# Innovative partnership between Reggio Emilia and Weinan

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Medium-sized city
172.000 unhabitants

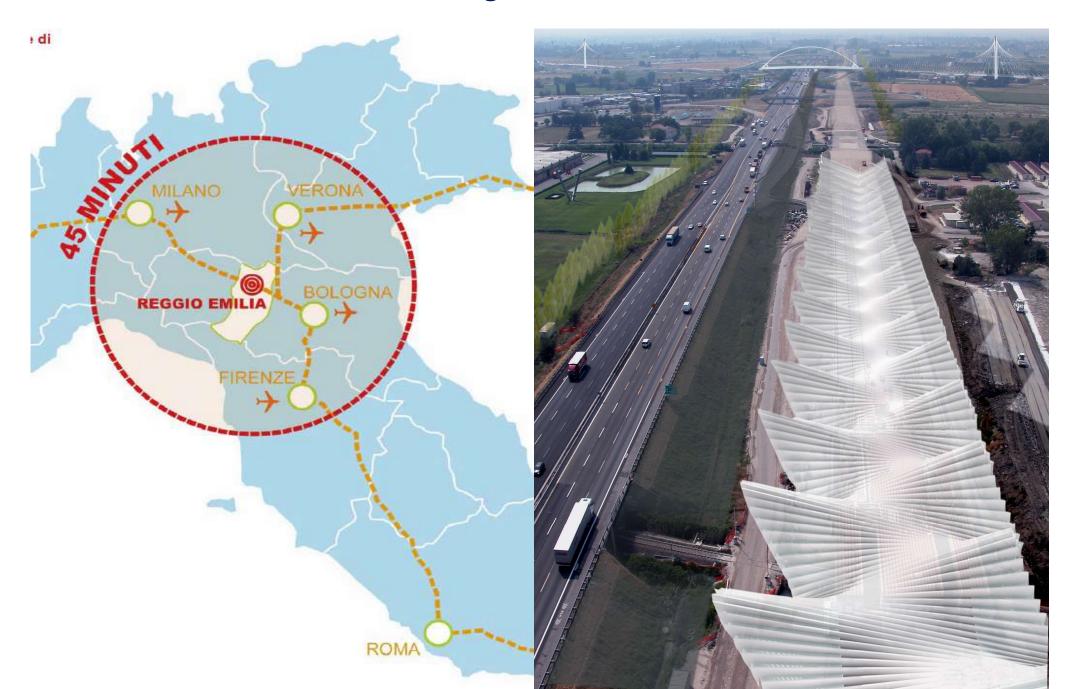
• Northern Italy

60 Km from Bologna
150 Km from Milan

• 450 Km from Rome



### High Speed Train Station by Santiago Calatrava



Income per capita € 22.900
Export 60% of local GDP (€10 Billion)
Number of new enterprises 3.400
Number of local companies 55.500

# Top Italian city for separate waste collection 57% • Green areas per capita (58m2/inhab) • Cycle lanes extent (more than 200 km)

## Some figures

Reggio Emilia and China platform •**T**winned with the city of Rizhao – Shandong Province

• UC Programme: twinned with Weinan – Shaanxi Province

> •Emilia-Romagna Region partner of Guandong Province

Research Centre on Contemporary China













•From manifactures and industries to knowledge economy

Regeneration of urban spaces

•Higher attention to sustainability and agricolture

Innovation based on education and research

# Some similarities

Interests for possible cooperation Circular economy and sustainable production

- Urban/rural linkages
- Urban regeneration
- Earlychildhood education
  - Tourism and promotion

• Exchange of experiences

 Technical assistance and professional development (master, summer schools, etc)

Research and Innovation projects

• Exchange of know how and technology

• Exchange of researchers and professionals

Joint investments

# Partnerships for....

 Master/ School on circular economy with engagement of Research centres, Universities and companies

