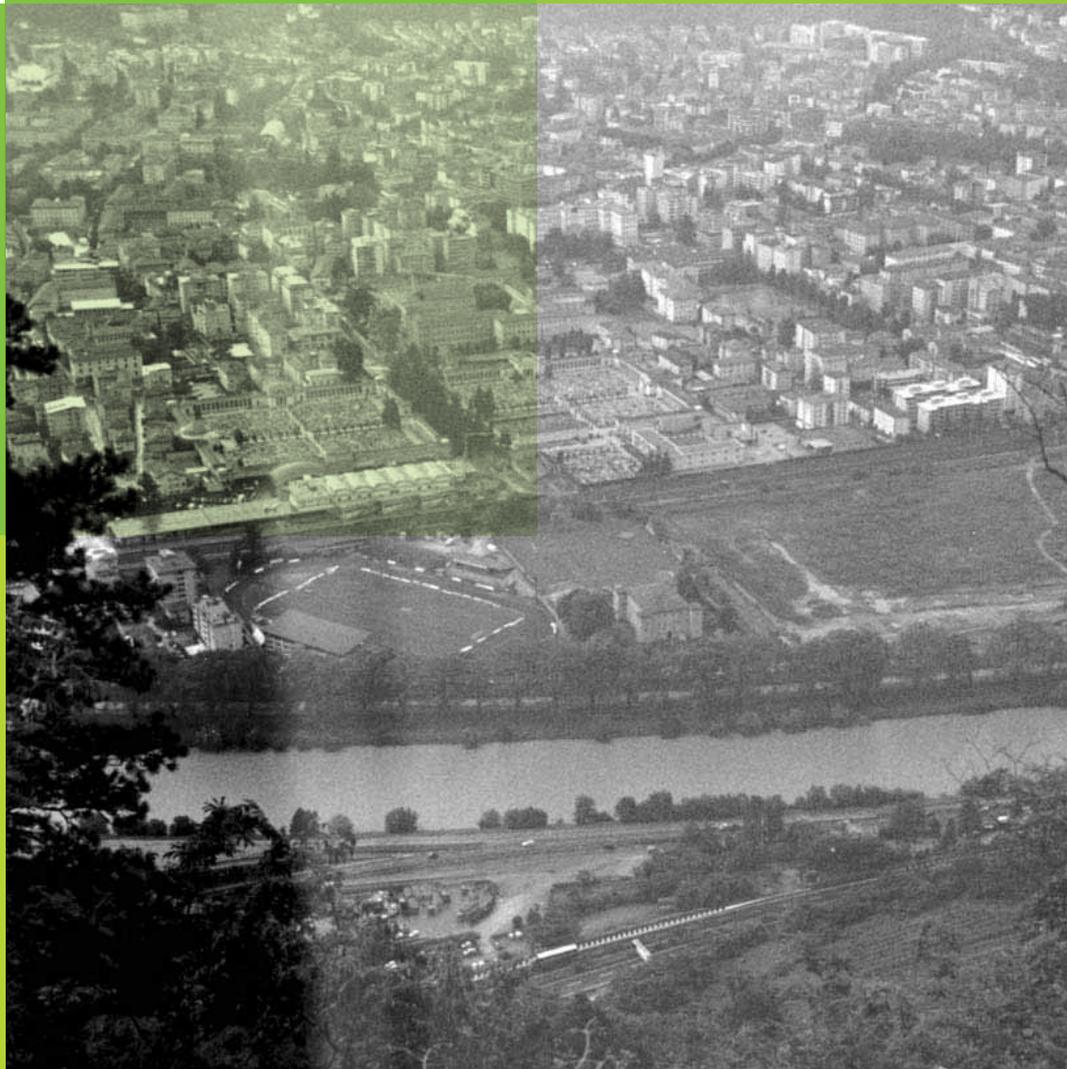


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The Urban Plan of the Autonomous Province of Trento promotes a new planning regulation, based on the connection among territory, landscape and development, with particular attention to the environment and to the quality of the territory and the landscape.

