



Stakeholder engagement 2015 Feedback form

Round table: Community

Theme: Re-use of heritage

Proposal title: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF RE-USE PROJECTS STIMULATING A PARTICIPATORY AND COORDINATED PLANNING IN THE TERRITORIES

Promote a participatory planning workshop regarding the territories (e.g. Region) that can accompany the design of the re-use of stations. In this process, universities, local institutions, banking facilities and obviously the third sector should be involved in identifying more sustainable re-use opportunities

Brief contextualization

The granting of railway property to non-profit organizations and local authorities has helped increase social responsibility in the RFI that distinguishes a good public company. In the context of a growing economic crisis and a fragmentation of resources, the availability of assets that are no longer functional in railway operations, has had an important role in recent years regarding the welfare, for the third sector and the voluntary sector network, often acting as a unique opportunity to develop reception and social inclusion projects.

In this regard we should remember that four memoranda of understanding were signed in 2013 between the RFI – Ferrovie dello Stato and Legambiente Onlus (Environmental League NGO), Associazione Italiana Turismo Responsabile (Italian Association for Responsible Tourism), Coordinamento Nazionale dei Centri di Servizio del Volontariato (National Coordination of the Voluntary Service Centres) and the Associazione Nazionale delle Cooperative Sociali (National Association of Social Cooperatives), aimed at the re-use of heritage assets for social, cultural and tourism purposes.

Formulation response: positive

We have updated the RFI website with detailed information regarding the presentation and methods to deliver said reuse of heritage asset projects, in order to promote re-use for social purposes using assets that are no longer functional in railway operations, whose application should always begin by launching events of interest in the area (regions, municipalities or other non-profit organizations).

Participatory planning examples are already underway:

RFI has recently signed (November 2015) a Memorandum of Understanding with the Veneto Region for the use and the subsequent acquisition of the premises and buildings of the Treviso-Ostiglia

discontinued railway line under the “Progetto strategico Regionale Green Tour, Verde in Movimento” (Regional Strategic Green Tour Project, Green in Movement).

The feasibility study presented by the Veneto Region (developed by the University of Padua - Department of Environmental Engineering) is the result of a series of meetings held concerning the territory between RFI, the local authorities and regional stakeholders.

The Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli - Department of Civil Engineering Design Construction and Environment - along with RFI has developed a preliminary study for the development of a multifunctional photovoltaic linear infrastructure called "Project SUNWAY"; a constructive model for the deployment of sustainable recovery practices and the renovation of railway heritage assets that are no longer in service. The project developed on the Benevento - Pietrelcina stretch of the Benevento-Boscopedole line that was suspended from service for an extension of about 13.2 Km, was awarded the 6th Go Slow - Co.M.o.Do. Prize, in 2015, in the Feasibility Studies category as an innovative project of enormous interest.

In Rome, RFI developed a project for the extension of a bicycle path (partly along the railway track) as far as Vatican City, for a total length of 1.5 km (700 metres of which consist of railway area).