



**The Dipartimento di Architettura e Pianificazione (Architecture and Planning, DiAP)**, has been founded in 2000 as the result of the merging of the Department of Sciences of Territory – which was mainly centred upon planning and urban design – with groups of scholars coming from the field of Architecture, History of Architecture and Restoration, based in other departments. The common goal was to establish a Department structure where the various disciplines dealing with territorial projects could meet and establish an arena for an interdisciplinary dialogue.

Directed by Prof. Patrizia Gabellini since January 2009, DiAP, with its **144** teachers: **48** full professors, **33** associate professors and **63** assistant professors, is now the second largest Department in Politecnico di Milano (Milan Polytechnic) as well as being the largest in the field of Architecture, an important research centre in Italy for urban and territorial planning issues, and part of a well-established international network of centers of excellence.

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**architecture**  
**urban planning**  
**regional development**  
**environmental development**

exploring new points of contact in the evolution of disciplinary areas, between environment, community and architectural designers and between communications, policy and management experts.

This multidisciplinary approach is a particular characteristic of the department, which is able to offer expertise and projects to meet emerging demands from processes of physical and social change, to a plurality of subjects and organisations (European, national, regional and local authorities, social and economic groups, research institutions).

## Research

DiAP is currently one of the largest departmental research centres in Italy and is active in many fields of research and consultancy, such as territorial analysis, analysis and design of planning processes, local policies, social and territorial cohesion policies, strategic planning, environmental planning, infrastructure planning and design, environmental design, architecture, urban history and renewal.

Diap staff also own expertise in geographical information system, methods and techniques in support of urban research and policy development process, mapping and monitoring of urban and territorial transformations, data gathering, management and dissemination.

Research activity is supported by different forms of funding:

- Research funded by the Italian Ministry for Universities, by the National Research Council;
- Research funded by European Commission;
- Contracts with public administrations, non-profit organizations and private entities.

Furthermore, DiAP members can set up permanent or temporary Research Laboratories according to long term research programs or to specific research projects. Currently the research activities are grouped into 4 Research Lines, that include more than **40 Laboratories**, plus **3 Experimental Laboratories** in Modelling, Diagnosis e Visual Communication.



## Education

The DiAP provides a major contribution in the teaching activities of the **School of Architecture and Society** in all its undergraduate and graduate programmes in Architecture, Environmental architecture, Planning, Building techniques, and in some undergraduate and graduate programmes in other Schools of Architecture and Engineering.

DiAP offers a wide range of post-graduate courses, including Specializing Masters, Doctoral Programs (*Territorial Design And Government, Spatial Planning And Urban Development; Preservation Of Architectural Heritage, Urban And Architectural Design*), Specialist Schools, Professional Courses, Short Courses.

## International Activities

Diap promotes many international activities, including research programmes, teaching staff mobility, international workshops, intensive programmes in cooperation with European partners, an international lecture series.

In particular, members of the Department have been involved in various **EU-funded projects** (Espon 2006 Programme, VI PQ Specific Targeted Project , VI PQ Coordination Action , VII PQ Theme 6 – Environment, including Climate Change, CONACYT- FONCICYT Fondo de Cooperation International en Ciencia y Tecnologia - Union Europea ).

DiAP is member of the Association of European School of Planning (**AESOP**), of the European Urban Research Association (**EURA**), of the Regional Science Association (**AISRE**); of the Istituto Nazionale di Urbanistica (**INU**) and it is the registered office of the Società Italiana degli Urbanisti (**SIU**).

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