



A Circular Project for the NEB Lighthouse

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The small town on Nepi, located in Agro Falisco area, in the province of Viterbo, north of Rome, witnessed the process of development and co-construction of a public space settlement as Italian Lighthouse of the EU-funded “Eyes Hearts Hands Urban Revolution” Research Project. The EHHUR project belongs to the first wave of projects included in the **New European Bauhaus** and was experimenting a workflow to effectively drive urban transition through a deep integration of social, technical and ultimately architectural and aesthetical issues, by promoting and testing the integration of insightful examples, train the trainer programs and active consultancy to Municipalities, forming and engaging local clusters of experts and social actors.

The project in Nepi evolved its program according to these premises. The development was driven by the local coordinators of the Biodistrict of Via Amerina and Forre, an Association born into biological agriculture that extended its targets to promote the evolution of the local territory towards becoming a benchmark for decarbonization, clean energy and sustainable tourism. Their action was aimed at shaping and guiding the project around activities that put social engagement and immediate impact at its core. The result is a project that is rooted on a new **Citizen Energy Community (CEC)**, that is kicked-off by a co-designed and co-built public space project, linked to a **Circular Architecture program** that engages a little Municipality with Academia and important Cultural Institutions such as the **Academy of France in Rome - Villa Medici**.

The public installation is the result of a full upcycling program set up by the Academy with **Roma Tre University Department of Architecture**, for the accurate disassembly, storage, re-design and reassembly of selected installations of the Summer Festival "Festival del Cabanes", engaging students and architects on both sides. The program was combined in the EHHUR project with the expertise of the partners of **RIMOND**, a design-build company specialized in Temporary Events such as Great Expo Pavilions, settings and overlays, developed as custom and fast-track projects, that is fully focused on leveraging its expertise as a model for the low-impact, climate friendly, circular and fully shared Construction Industry of the future.