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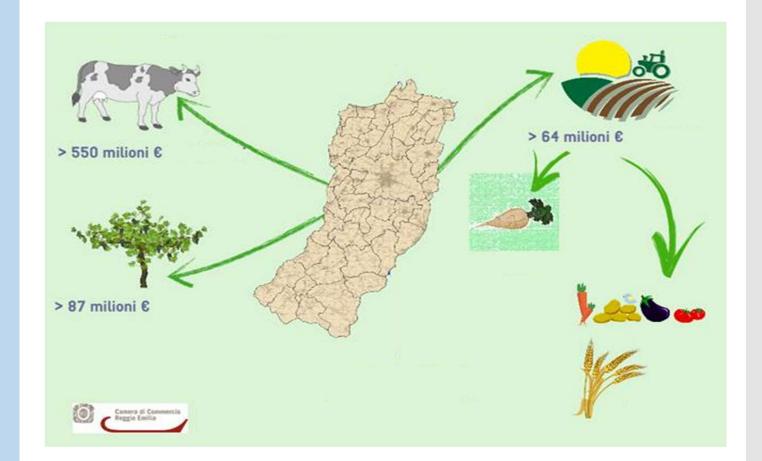
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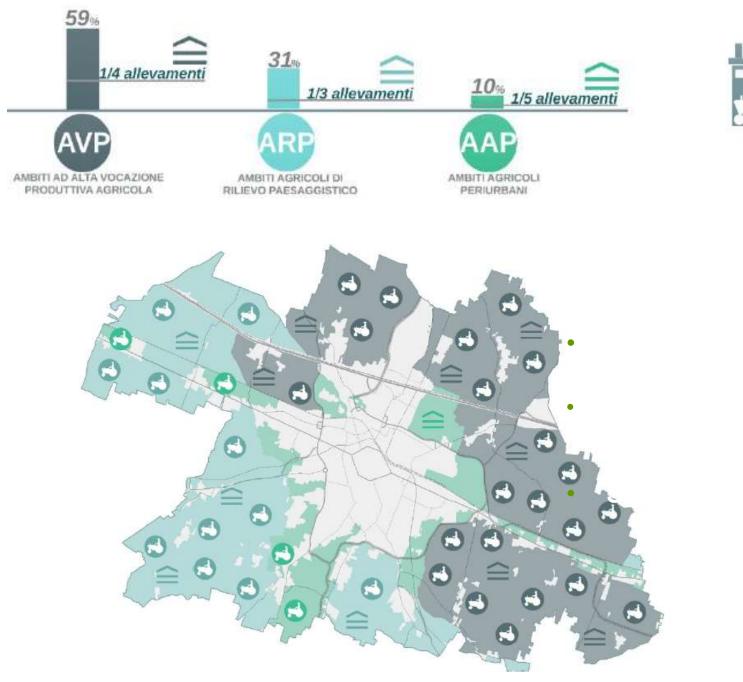
• **V**isit on fields

Internships

Practical proposals – first steps Circular economy and urban linkages Agricolture production in Reggio Emilia Province : 700 millions € (2017)



# Planning and use of agricoltural soil





#### «Eatable Park » (GOI + Accord entre citoyens)

agricultural production in peri-urban areas, on land intended for municipal green spaces, with a return to the tradition of cultivating between rows of trees (agroforestry) Planting 70 mulberry trees of different varieties to reconstitute a traditional agricultural landscape

Cultivation of various types of vegetables among mulberry trees to sell directly to citizens

Professional vegetable production entrusted to a social agricultural cooperative (Cielo d'Irlanda) to promote the employment of disadvantaged workers Free access to citizens





Initiative carried out under the Regional Program for Rural Development 2014-2020 - Type of operation 16.1.01 – GOI Operational Groups of the European Innovation Partnership: Productivity and Sustainability of Agriculture – Focus Area 2A - Peri-Urban Horticulture and Agroforestry Project Info: parcocommestibile.crpa.it

## **Purified Water Park – reuse of water**



Reggio Emilia first area in Emilia Romagna Region with a system to purify urban water and reuse them for benefiting perirurban agricolture (5 millions m<sup>3</sup> of water, 100 farming delivered with water on a surface of 2.000 hectares)

- strategic pole for the territory: improves the quality of surface waters, but allows the recovery and reuse of waste water for the benefit of the environment and of the neighboring farms.
- Every year in Mancansale about 19 million m3 of water are treated for agriculture during the summer period when there is an irrigation request.
- built inside the purifier. The PWP is equipped with a 10-step pedestrian path, through the Water, Mud and Gas Lines, with information signs and highly accessible maps to facilitate the visit under the guidance of the technicians who manage the plant







