

THE BIENNALE DELLO SPAZIO PUBBLICO ENDORSES A PROJECT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GAZA LAND REGISTER

The Eighth Biennale dello Spazio Pubblico, in its concluding plenary session of 20 September 2025 in Rome, decided unanimously to join the project of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for the reconstruction of the Gaza Land Register. The Biennale considers this project exceedingly urgent and important in the light of the forced mass eviction of residents and the prospect of a future utilization of the Strip foregoing the rights of its legitimate residents, including public spaces; and pledges to solicit support to the project on the part of local governments, universities, civic associations and all other actors willing to show their solidarity to a population that risks losing all its civic rights.

The Biennale took place from 18 to 20 September and was hosted, like its past editions, by the Architecture Department of the Roma Tre University at the “Ex-Mattatoio” and future City of the Arts. This eighth Biennale, under the theme “Insieme/Together/Juntos”, confirmed its central national and international role in sharing good practices, experiences and analyses of public space in our cities. The three days have offered two plenary sessions, forty parallel seminars animated by more than 400 speakers with a significant international participation, and a total number of participants – citizens, administrators, researchers, academics, students, professionals – estimated at well over 1500.

Some of the deliberations taken in addition to the endorsement of the Gaza project are a commitment to present at the next Biennale a first Report on Public Space focused on the 11.7 Target on Green and Public Spaces of Agenda 2030; the future launch of a competition on “vertical public spaces”; the forthcoming celebration of World Cities Day 2025 and of the Dia Mundial del Urbanismo by activating dialogues with young students on the positive values of the public city; the adoption of a “Waterfront Charter”; and the creation of a network on accessibility and inclusion learning in order to contribute to achieving universal access to healthy, inclusive and accessible public and green spaces in accordance with the above mentioned Target 11.7 of agenda 2030.

The National Town Planning Institute (INU) and its Lazio chapter were among the promoters of the event.