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How to increase the sustainability of urban transport? The Italian case

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120 MUNICIPALITIES

31.3% OF THE ITALIAN POPULATION (ABOUT 19 MILLIONS OF INHABITANTS)

7% OF THE ITALIAN SURFACE

14 METROPOLITAN AREAS

10 ISSUES

KNOWING AND MEASURING:
SNPA REPORT ON URBAN SUSTAINABILITY
Car accidents, air pollution, sedentarity, noise, traffic jam, public space occupation, loss of urban space, loss of socialisation, loss of capacity to control the urban territory, are the principal problems that we have to face with as soon as possible.
2017

PM10, 1 gennaio - 30 settembre 2018

- n. giorni con media giornaliera superiore a 50 μg/m³ > 35
- n. giorni con media giornaliera superiore a 50 μg/m³ 10 ≤ 35
- n. giorni con media giornaliera superiore a 50 μg/m³ ≤ 10

Valore limite giornaliero 50 μg/m³ da non superare più di 35 volte per anno civile.

Mi agg.: l’agglomerato di Milano comprende i comuni di Milano, Como, Monza e Busto Arsizio

Source: US National Park Service
NO2, 2017

VL: Valore limite annuale, media annuale = 40 μg/m³

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Source: US National Park Service
From **1971 to 2017**, in the 14 Italian metropolitan areas the number of summer days and tropical nights is increasing (**positive trend**).
We are aware of the importance to include also the active mobility needs into the planning. A sustainable mobility is cannot be achieved by neglecting active mobility.
The ways people reach working place in Italy, modal split
(official survey of population 1971 - 2011)
Percentage of people who usually reach working place in Italy, modal share (official survey of population 1971 – 2011)

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At local level: Milan municipality

**Milano census 2001**
- Public transport: 32%
- Private car: 44%
- Motorbike: 7%
- Bicycle: 3%
- Walking: 14%
- Other: 0%

**Milano census 2011**
- Public transport: 39%
- Private car: 35%
- Motorbike: 8%
- Bicycle: 6%
- Walking: 12%
- Other: 0%
The ways people move for studying reasons in Italy, modal share (official survey of population 1971 - 2011)
Percentage of population moving for studying reasons in Italy, modal split (official survey of population 1971-2011)
At local level: the municipality of Milan

**Milano census 2001**

- Walking: 36%
- Public transport: 32%
- Private car: 24%
- Motorbike: 5%
- Bike: 3%
- Other: 0%

**Milano census 2011**

- Walking: 40%
- Public transport: 34%
- Car: 19%
- Motorbike: 3%
- Bike: 4%
- Other: 0%
LPT demand for 116 Italian municipalities. Years 2011-2016
Because of these concerns and awarenesses two years ago ISPRA edited a report about urban pedestrian mobility. Papers written by more than 50 national and international experts belonging to academic and institutional world and to the civil society have been collected. During the presentation of the report, a round table with experts, institutions, environmental associations as well as students took place.

The output of the debate was that in urban planning pedestrian mobility needs must be fulfilled with biking and public transport. Private cars, responsible of high accident density and air pollution, in central areas of large cities have to be banned allowing citizens to enjoy roads and squares. In residential suburbs it is necessary to introduce “30 or 20 zones” and Limited Traffic Zones.
Car sharing – fixed and free – 116 municipalities

Bike sharing – 116 municipalities
Piste ciclabili nei comuni capoluogo di provincia - Anno 2016 (valori in km)

- < 10
- 10 - 40
- 40 - 80
- 80 - 120
- 120 - 241

Source: US National Park Service
The integration between green/blue infrastructures with pedestrian/cycling lanes is an interesting challenge.
Green

Blue

Active mobility

Phisical environment improvement

Reduction of private car use

T regulation, More fresh air, PM capture, Noise decrease

Active mobility more appealing

More phisical activity

Less sedentarity

Healthy lifestyle

Social activities

Territory control

Less private cars

Less air pollution

Less noise
The prove of the efficiency of integrating green/blue infrastructures with pedestrian mobility was given by several studies. One of the most interesting research carried out by Luis Neto in 2015: the so-called *Walkability Index*. 

**WALKABILITY INDEX**
Favourite paths has been lined with trees or with blue infrastructures

Immagini di Google Street View dei 10 percorsi migliori
Amongst the 46 indicators of this approach, the presence of green or blue infrastructures was more relevant compared with others elements.

This is a confirmation for the key role of green and blue infrastructures in order to improve urban comfort and the perceived quality of infrastructures for pedestrian mobility suggesting the necessity of a more efficient integration among sectoral policies within the local urbanistic planning.
Comunication, information, training have a special role

ISPRA is providing a methodology to compute enviromental benefits as a consequence of measures of sustainable mobility at urban level and

The most important challenge is explain to the persons the real benefits that they can have leaving at home the private car

SNPA will start next September with a project of citizen science, promoted by EEA, on air pollution and sustainable mobility cleanair@school

The project will involve about 100 school in every Italian region and we are confident in the improving of the effectiveness of measures of sustainable mobility
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