Proposal Submission Form

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Proposal Acronym AMPL: IDEA

General Information

Proposal Title
Accessibility and Mobility PLanning for Everyone: Inclusive DEsign for Accessibility

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Activity code(s) most relevant to your proposal
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Free Keywords
pedestrian accessibility, urban planning and programming, participatory process, informative system

Abstract (max. 2000 char.)
Pedestrian accessibility of urban public space in cities is a branch of the wider discussion about life quality and, more specifically, urban quality. A specific meaning of accessibility has to be assumed, if we refer to "critical" users and in particular to disabled persons; in fact while an architectonic barrier is quantitatively measurable, it can not be regarded as purely objective because its importance varies in relation to the physical condition of the user. Accessibility is a very important part of the inclusion of all people in the social context. An accessible barrier free environment is the first step towards fulfilling the right of people to participate in all areas of community life; it is a very broad term covering all aspects of assuring that all people can participate and have the same choices. The present lack of urban quality, mainly in the great urban areas, depends on absence of planning actions specifically applied to pedestrian space and extended to the whole urban areas. An improvement strategy in the urban environment has to be developed, while only efforts to ameliorate single sites in the cities have been performed so far. The aim of a very extensive improvement of the pedestrian urban space accessibility implies necessarily a long time and, consequently, a "stepped" and spatially distributed strategy. Due the complexity of the process, and to ensure an extensive and effective solution to the problem, a participatory planning process has to be implemented, involving all the agencies, groups and persons directly interested in improving the accessibility in urban areas. Under these assumptions, the project's objective is to produce an informative system able to: 1) support the modification process (transformation - requalification) of the city public space; 2) support the participation of the users in the decisional and planning process; 3) inform the users on the real accessibility condition of urban public spaces.

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