration that today looks at urban public spaces also in their potential role of healthy spaces, or to a lesser extent, health risk, on which to rethink the organization of the urban space and the urban scale of proximity, the neighborhoods. (P.R.)
Theme and study areas

The competition of ideas is aimed at qualifying and improving in a functional sense and effective reception in safety the open spaces at the service of the Student Homes and university canteens of Chieti and Pescara, owned and managed by ADSU, the Company for Right to Education of the Abruzzo Region. In the first case, in Pescara, the competition theme is an ordinary space, close to an important university service facility; in the second case, in Chieti, the competition theme concerns the open spaces around what remains of one of the recognized icons of Italian architecture of the second half of the 20th century, linked to an important page in the history of Italian architecture, and to story of its authors, Giorgio Grassi and Antonio Monestiroli - within the University Campus of the University of Annunzio in Chieti.

In both cases, the theme is to reinvent and attribute new functions to these open spaces, enhancing the functions they perform and could perform for the benefit of the student users to whom they are dedicated, but also verifying their potential role as public spaces of interest, common, within a possible strategy of reintegration between university service structures of which they are part, and the urban neighborhoods with which they are in direct contact.

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Partecipazione al Concorso

Participation in the competition is reserved for students enrolled in the degree courses in Architecture, Engineering and Design of each university, who can compete, alone or in a group - also made up of students of different nationalities - even for just one of the two project themes:

1. the open spaces of the canteen and the Student House of Pescara;
2. the open spaces of the canteen and the Student House of Chieti.

The Universities sponsoring the Competition are taking action to spread this initiative internationally, through their networks and the university student structures and associations of the partner universities.

Particular attention, in the Competition, will be reserved for students staying at the residences of Chieti and Pescara, and for those who work in various capacities within these structures - administrative staff and service personnel - through listening and direct involvement activities in different stages of the competition, as well as to the personnel who work at different levels in these structures.

HOW TO REGISTER

It is possible to register for the competition through the Google platform available at the following address:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YTf-P6MaGpexsB232YtWvS25fHDA7C0Y-4pyB9hP8evo/edit

Alternatively, scan the following QR code to access the same registration page:

Download the maps and knowledge support materials for the competition at the following address:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zzsp3aaxocwq/2kkxAAA9mHiLp0F09VML97cj4N5U_pa?dl=0

Alternatively, scan the following QR code to access the same page.
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The main objectives of the Competition concern, in particular:

1. the reorganization and redevelopment of open spaces, in order to make better use of them, also in relation to the COVID emergency, which re-evaluates and favors outdoor activities, in compliance with the rules of sanitary distancing, for recreational activities, cultural, sporting, convivial, of students who live in university residences or are in any case off-site; events all aimed at the student community in synergy with the contiguous neighborhoods and the reference cities in general; such spaces, as highlighted in the title of the competition, must highlight their role and function as welcoming and meeting spaces, of the entire university community, made up not only of students, but of all its components, such as teachers, technicians, administrative staff.

2. the reconversion of these spaces in an ecological and environmental sense, through simple and measured actions, aimed in any case at reducing the impermeable surfaces and increasing the supply of greenery and natural shading also in function of the adaptation and mitigation of the imposed environmental conditions from climate change;

3. the full accessibility of open spaces and services through design solutions aimed at eliminating architectural barriers and favoring their full usability for disabled people, children, the elderly persons;

4. the adoption of measures and actions regarding energy saving and the preference for the production of energy from renewable energy sources (solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, other RES); these solutions will be addressed to the redesign of the open spaces, and in perspective also of the vast coverage areas of the canteen spaces and of the other buildings that make up the adjacent building complexes both in Pescara and Chieti;

5. the reconnection of open spaces to the system of urban common of the neighborhoods to which they belong, through the strengthening of green mobility systems (pedestrian paths, school streets, cycle paths, zones 30), and the possible elimination and redefinition of the enclosure structures and of physical separation between university service areas and contiguous public spaces, while respecting safety conditions and better management of services.
Training path

The Competition will be accompanied, for the benefit of the participating teams, by a series of thematic meetings, the calendar of which will be communicated, carried out by experts and/or teachers of the partner universities of the initiative, aimed at guiding the production of the competition through examples of projects and reference experiences, taken from the international scene. These meetings will be aimed at focusing the attention of the participants on the implementation methods of the proposals, which must be oriented to two phases of intervention:

First stage: interventions in self-construction and tactical urbanism actions;

Second phase: structural interventions, with recourse to tender and ordinary construction procedures (ref. Table 3 required project docu-
Participatory procedures

It is particularly important to directly involve, during the competition activities, also through participatory courses, all university students who use the ADSU facilities, both in Chieti and Pescara, in “rethinking” these spaces in a modern and optimal way, also in relation to their needs, creative needs and desires, in the functional and material redefinition of the Adsu areas, including the space in front of the Chieti scalo canteen and the area dedicated to sports facilities adjacent to the registered office.

