

The Parco del mare: sea and promenade together for the new waterfront in Rimini

More and more greenery, nature, space for sport, cycling and walking paths. The Parco del Mare (Sea Park), the major seafront redevelopment project that is transforming the 16 kilometres of Rimini's waterfront, is not stopping. The project is being carried out in stages, starting from the two tips of the south promenade - the Tintori promenade in Marina Centro and the Spadazzi promenade in Miramare - and the north promenade, and is now nearing the end of the first part of the project with a series of works that will bring the stretches that have been completed so far to their final layout.

The opening of the first stretch of the Sea Park between Piazzale Fellini and Piazzale Kennedy this summer was a sort of preview of what will be Rimini's new waterfront in its entirety.

Rimini has had a Strategic Plan since 2010, in which the Sea Park project has been indicated, among others, as a strategic intervention for the renewal of the tourist product and for the socio-economic relaunch of the territory.

The Parco del Mare is an environmental infrastructure and services dedicated to well-being, quality of life and healthy eating, with the ambition of completely regenerating the 16 kilometres of Rimini's coastline over time. A transformation that is both physical and spatial, based on a profound cultural and relational shift that aims to be the reference point for engaging new investors and renewing existing activities. The Sea Park's guiding principles are naturalisation and a move towards creating more open-air living spaces, anticipating what are now essential needs and requirements, by placing the focus firmly on wellness, the environment and sustainable mobility.

The work is proceeding in parallel with the impressive work on the "underground" - the PSBO, sewage water system - and in close synergy with the measures of the Bathing Protection Plan. This summer, the large hydraulic system in Piazzale Kennedy, one of the main projects to be implemented at the PSBO, came into use. This large purification system reaches up to 40 metres underground and rises up to 6/8 metres with the Belvedere: a new square on the sea from which the new section 1 of the redeveloped promenade starts.

The new promenade aims to become a place of great attraction and is the backbone of the "Parco del Mare" project, which will also involve the beach in its final layout, with the upgrading of the bathing establishments. As part of the Rimini Sud project, the work involves 9 main sections, the guidelines for which have been entrusted to the temporary grouping of professionals headed by Miralles Tagliabue EMBT.

The four sections of the Rimini Nord project, corresponding to the resorts of Torre Pedrera, Viserbella, Viserba and Rivabella, will be treated differently in order to enhance their identity and specific features, within a framework of coherent and consistent design choices. The treatment of the surfaces involves the use of hard landscaping, with mainly stone paving for exclusively pedestrian areas, smooth architectural concrete for cycle paths, asphalt with albino bitumen for the driveway lane, inserts of architectural concrete washed in the portions with a higher degree of naturalness and soft landscape with green areas and Mediterranean-dune vegetation. Work on the Rimini North Sea Park is currently underway over 6 kilometres, after the opening of some stretches this summer, four stretches are now nearing final completion with the aim of completing the project by Easter 2021.