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When the municipal administration was elected in June 2004 (with Sergio Cofferati as Mayor and Virginio Merola as Town Councillor of Urban planning) it decided, as soon as it took office, to re-launch the municipal urban planning programme. After a preliminary phase which led to approval of the programming documents the planning conference was held, which included a number of important contributions. The final written proceedings of the conference, which ended on 18 January 2006, form the basis of the Planning agreement, signed by the Mayor of Bologna and by the President of the Province.

In order to encourage participation by the citizens of Bologna, various information and consultation channels were activated in the city districts as well as a forum involving individual citizens, representatives of the financial world and community organisations, and leading figures in the city's social and cultural life. At the same time public project workshops were set up to look at some urban aspects of the old General planning scheme.

The Municipal structural plan was presented, in its general form, by the Mayor to the city on the 18 January 2007. It was adopted on the 16 July 2007 and published over a lengthy period in order to collect observations and so that discussion could be accompanied by a new series of public initiatives, including information and public participation (fourteen public meetings at the Urban center involving more than a thousand people) and a specially created website.

The observations collected within the allotted period are

around 400 and the administration is now preparing a response to them in order to reach the final approval of the Structural plan, which will take place at the same time as the adoption of the Urban building regulations and prior to the announcement for the formation of the first Municipal operational plan (the new instruments governing the transformation of the city territory, which substitutes the old General development plan, consists of the Structural plan Psc, the Operational plan Poc and the Urban building regulations Rue). By complying with the time periods it will be possible to achieve the objective of rebuilding the new municipal outline plan before the present administrative mandate expires.

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