

The Green *Charta* of Milan

- 1 The public space is a good for everybody and it should have the same importance as a private space. To achieve all the functions it is necessary that the green is equal to the red blue and grey. Because green has not only an aesthetic value but also economically, environmental and socially and it is to be used by all the citizens to enhance wellbeing. Urban green spaces will increasingly serve as an important reservoir for biodiversity.
- 2 Pedestrian and slow traffic areas allow better access to public spaces, contributing to a better perception of the quality of urban landscape.
- 3 Sustainable transport infrastructure in cities needs to use low carbon systems.
- 4 Green spaces, both public and private, that are well maintained lead to better cities, better lives and economic benefits. Green cities will help to enhance competitiveness and attract inward investment.
- 5 All the evidence shows that each healthy tree contributes to improving quality of life in cities: it produces oxygen, it buffers water during extreme rainfall, it absorbs CO₂ and it counteracts heat island effects.
- 6 Green roofs and roof gardens improve the energy efficiency of buildings and help to address the urban heat island effect.
- 7 New urban developments should employ renewable energy technologies that are fully integrated into the landscape design in a way that does not compromise the unique character of specific areas.
- 8 It is essential to create green infrastructure including “green rays” to allow the movement of people and wildlife between parks and other green spaces. The ultimate aim is that quality green space is accessible within a range of 300 metres from any citizen.
- 9 Peri-urban agricultural presents a great opportunity for our cities: both for the supply of fresh, healthy low carbon food and for the provision of a range of essential ecosystem services.
- 10 Planting trees symbolises commitment to the future and represents a durable community investment.

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