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About the REGEN Project

The **REGEN project** is a Horizon Europe Innovation Action co-funded by the European Union. It addresses pressing socioeconomic, climate and built environment challenges by developing innovative pathways towards the **decarbonisation of European neighbourhoods**.

Combining cutting-edge digital technologies, life cycle sustainability assessment methods and citizen engagement, REGEN provides a multifaceted toolbox to support **evidence-based urban regeneration and lasting behavioural change**. The project's solutions are being demonstrated across **four pilot sites in Europe**, including Milan.

A flexible Neighbourhood Regeneration Office for Giambellino-Lorenteggio

As part of REGEN, **Neighbourhood Regeneration Offices (NROs)** are being established as local contact points bringing technical expertise and community engagement together. They combine a **“One-Stop Shop” for technical expertise** with a **“Third Place” social model**, creating spaces where residents and local stakeholders can exchange, access information and contribute to local action.

In Milan, the NRO has adopted a **flexible model combining a stable community base with a mobile presence**. Rather than relying on a single fixed location, activities can move into different spaces across the neighbourhood, allowing the NRO to connect with residents where community life is already taking place.

The Milan NRO was officially presented on **17 January 2026** during the territorial event **“Dietrolangolo 2.0 – Cosa c’è Dietrolangolo a Giambellino-Lorenteggio”**, held at Studio Barreca & La Varra and promoted by **AIM – Associazione Interessi Metropolitani**. Hosted within a local parish oratory, the event marked the start of a participatory process dedicated to the future of the neighbourhood.

Located in the **multicultural Giambellino-Lorenteggio district**, the Milan pilot focuses on encouraging more sustainable energy consumption and supporting the transition towards **low-carbon lifestyles**. Particular attention is given to everyday energy use, affordability and energy vulnerability, while connecting residents with practical tools, local initiatives and opportunities to take action.

Throughout 2026, the NRO will operate through a combination of scheduled neighbourhood activities and on-demand meetings, using its mobile format to strengthen existing local networks and reach a wider range of residents.

From local knowledge to collective action

The launch of the Milan NRO marked the beginning of a gradual process of **listening, connecting and co-designing**, bringing together the knowledge and experience already present within Giambellino-Lorenteggio.

The Milan NRO officially presented at “Dietrolangolo 2.0” – 17 January 2026

Around **40 participants**, including residents, associations, young activists, cultural organisations and representatives of the Municipality, came together to explore the **history, identity and future of Giambellino-Lorenteggio**.

The event presented findings from local research, including a laboratory exploring perceived neighbourhood boundaries, interviews with social and cultural actors, video storytelling and survey results. These contributions provided a picture of the neighbourhood’s existing strengths, challenges and community dynamics.

The Milan NRO was introduced as a platform designed to **connect existing initiatives and support a shared approach to neighbourhood regeneration**, with a particular focus on sustainable lifestyles and community empowerment.

The event also launched the next stage of the process: a **co-design workshop bringing together associations and residents** to identify priorities and concrete actions around energy awareness, everyday sustainability practices and collective behavioural change.

By building on existing local networks rather than creating parallel structures, the Milan NRO aims to strengthen **local ownership of the energy transition** and turn broader sustainability objectives into practical actions that reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.

A local space for a more sustainable neighbourhood

Residents are warmly invited to engage with the **Milan Neighbourhood Regeneration Office** to discover REGEN activities and opportunities, connect with local initiatives and contribute their ideas to the future of Giambellino-Lorenteggio.



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Through its combination of **community presence, mobility and participatory action**, the NRO is helping create new connections between residents, local organisations and public actors, supporting a more **sustainable, inclusive and community-driven neighbourhood transformation**.

Project Partners



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