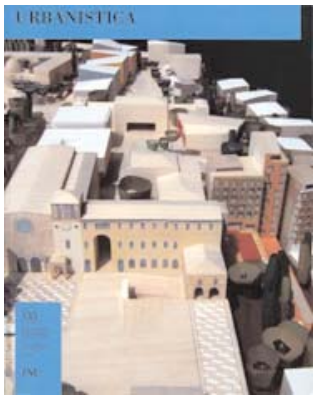

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The Grosseto Structure plan has produced an important advancement in the research strategy of Diptu that is based on the collaboration experiences with public administration and municipalities.
The process has not been simple. Such an activity has required efforts to build complex scenarios and new procedures.
There were two main operational phases. The first phase has produced the tools for a general analytical framework: it has been acquired a large amount of information, mostly using the data that are usually deposited within the municipality itself. This heritage has been emphasized creating the base for an effective Gis to be integrated to those of Province and Region. Right from the beginning, conflicts and pressures were seen as fundamental elements of knowledge: the 'plan window' and the setting up of dynamic 'decision frames' were the outcome. Such aspects were largely developed in the second phase of the collaboration; during such a phase the contribution of the department was almost a methodological one.
After the final plan approval a third phase has taken place: that of 'reflection" on the entire process in order to set up repeat methods and tools.