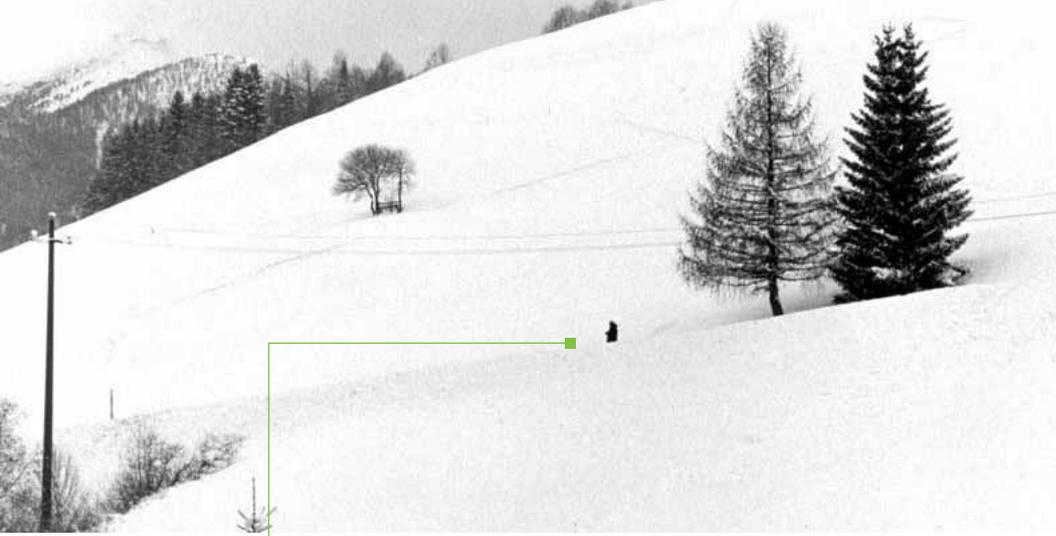
Following the path established by the Institutional Reform for the government of the autonomy of Trentino, the Plan offers a different model of action of the Provincial Administration, which foresees the decentralization of the strategic decision making, privileging citizens' and local communities' participation and responsibility. The core idea is that the territory planning and management has to get into a more direct contact with the local requirements.

In fact, in implementation of the provincial act nr. 3 of June 16th 2006, the creation of an institutional level with the valley Communities has been foreseen, whose functions are programming and rationalize the management of the territory and the landscape. The Reform, also through the valley Communities, aims to enhance the autonomous initiative of the citizens, implement the subsidiarity principle among the different institutional levels, foster participation and integration of the single territories, develop interregional cooperation, ensure minimum levels of services for all citizens and development sustainability.

The challenges set by the institutional Reform and the Urban Plan impose a cultural improvement that identifies vocational training and education as crucial resources to accompany the change.

The Autonomous Province of Trento has therefore decided to create Step-Landscape and environment school of government, inside tsm -Trentino School of Management. The School is therefore an environment for the training and the development of culture and vocational competences for the implementation of the Reform for the management of autonomy in Trentino.





