



**Town:** Erice

**Promoting subjects:** Municipality of Erice

**Site:** Area of Porta Spada

**Population:** approx. 29.000 inhabitants

**Study area:** approx. 70 ha

**Site area:** approx. 30 ha

**TOPIC**

The programme deals with the requalification of a suburban area in the old town centre of Erice between Porta Spada and the church of San Giovanni.

The intervention, which is very complex in zones as sensitive as those close to the historical centre, can be faced by deepening the relationship between public and private space.

The difficult relation between the expansion areas and the historical centre can be revitalised by using new services able to upgrade the grid of expansion around an area of great value such as the old town centre of Erice,.

**TERRITORIAL SCALE: CONURBATION**

The territory of Erice extends from the tops of Erice Vetta, where the historical centre is in a rock at 756 m. above sea level, up to the sea. Today it attracts many tourists due to the particular beauty of its town centre of very ancient origins.

The territory, urbanised in more recent periods, at the foot of Mount Erice, is characterised by the hamlets of Casa Santa, Trentapiedi where the main economic activities are concentrated.

The consolidated urban centre extends to the plain under the slopes of Mount Erice and it includes various hamlets like Rigaletta-Pegno, Casa Santa-Raganzili, as well as the a tourist resort of Pizzolungo. The other districts includes the rural villages of Napola and Ballata.



**URBAN SCALE: STUDY SITE**

It is a strategic area bordering on the old town centre. Its location is particularly interesting from a landscaping point of view, both due to its panoramic position and to the historical and architectural emergencies of the town, such as Porta Spada, the Jewish Cemetery, the church of Sant'Antonio, the Spanish quarter (under conservative repair and renewal), the church of Sant'Orsola, the church of San Giovanni and the route of the Elimo-Puniche walls.

**Programmatic intentions: study site**

The Rehabilitation Detailed Plan, under study, foresees the identification of areas for "outfits and services" supporting the old town centre of Erice to integrate the existing building and revitalise the relation between private and urban spaces.

**PROXIMITY SCALE: SITE OF PROJECT**

Inside the study area, some portions that, due to their characteristics, have been identified to represent the expected resource able to redesign a piece of town forgotten since long time.

The built-up is represented by a system of public housing, a disused building under renovation of function and a sequence of "voids" nowadays uncultivated and unused.

These areas have caused a loss of value of its landscape and monumental architecture of the town.

**Programmatic intentions: site of project**

Redevelopment of public spaces to define an urban quality of the territory surrounding the ancient walls of the town.

Rehabilitation of the existing housing by inserting a quote of residences as a completion.



