

**TOPIC**

The site has a strong need for renovation of functions. Starting from the social mixity living in the district, new elements, to be recognised and accepted by the inhabitants, will be defined. Among the interesting aspects of the theme there is also the matter of the realisation of "removable" houses to be used from the families who will have to move during the phases of implementation of the new buildings. This will allow to keep relations with the site and to recognise its new functions.

**CONURBATION**

Located in a position of ideal cultural, political and economic barycentre in Toscana, today Livorno preserves, in its culture, traditions and buildings, the whole heritage of its original history.

A town deeply tied to the sea, which is an integral part of its life. As from 1995, it started the activity of regeneration and upgrading of important sectors of the town characterised, despite the differences of functions, by a general requirement of regeneration and social/environmental rehabilitation.

**SITE**

The site is in the north-east part of the town, at the northwards historical margins of the town, rich in important witnesses: the defence system of the Medicean Fortresses; the system of the Walls of Lorraine with the Customs Gates of particular architectural value; the system of the nineteenth-century historical cemeteries of the nations present in Livorno: Greek, Jewish, English, Alemanic. The site includes a complex of public residential building, today in heavy decay, and the former warehouses of the customs gate of Porta Garibaldi.

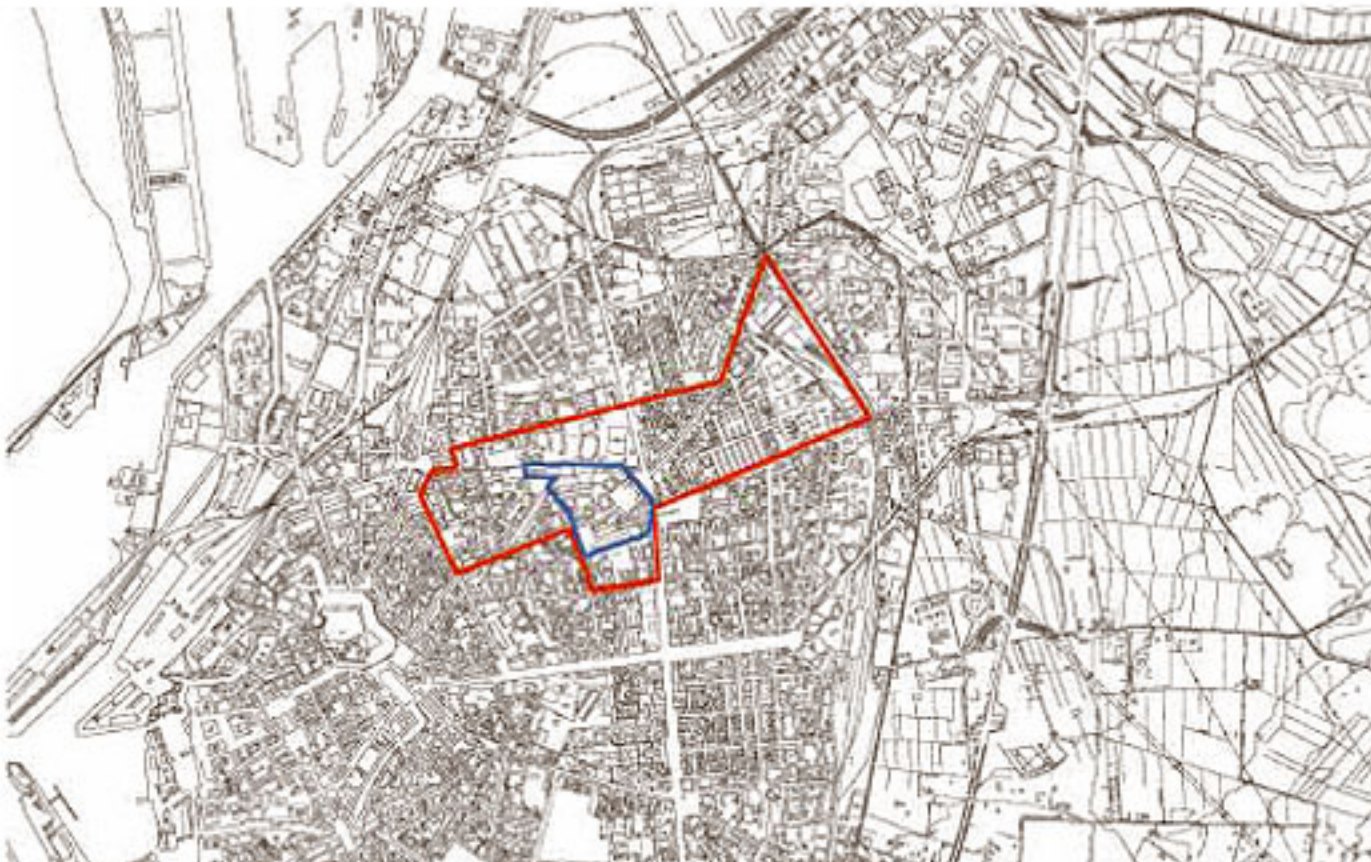
**Population:** about 11 000 inhabitants

**Location:** BARRIERA GARIBALDI

**Study area:** 12 ha

**Project area:** 3 ha





### PROGRAMME

The project foresees the possibility, through the demolition and rebuilding or even the renovation of some residential buildings, to sew back the housing fabric by introducing the experimental residence. The use must consider the integration of different social fabrics by realising services and public spaces. As regards the areas of the fruit and vegetable market and of the former custom-house, public services are foreseen, with the possibility of temporary residences too. Inside the study area it will be necessary to deal with the road network connecting to the port area.

### ISSUES

#### Social / functional

The proximity to the fruit and vegetable market characterises the use of the area, besides the typically residential one. Also the hypothesis of its replacement has been considered. The green area is linking to an intervention of renovation of the Walls of Lorraine, starting point for the implementation of the wider program of redevelopment, "URBAN II".

#### Sensitive

The site represents the hinge of a system rich in functions. From the production activities, to the residences, to the network connecting with the town centre and the commercial activities.

#### Sustainability

The site has a particular historical and environmental value. The collapse of one of the public residential buildings, to be rebuilt, could be the flywheel to regenerate the area.