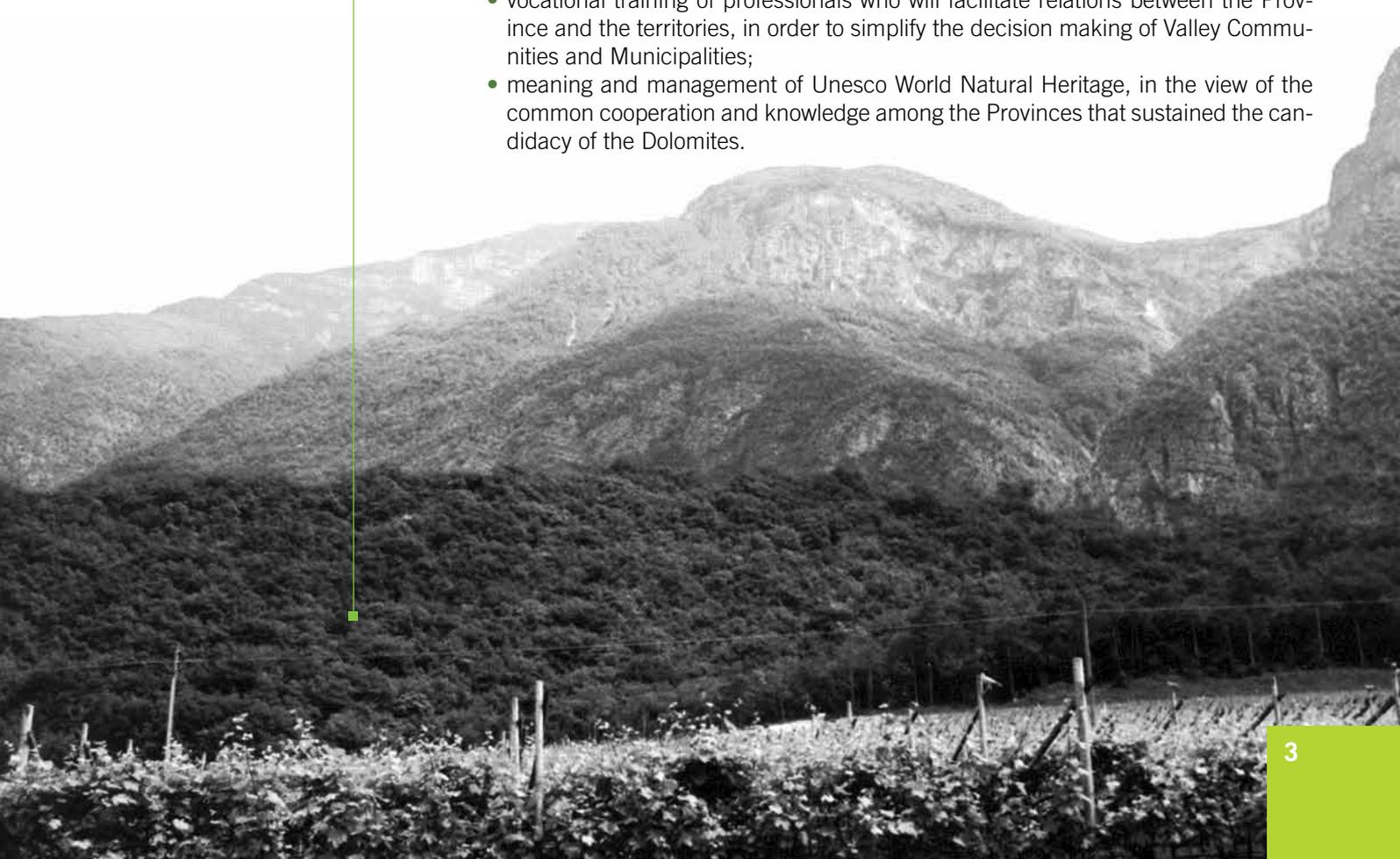
Focus The overall focus of the School is enhancing management and competitiveness ability of the regional system through education and training activities for the management of the territory.

the School will consequently represent a place for:

- the promotion of the individual and common participation culture and of the inter-institutional cooperation for the management of the territory;
- the training and education on urban and landscape themes;
- the applied research, observation and listening, to create training and educational action on urban and landscape themes.

Intervention lines Priority intervention lines define the School's activities field and are set by the Autonomous Province of Trento, in terms of:

- landscape as core element of the regional identity and tradition, as far as anthropology, history of Trentino traditions and the territorial management are concerned;
- territorial marketing, as planning objective and instrument;
- planning as responsibility task and participation instrument;
- planning techniques and carrying capacity;
- vocational training of professionals who will facilitate relations between the Province and the territories, in order to simplify the decision making of Valley Communities and Municipalities;
- meaning and management of Unesco World Natural Heritage, in the view of the common cooperation and knowledge among the Provinces that sustained the candidacy of the Dolomites.



The training method

Important feature of the School is the attention to educational methodology and content. The educational methodology, consistently with the requests of participation and responsibility and from a good territorial management action, is outlined on the outgrowing of a linear learning and educational method for a model centred on experience, relations and involvement.

The nature of the School's educational and training activities themes involve an interdisciplinary approach that collects contributions from various subjects, in order to reconnect economy to nature and culture.

