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The 10th volume of TeMA Journal, given the relevance of the topics, dedicates the three issues of 2017 to promotes the scientific debate on the definition and the implementation of methods, tools and best practices aimed at improving, in the forthcoming decades, the capacity of the urban areas to cope a range of climate, technological and socio-economic challenges that will require the development of integrated and adaptive strategies. The articles published in this second issue address some themes, such as the resilience capacity of urban system, the energy consumption, the geographical information system, the community spaces, the urban green network design, the urban regeneration processes and the territorial cohesion.

The section "Focus" contains the article "The End-use Electric Energy Consumption in Urban Areas: A GIS-based methodology. An application in the city of Naples." by Gerardo Carpentieri and Federica Favo (University of Naples Federico II) offers a GIS-based methodology that allows the knowledge, classification and representation of end-use electric energy consumption by the use of Big and Open Data. The results constitute a cognitive asset that local administrations can use to improve the energy sustainability, by providing the classification and representation of electric energy consumption for domestic and non-domestic users.

The section "Land Use, Mobility and Environment" collects four articles. The first one, titled "Between Community Spaces. Squares of Minor Centers of Calabria", by Mauro Francini, Rosario Chimirri, Annunziata Palermo and Maria Francesca Viapiana (University of Calabria), analyse the theme of "community spaces" or public spaces has led, in recent years, to important interdisciplinary issues also if the reading of smaller towns, in city planning, historical-anthropological and geographical terms appears less extended. For this reason, the paper introduces the first results of a research that want to reinterpret the specific characteristics of these areas in small towns placing the region of Calabria. Through this reading the authors want to emphasise how urban planning, in synergy with other disciplines, can operate to give back to these spaces the meaning of "center", or urban-community landmark.

The second article, titled "Urban Green Network Design: Defining green network from an urban planning perspective", by Andrea Tulisi (University of Naples Federico II), provides a lexical analysis of the literature on the urban green network from an urban planning perspective. In order to overcome the ambiguities of the literature in handling both terms of the concept "green network", the paper suggests a unique definition

of the terms that takes into account both the network system theory and greenspaces as public services in the wider perspective of ecosystem services

The third article, titled "Metropolitan Governance for Territorial Cohesion", by Francesca Pirlone, Ilenia Spadaro and Selena Candia (University of Genoa), analyses in deep the case of the Italian metropolitan cities proposing a new governance approach to increase the capacity of urban systems to adapt to natural and man-made changes, considering the hinterland as a strong point rather than a disadvantage. Strategic and spatial plans drive the growth of metropolitan areas in a competitive space-economy and support sustainable development policy by ensuring a balance between urban areas with strong competitiveness and inland areas.

The fourth article, titled "Decision-making tools for urban regeneration processes: from Stakeholders Analysis to Stated Preference Methods", by Marta Bottero, Giulio Mondini and Giulia Datola (Politecnico di Torino), proposes an integrated evaluation approach for addressing decision problems in the context of urban regeneration operations. Starting from the real case of the regeneration programme of the city of Collegno (Italy), the contribution proposes an original evaluation model based on the combined use of Stakeholders Analysis and Stated Preference Methods.

The section "Review Pages" defines the general framework of the issue's theme, with an updated focus on websites, publications, laws, urban practices and news and events on the subject of energy reduction consumption in the transport sector. In particular, the Web section by Maria Rosa Tremiterra describes three web resources of: (i) European Climate Adaptation Platform; (ii) U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit and (iii) Resiliencetools.org – Empowering Resilient Cities. The Books section by Gerardo Carpentieri briefly reviews three relevant books related to the Issues' theme: (i) Evaluating Urban Resilience to Climate Change: A Multi-Sector Approach; (ii) Urban Perspectives: Climate Change, Migration, Planning and Finance - A New Generation of Ideas and (iii) Integrating Land Use, Transport and Energy Planning. The Law section by Laura Russo keeps readers up to date with comparison between two legislative documents, in order to highlight the main innovations and present the key planning instruments (England and Nederland). The Urban Practices section by Gennaro Angiello presents two Car-Sharing Italian case study: (i) Milano and (ii) Rome. The News and Event section by Andrea Tulisi, proposes a selection of conferences on the topic of decision support tools where developed for supporting adaptation and mitigation policies at urban scale.