



2023 AWARD FOR DEGREE THESIS (BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S) AND RESEARCH-STUDIES

The INU together with important organizations has been involved in the Accessible Cities for All Project since 2016, and in 2020 it established the Accessible Cities for All Award, which is awarded through an INU-URBIT Open Call.

This edition is open to innovative works on 360° accessibility carried out in Italy or abroad between 1.04.2022 and 13.10.2023 as part of Bachelor's and Master's thesis, and Research and Studies.

The € 7,000 prize money is supported by: Mirabilia Network and Camera di Commercio di Genova (Genoa Chamber of Commerce).

The Ministero della Cultura (Ministry of Culture), the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council), CERPA Italia Onlus and Urbanistica Informazioni collaborate with the Prize.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2023

INU - Istituto Nazionale di Urbanistica (National Institute of Urban Planning), and URBIT, Urbanistica Italiana srl, with the support of *Mirabilia Network* and *Camera di Commercio di Genova (Genoa Chamber of Commerce)* and the collaboration of the *Ministero della Cultura (Ministry of Culture)*, the *Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council)*, *CERPA Italia Onlus* and *Urbanistica Informazioni*, set up the "Accessible Cities for All Award" 2023 Edition, assigned to innovative works of degree thesis, Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and Research and Studies on the themes of accessibility at 360°.

The "Accessible Cities for All" project has highlighted the importance of building the accessibility system where the goal goes beyond the logic of a single intervention to overcome barriers to a broader goal of overall quality, an approach that is often reaffirmed in the Guidelines published at <http://atlantecittaccessibili.inu.it/>.

In the broader concept of **accessibility and inclusion for all**, in which the limitations imposed on people's autonomy caused by physical, sensory, perceptive, intellectual, gender, but also cultural, social, health, economic and environmental barriers are considered, the **central themes of the 2023 call for proposals are:**

- the 360° accessibility system of cultural heritage chains (cultural buildings and spaces, accommodation facilities, tourism, integrated mobility infrastructures, vitality of trade and services in urban and territorial contexts, policies and plans for regeneration and redevelopment);
- communication, information and integrated services for living with urban management systems;
- innovative technology solutions to support greater autonomy and a better quality of life-wellbeing for people.

Works realised in Italy or abroad, of any scientific discipline, between 1.04.2022 and 13.10.2023 are admitted to the Open Call with the exclusion of works that have been submitted in the previous Editions of the INU Prize " Accessible Cities for All".

The 2023 Award will be assigned as a result of the evaluations of a Commission set up by the promoter after the deadline of the Open Call, which will give priority consideration to the coherence with the central themes of the Open Call and the innovative nature of the works.

The **Bachelor's Theses** judged most valuable by the Jury will be awarded with publication in the PDF magazine "Urbanistica Informazioni" (ISSN 0392-5005).

The **Master's Theses** and **Researches and Studies** judged most valuable by the Jury will be awarded with book vouchers and/or digital devices provided by *Mirabilia Network* and *Camera di Commercio di Genova (Genoa Chamber of Commerce)* up to the prize fund of € 7,000.



The award ceremony will take place during Urbanpromo, which will take place between 7 and 10 November 2023 on a date yet to be defined at the Granai Medicei in Florence.

The submitted works, evaluated as coherent by the Jury, will subsequently be published in a Special Issue of "Urbanistica Informazioni" PDF (ISSN 0392-5005).

Prizes will be provided by the collaborating organisations:

- **Ministero della Cultura (Ministry of Culture)**, Scientific Publications published as part of the series "Quaderni della Valorizzazione" edited by the Direzione generale Musei (General Management of Museums), to the first prizewinners;
- **Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council)**, Stage/apprenticeship at the premises of CNR-IMATI in the context of the project RAISE (RAISE "Robotics and AI for Socio-economic Empowerment" financed by the Recovery and Resilience National Plan, Mission 4 Education and Research – Investment 1.5, financed by the European Union – NextGenerationEU (<https://www.raiseliguria.it>) - Spoke 1 "Urban Technologies for Inclusive Engagement" and the Living Labs targeting the development of technologies for accessibility and inclusion.
- **CERPA Italia Onlus**, attendance of managed services to deepen practical knowledge of the inclusive design approach, aimed at environmental well-being for all, through the presentation of practical meaningful experiences from the object scale to the architectural and urban scale, with the provision of a tutor. Accommodation costs for one or two nights will be covered for people coming from outside the city.

Applications for participation in the Open Call must be submitted in digital format to iginio.rossi@inu.it by 13.10.2023 using only the specially prepared editable format, only one proposal per applicant is allowed.

The Open Call notice and format are published in <https://urbanpromo.it/info/call-for-paper-2023/>

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