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FLORENCE'S PLEDGE TO THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

Commitment on Principle 19 – Housing and assistance to homeless

The City of Florence is committed to ensure the right to housing and to promote social well-being (DUP - Strategic Planning Document, Strategic Objective n. 5). The goal of the Administration is to guarantee the effectiveness of the right to a dignified life for all. by implementing the interventions already carried out in the field of social housing aimed both at the improvement of the Public Residential Building (ERP) and the development of new forms of social housing, such as transitional housing and co-housing formulas. We are focusing on Housing First principle that is not limited to the construction and allocation of housing units but also wants to be an engine for urban development and regeneration.

Our approach to generative welfare (i.e. the ability to profile the community in terms of needs and resources), is realized through an open and supportive city capable of creating social capital that develops a system of social housing, especially for the weakest, also through a better use of educational spaces and services. In this perspective, the purpose is to set up a model of smart liveability in order to achieve full emancipation from the welfare system for individuals and families in a state of relative poverty and housing vulnerability.

Our goal is to leave no one left behind. As part of the concept of social innovation, promoting the autonomy and full social-working and housing inclusion to fight also the new "poverty" linked to momentary situations, by accompanying paths where the traditional concept of contribution to the rent is overcome by an active reception system aimed at the swift exit from subsidiarity and social accompaniment thus regaining economic independence.

The social system is managed by the Social Services Department through the Social Housing Office, in collaboration with the inhouse agency CASA S.p.A (devoted to the construction and management of housing buildings) and the Social Care Office that, together with the Third Sector and volunteer Associations. work in synergy to ensure as a whole the welfare intervention.

DATA

- N 7.994 of social houses (17.356 people housed – 7302 families)
- N 4 homeless shelters during the winter for about 150 available places (over 400 people hosted).The temporary shelters for the homeless were extended during the lockdown in order to guarantee a safe accommodation and is still on going for all those in need during the Covid 19 emergency
- N 8 social canteens providing daily meals for homeless (in 2019, 35826 meals have been served)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Ex Meyer building: dismissed hospital reconverted into social housing building. 18 mini transitional units will be created for a total of about 54 people to be allocated to individuals/families in perspective of a swift emancipation from the low-level reception system threshold to economic autonomy. In addition to the accommodations, the project provides common spaces for socialization and services (laundry, desk on work opportunities, ...)

Resources: 2,5 M€ (ERDF/PON METRO program)

- Ex Meccanotessile building: portion of dismissed factory reconverted in social housing building. 60 mini transitional and medium-long term units will be created for a total of about 200 people to be allocated to individuals/families/young couples in perspective of a swift emancipation from the low-level reception system threshold or precarious to economic autonomy and stability. In addition to the accommodations, the project provides common spaces for socialization and services.

Resources: 4.8 M€ (ERDF/PON METRO program and Patto per Firenze)

Social Housing: activation of an intermediation and facilitation service for the provision of unoccupied private apartments in favor of people in the poverty bracket thanks to the establishment of a guarantee fund.

Resources: 0,2 M€ (ESF/PON METRO program)

IMPLEMENTED ACTIONS

Integrated System of Temporary Hosting (S.A.T.): “second poverty threshold” social-housing services with low assistance intensity. This project is part of the supply chain of the temporary accommodation system for the most fragile groups of the population and integrates the first consolidated level of prompt accommodation.

Resources: 3,3M€ (ESF/PON METRO program)

In the last months we have tackled the COVID-19 emergency setting out measures to mitigate the social and economic effects of the crisis on people and now we are looking beyond the post Covid-19 scenarios and working to enable further solutions to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable people.

Torre dell’Orologio: intervention to increase the accommodation capability of the building for cold emergency and any other emergency.

Resources: 0,3M€ (ERDF/PON METRO program)

All actions and interventions carried out and in progress are aimed at ensuring decent and affordable housing, granting active support for the most vulnerable and equal opportunities for everybody.

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