Particular attention will therefore also be paid to listening to and surveying the request for intervention from those who live in the university residences, from those who work there, and also from the inhabitants who live in the neighborhoods opposite, through questionnaires and interviews in the field, the results of which will be shared with all contest participants through social platforms and a dedicated site.
Calendar

Presentation and launch of the competition:

City competition conference, December 2021

Competition registration opens: December 2021

Accompanying seminars, also in the form of webinars: from 30 January to 15 April

Delivery date of the competition documents: 25 April 2022

Appointment of the International Jury of the Competition: April 25, 2022

Competition results submission date: May 15, 2022

Implementation of the first interventions: June - December 2022
Required documents

Participation in the competition takes place through the production of four A1 format tables, with accompanying report, illustrated, according to the following list:

Table 1 - Urban framework and relations with nearby public spaces and equipment, with identification of the neighborhood to which it belongs, and of the sustainable service mobility networks, scale 1:5,000 e 1:2,000
Table 2 - Plan of the interventions, scale 1: 500 and 1: 200, with illustrative sections and elevations
Table 3 - Figured intervention schedule. This table is dedicated to defining the relationship and the sequence between the First phase interventions: temporary interventions in self-construction and tactical urbanism actions, to be financed also through crowdfunding (*); and the second phase interventions, intended as structural interventions, to be implemented through ordinary construction procedures (public works, to be carried out according to ordinary rules).
Table 4 - Rendering and overall design prefigurations
Project report. This report, briefly, must contain: Analysis of the state of site, project objectives, participatory procedures, intervention strategies, proposed innovation characteristics, overall economic feasibility (elementary estimate of the intervention costs of the first and second phase), time schedule of intervention actions.

(*) Fundraising, mostly through the Internet, through small contributions from very large groups that share the same interest or a common project or intend to support an innovative idea.

Project area 1: Pescara

Project area 2: Chieti

Urban framing (Bing satellite image, original elaborate in 1: 5000 scale, A1 format)

Neighborhood area (Source: Bing satellite image, original elaboration in 1: 2000 scale, A1 format)

Neighborhood area (Source: Open Street Maps, original elaboration in 1: 2000 scale, A1 format)
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Table 1 - Urban framework and relations with nearby public spaces and equipment, with identification of the neighborhood to which it belongs, and of the sustainable service mobility networks, scale 1: 5,000 and 1: 2,000

Project area 1: Pescara

Project area 2: Chieti

Stato di fatto. Ambito di quartiere (Fonte: Immagine satellitare Bing, elaborato originale in scala 1:2000, formato A1)

Estratto di PRG (Fonte: Comune di Pescara, Comune di Chieti [https://www.comune.chieti.it/il-comune/prg-e-cartografia.html])

Beni comuni urbani e sistemi di mobilità sostenibile esistenti (Fonte: Open Street Maps, elab. originale 1:2000, form. A1)
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Table 2 - Plan of the proposed interventions, scale 1: 500 and 1: 200, with illustrative sections and elevations

Project area 1: Pescara

Project area 2: Chieti

Stato di fatto. Aerofotogrammetria (Fonte: https://urbanistica.comune.pescara.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Trav_B4a_Vincoliesistentisulterritoriocomunale.pdf)

Estratto catastale (Fonte: Comune di Pescara, Comune di Chieti)

Rilevato drone (Fonte: Elaborazione DdA, a cura di L. Simionato, P. Rovigatti, strumentazione MINICESA DdA, 18 dicembre 2021)

Perimetri aree di intervento
Table 3 - Figured intervention schedule.
First phase: interventions in self-construction and tactical urbanism actions; Second phase: structural interventions, with recourse to tenders and ordinary construction procedures

Project Area 1: Pescara
Project Area 2: Chieti

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Project area 1: Pescara

Photographic survey from drone, December 17,
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Project area 2: Chieti

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Support structures of the Competition

The competition makes use of a team of Adsu / Uda representatives and a dedicated website, through which technical and informative materials will be made available, also through a social page and an interactive communication channel, which will allow all participants to submit questions (FAQ) and receive answers. Some training seminars are also planned for the Competition, which will revolve around the topics of interest - the story of the projects for the Student Houses of Pescara and Chieti, a review of relevant experiences in the design of public spaces - in collaboration with the BISP association, Biennial of Public Space, and of the four partner universities.

The Department of Architecture will take care of activating and monitoring the website and ADSU CH / PE will ensure the reimbursement of expenses to the contact team.

Awards and expected outcomes

There is a first prize of 1,000 euros for the best projects relating to study area 1 - University Residence “B. Croce” in Pescara, and in the study area 2 - university canteen of Chieti, and a prize of 500 euros for the projects runner-up in the two sections of the competition.

The winning groups of the competition will be able to take advantage of a free period of one week at the ADSU University Residences of Chieti and Pescara, to visit the intervention sites and contribute to the development of the proposals presented, in collaboration with the ADSU Technical Offices, and in collaboration with a team of professors belonging to the partner universities promoting the International Competition.

The team of Adsu / Uda representatives will take care to monitor each stage of the competition and provide any useful support to each competitor; a refund is provided for these referrals.

Expected outcomes

Atlas of competition projects (exhibition and exhibition, seminar for the presentation of the competition results, publication of the results in print)

Winning projects for the two competition areas. The content of these projects may constitute study materials to be developed in the second phase according to the ordinary procedures of the design of public works (Code of public contracts, Legislative Decree 18.04.2016 n. 50 (G.U.R.I. 19.04.2016 n. 91).
Who supports INSIDE/OUTSIDE

The Company for the Right to University Studies of Chieti and Pescara, established by regional law n.31 of 6 December 1994, organizes and prepares the services that make the right to study effective, in compliance with state legislation, of the three-year plan regional and in harmony with the University “G.D’Annunzio” of Chieti.

The necessary resources are ensured by the operating contribution of the Abruzzo Region, by the regional tax on the D.S.U. of € 140, paid by students enrolling at the university (disabled students with a degree of disability equal to or greater than 65% are exempt), from the tax for professional qualification, from the ministerial supplementary fund and from their own income deriving from the pricing of services. For the functioning of the Body, the Abruzzo Region annually assigns contributions, which allow for the provision of services aimed at the generality of students, but insufficient to cover all the costs deriving from interventions on individual demand.

The Company has its registered office in Chieti in Viale dell’Unità d’Italia, no. 32 / A; has legal personality under public law and administrative and managerial autonomy.

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