Step has planned training and educational actions, offering therefore a training method that:

- is "active", which means that it focuses on the individual as subject of the training;
- is focusing on the local level but, at the same time, open to the global level;
- enhances cooperation between teachers and learners, team working and cooperation inside the teams;
- grounds learning on the direct experiences of the participants;
- recognises applied research as part of the learning process.

Concerning the training contents, Step's programmes take into account the limits of an approach of a "traditional" training (focused on linear learning processes, exclusively on techniques, etc.), in order to identify training contents that can meet the community's and institution's requirements.

In order to face these trends, that increase the complexity of the territory management and therefore transform the request for knowledge, competence and meta-competence, it is necessary to create innovative and appropriate training methods. The organization of these methods is very wide and requires the attention to be focused on:

- coaching and counselling for the tutoring of individual programmes;
- learning based on research and on the integration between method and content;
- team working and recognition of the importance of relations and emotional levels in learning processes;
- integration with reality through problem based;
- full immersion learning with on site experiences, in Italy and abroad;
- evaluation of the process and of the training results.

Training actions

The aim of the training actions is to enhance Trentino's management and competitive capacity, paying attention to the landscape and the territory. Step carries out training activities for administrators, technicians and professionals for the development of competences as regards environmental planning and governance, and for the promotion of a shared idea on the landscape, as a reference for the future development of Trentino.

The actions develop around the following axes:

1. Training programme for the implementation of the Institutional Reform.
2. Training actions on landscape, environment and town planning themes.
3. Training actions aimed at the creation of a common vision on preferability and sustainability of the life in the mountains and, in particular, on the value and the meaning of preservation, administration and promotion of the Dolomites UNESCO World Heritage Site.





The Dolomites, Unesco Natural Heritage

Step, through education and training activities, supports the creation of a common vision on the meaning of preservation, management and promotion of the Dolomites as UNESCO World Natural Heritage. Moreover, the School creates and manages specific actions and initiatives for administrators, technicians and for the whole community (in particular, schools and other agencies and education associations) for the acquisition of the competences needed for:

- the development of the culture of participation and responsibility of the communities involved in the administration and development of the UNESCO Heritage;
- the implementation of policies and initiatives consistent with the preservation, administration and development of the Heritage “Dolomites”;
- the promotion of an Alpine and Dolomites landscape environment.

The School, moreover, is involved in the creation of the “training network” among the Provinces (Belluno, Bolzano, Pordenone, Trento and Udine) and the Regions (Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto Region) that, after applying to the nomination and obtaining the recognition, are committed in the Heritage administration through the “Dolomiti – Dolomiten – Dolomites – Dolomitis UNESCO Foundation”.

The “training network” has the aim of developing an education project that supports the objectives of preservation, administration and enhancement of the UNESCO Heritage.



Landscape Observatory

At the end of 2010, the Autonomous Province of Trento, with the Decision of the Provincial Council n. 3127 of 30.12.2010, created the Landscape observatory.

The Landscape Observatory has got the aim of supporting and favouring spread training and participation processes, for the development of an evolved landscape culture. The Observatory is based at the Step that, therefore, also acts as operational office of the observation and the analysis of the Trentino landscape development and transformation, with a particular attention to the implementation of the following activities:

- supporting the observation of Trentino landscape development and transformation;
- elaboration of landscape catalogues, to promote the integration of the landscape objectives in the territorial strategies;
- creation of a documentation centre, open to all citizens, with on-line databanks, information point and centres with documents available on the territory;
- offering instrumental support to schools and academies to focus on themes regarding environmental planning;
- elaboration, every five years, of a report on the state of the landscape in Trentino;
- creation of a website to favour information of the activities carried out.



The School's functioning and management involves the cooperation among various institutional bodies (the Autonomous Province of Trento, as well as tsm - Trentino School of Management, the Municipalities Consortium and professional rolls) in order to promote, also through the constitution, the culture of subsidiarity and participation, necessary for quality improvement in the management of the territory and the landscape.

A Scientific Committee will be in charge of addressing and coordinating the School. The Committee consists of two members, elected by the Provincial Council, and three representatives from the Professional Association of Architects, the Professional Association of Engineers and the Consortium of the Municipalities of Trentino respectively.

Scientific Committee and working staff



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