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The definition of welfare space in the project redevelopment of Borgo Mezzanone

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The welfare space is a new concept strictly connected to the possibility of broadening and deepening the reflection on the use of urban or rural space in relation to the needs actually expressed by citizens. Its innovative strength essentially depends on using different tools for activating the comparison between different categories of analysis which both engage citizens through participatory practices and implement sectoral and top-down approaches in public policies.

Supported by the awareness of including the right to the space into a collective right to well-being, the welfare space offers an interesting key to understand the social function of urban planning.

Better to say, it develops a different epistemological approach in planning activities both considering well-being as a "right to social consideration" and promoting a different conception of welfare, really capable to promote inclusive socio-economic policies. So, its innovative strength impacts into processes capable of increasing well-being and social progress understood in terms of generative model of welfare, i.e. by the empowerment of the relationship between planning - urban or regional - and civic/political engagement.

Since the welfare space is a concept capable of going beyond a merely negotiation between more or less compatible needs, it allows the "materialization of well-being" thanks to the promotion of social models capable of recognizing, structuring and guiding generative well-being practices, able of improving both lifestyles and territories general conditions.

Along this view, with respect to the opportunities made available by PNRR, this article tells on the Borgo Mezzanone regeneration project. The aim is to offer a critical reading of this case study with a view to discussing the urban planning social function as a "right to participation" or rather as a tool for migrant inclusion.

While questioning the traditional welfare system and with the intention to establish a correlation between emerging social needs and items useful to frame the current condition of migrants in Province of Foggia, this article discusses the reformulation of the physical and metaphorical conditions of space and develops a critical perspective about the reasons why the Borgo Mezzanone regeneration doesn't start yet, even if the time is quite over and there is the concrete risk to lose the money already available.

At last, Borgo Mezzanone gives the opportunity to reflect on how to conceive urban regeneration and on what kind of interest planning has to reserve for the knowledge, representation and perception of urban structures, cultural meanings and social roles.

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Furthermore, the critical aspects emerged from the analysis of Borgo Mezzanone regeneration are interesting to discuss forms and practices of socio-spatial interaction, especially in multiethnic contexts and in marginal periurban areas.

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