

PRESS RELEASE

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The future role of small, medium and peripheral cities in the definition of future Urban Policy Priorities and EDRF Funds

A public Seminar organized by ASEV, partner of the InterregEure Project, to present the results of the work of the project experts team namely the Regional Report and the Opinion Report in cooperation with the Municipality of Empoli.

Empoli, Italy - What are the main challenges facing small and medium-sized European cities in the post-pandemic period? How can we respond to the new social and economic needs that have emerged since Covid-19? What can be the impact of urban and environmental regeneration interventions in the current and future context of our cities? What will be the future of European and regional funds to support urban and environmental regeneration policies?

These are some of the issues that will be addressed during the public seminar organised by Asev, Agenzia per lo Sviluppo Empolese-Valdelsa, to present the first results of the European Project EURE, in which the Municipality of Empoli is involved with the Urban Innovation Project "Hope".

Asev is one of the partners of the European project EURE - Effectiveness of Environmental Urban Policies to improve Resources Efficiency - financed by the Interreg Programme, which aims at exchanging experiences and good practices between managing authorities and local authorities on the use of European Funds for actions of urban regeneration and rehabilitation and improvement of environmental quality.

Friday, 15 October 2021 at 9.30 – at Cenacolo degli Agostiniani Hall – Public Library

The Seminar will be opened by the greetings of the **Mayor of Empoli** Mrs Brenda Barnini.

- Mr Lorenzo Sabatini ASEV will present the European Project Interreg EURE
- Mr Massimo Bressan of IRIS Ricerche will illustrate the Regional Report on the territory of Empoli Valdelsa 'Empoli in the European framework of small and medium-sized cities'
- Mrs Roberta Scardigli, Engineer and Manager of Public Works and Heritage of the Municipality of Empoli, will provide an update on the progress of Urban Innovation the Project "Hope"
- Mrs Elena Granata, Professor of Urban Planning at the Politecnico di Milano, Vice-President of the School of Civil Economy, will give a video link on the theme of the connections between landscape and environment in urban regeneration policies, housing and social integration policies and the relations between businesses and the territory.
- The seminar will end at 12 noon with a final greeting from Eugenio Giani, **President of the Regione Toscana**, who will give an overview of the Region's new urban policies for the period 2021-2027.

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The EURE project – Effectiveness of Environmental Urban policies to improve Resources Efficiency – proposes the exchange of experience among local authorities as methodology to evaluate the different ways to articulate the 5% of their national ERDF to support sustainable urban development integrated. Find out more information about the project on www.interregeurope.eu/eure