



Stakeholder engagement 2015 Feedback form

Round table: Community

Theme: Re-use of heritage assets

Proposal title: Improve information on unused heritage assets

Identify indicators related to reusability and to the territory of reference that can facilitate the planning of the re-use services of railway asset operations that were discontinued (e.g. square footage, condition, proximity to urban centres, connections to various networks, etc.).

1 Brief contextualization

Railway tracks that have either been decommissioned or are no longer in operation, the available space along the side of the railway embankments or yard areas in disuse, which may prove to be suitable space for the implementation of re-use and conservation projects of the large real estate assets of the Gruppo FS Italiane, thanks to the construction of bicycle paths. In fact, the railway tracks, due to their shape characterized by reduced gradients, lend themselves to be well used as greenways, also through suitably protected and appropriately confined paths adjacent to the lines still in operation for the purpose of connecting the points of interest or connecting nodes between them via a so-called "soft mobility".

2 Formulation response: positive

By March of this year, RFI will publish the list of discontinued lines on its corporate website, accompanied by the list of municipalities that they pass through and by the length of the railway tracks, in order to facilitate the recognition of the former railway infrastructure regarding the territory and promote its recovery-oriented initiatives.

RFI also plans to launch pilot projects involving several regions where interconnected paths can be created, centred on specific cultural issues related to the territorial offer, using discontinued railway lines, interconnected with low traffic roads or municipal or a shared access road. In this sense, RFI is engaged in a dialogue with the Confederazione della Mobilità Dolce — Soft Mobility Confederation (Co.Mo.Do.) in order to realize the signing of a memorandum of understanding by December 2016 to promote the recovery times of the discontinued railway heritage asset initiatives.

RFI is also engaged in providing all institutional stakeholders; in addition to the data publish on their website related to the list of discontinued lines, the information regarding owned properties along the train tracks involved.

RFI is the proponent party for the identification and design of cycle paths through the re-use of suitable railway space within the large urban centres.