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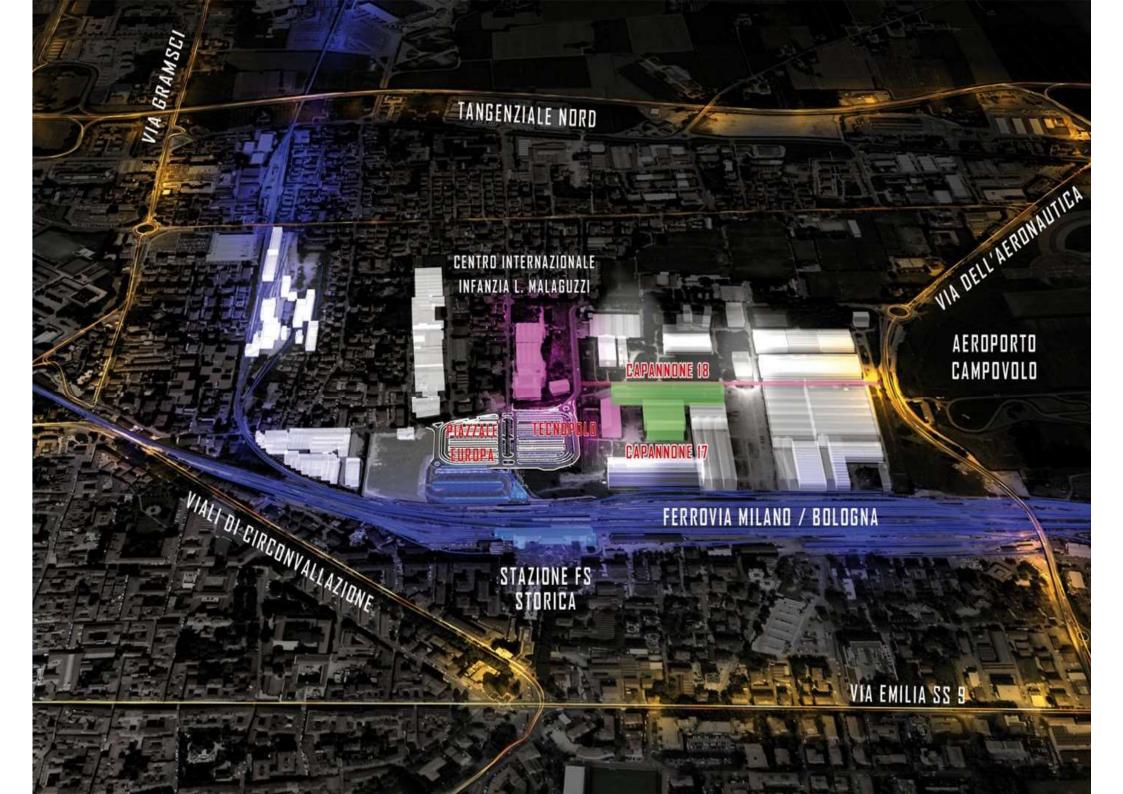


## Innovation Park

#### **Technopole - H**ub of research:

Renewable energy for farming Production of bio-methane biogas Automotive and mechatronic Incubator and start up Research and Innovation Labs from private Companies

Urban regeneration project







# •Reggio Emilia Approach

 Investment 21 Milion Euros per year

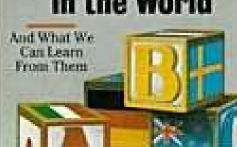
•Mixed and Integrated public private system Enrolment ratio o-3 43%

•Enrolment ratio 3-6 93%

# Earlychildhood education







 established in 1996 a cultural project focused on sustainability, creativity, and research on waste materials.

materials supplied by ca. **200 companies** that deliver wastages, defective materials, remainder funds or production surplus destined for disposal

 Visiting more than 3,000 people among teachers, artists, students, administrators and interested people coming from all over the world.

• materials sorted out delivered thanks to the collaboration with Iren.

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### Tourism and promotion of Territory

## • Reggio Emilia – Michelin City

•At the heart of Food Valley

•Home of Parmigiano-Reggiano Cheese

•Balsamic Vinegar

Lambrusco red wine





### Education, research and innovation

•20.778 **S**tudents enrolled (8.000 in Reggio)

•3.000 Freshmen + 5% yearly

• Main Departments:

Communication & Economics

•Engineering

•Education

•Food technology & Agriculture •Nursing



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA

ALC: NO

Dipartimento di Comunicazione ed Economia

Local actors to be engaged for Masters/Summ er School • CRPA – center for research on animal production

Innovation Park

•University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

• **R**eggio Children

• Business associations

•Smes and companies

•Students

• PHD Researchers

## 2019 - Summer school in Reggio Emilia

http://www.euchinas ummerschool.com/

#### EU-China Cooperation: Economic Trends and Perspectives along the New Silk Road

Promoted by Center for research and studies on contemporary China, University of Modena and Reggio emilia, Municipality of Reggio Emilia, business associations

8- 21 July 2019 – Reggio Emilia

40 students and researchers in Reggio Emilia from Italy and China

> Topics Bilateral cooperation Circular economy and sustainability Innovation and digital policies Business development

