



# S.A.L.U.S. "W" SPACE



*Villa SALUS as a new Sustainable Accessible Livable Usable Social space for intercultural Wellbeing, Welfare and Welcoming in the Metropolitan City of Bologna*

Duration: **36 months**

Start: **1 November 2016**

End: **31 October 2019**

#### Total Budget:

Total Cost: € 6.249.673,00

EU Co-Funding: € 4.999.738,40  
(equal to 80% of total cost)

#### Budget for the City of Bologna:

Total Cost: € 4.918.838,00

EU Co-Funding: € 3.935.070,40  
(equal to 80% of total cost)

#### Funding Programme:

Urban Innovative Actions - Integration of migrants and refugees

#### **Coordinator:**

City of Bologna - Institute for Social and Community Inclusion Don Paolo Serra Zanetti

#### **(LOCAL) Partners:**

IRS - Research Center,  
ASP Città di Bologna - Public Agency  
OPEN GROUP Coop. Sociale Onlus - NGO  
ICIE Istituto Cooperativo per l'Innovazione - NGO  
Antoniano Onlus - NGO  
Camelot Officine Cooperative - NGO  
Associazione Cantieri Meticci - NGO  
Società Dolce - NGO  
Eta Beta Coop. Soc. Onlus - NGO  
CIOFS FP Emilia Romagna - Training Center  
Microfinanza SRL - Business Support Organization)  
CEFAL Emilia Romagna - Training Center  
Società Coop. CSAPSA - Training Center  
ACLI Prov. di Bologna - National Agency  
University of Bologna,  
Associazione Mondodonna Onlus - NGO.

## AIM

The project will allow the City to regenerate a former private hospital called Villa Salus, now abandoned for many years, and to convert it into an innovative coospace, open to locals and citizens, where the welcoming of groups of refugees or disadvantaged families will match with a wider vision of intercultural welfare and social cohesion into the urban fabric.

Here citizens will find a pleasant environment, relax and wellness spaces, artistic workshops, a hostel and a multiethnic restaurant, co-working spaces and areas with facilities for both playing and business activities. The requalification of the building and surrounding area will be not only an opportunity to foster local business activities, but also an experimental building site to offer jobs to disadvantaged brackets of the population, as well as to provide professional training for the future management of the building.

For the whole duration of the process, a participatory editorial staff will be reporting about the project development.

## ACTIVITIES

The project develops through three macro-actions:

### **1. WELLBEING**

The innovative "concept" of the project is based on a "social design" participating process, shared with the local population and focused on every different aspect of the Wellbeing: **Psycho-physical Wellbeing**, experimentation of new forms of housing, importance of green areas, development of professional training courses and business start-ups that can offer new opportunities for economic growth at a local level. Through the contributions and participation of citizens and stakeholders, innovative solutions for reception and hosting will be conceived, based on the active social inclusion model.

### **2. WELFARE**

Implementation of the **generative Welfare** pattern through the building sites, as a training moment "in progress" for the most disadvantaged brackets of the population, and the creation of professional teams of artists, craftsmen and maintainers, to run the whole structure, once it's accomplished, and develop true supply chains to provide services to locals.

This work package also includes a process of tutorship to migrants and refugees for self-entrepreneurship, and to start-uppers for the the implementation of social business activities, in strong synergy with the local context.

### **3. WELCOME**

The development and implementation phase will be followed by the "service running" phase, with a direct involvement of the social companies in welcoming guests into the structure and of the citizens, who will find green areas, a place for their psycho-physical wellbeing, cultural activities, artistic workshops, co-working spaces, reception activities and a "multiethnic" restaurant.

The housing blocks will be destined to a mix of beneficiaries, both as a market reception activity and as a residence for most disadvantaged people, then reserving one third of the available places to refugee families, that will then actively participate in the running of the planned activities.

<http://www.uia-initiative.eu/en/uia-cities/bologna>



#### **Bologna Municipality Divisions involved:**

- Institute for Social and Community Inclusion Don Paolo Serra Zanetti
- Building and Estate Division
- International Relations and Projects Office

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