

The governance of metropolises and city-regions



Città metropolitane in Italy. Institutionalisation vs cooperation

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New processes of urbanisation

Città diffusa/città frattale (Indovina, 1990; Secchi, 2004)

Regional City (Calthorpe & Fulton, 2001)

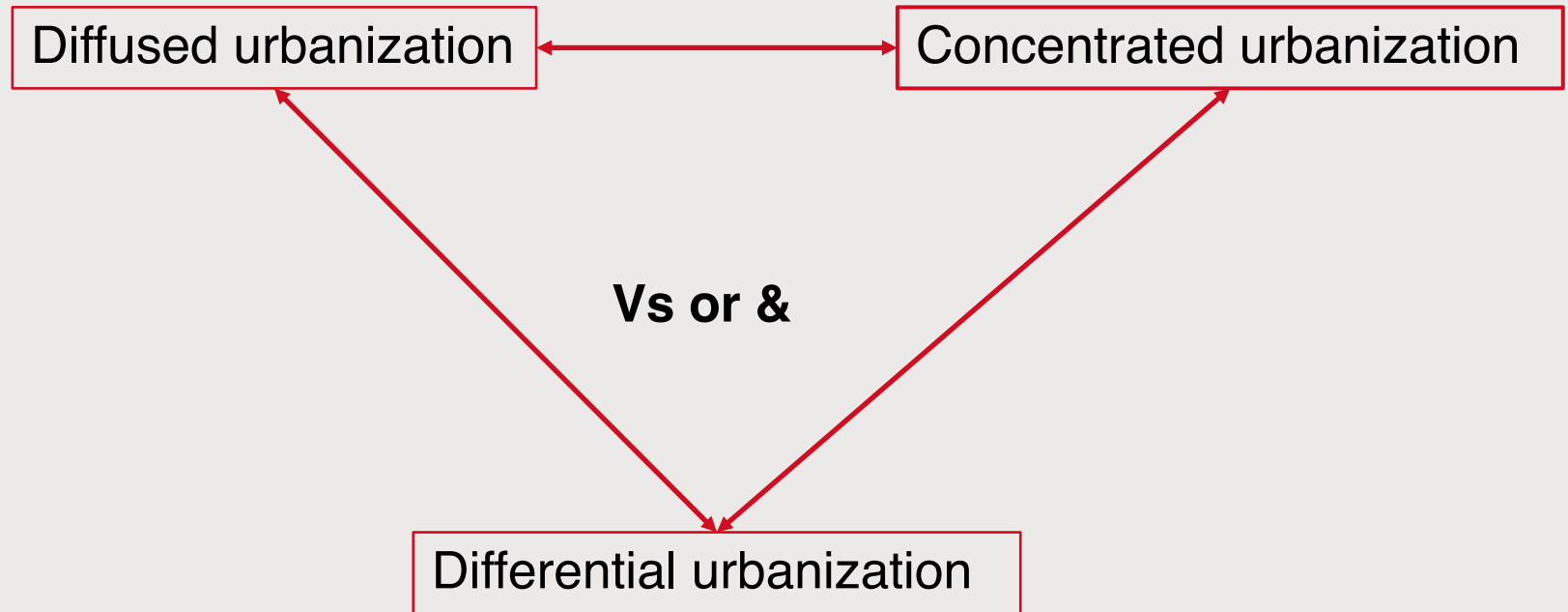
Polycentric metropolis and mega-city region (Hall, 2006)

Città regione globale (Bagnasco, 2009)

Postmetropolis & regional urbanization (Soja, 2011, 2015)

Ville archipel (Viard & Chapuis, 2013)

Planetary urbanization (Brenner & Schmid, 2015)



Morphologies, geographies and institutional frames have become so variegated that the traditional vision of the city as a bounded, universally replicable settlement type now appears as no more than a quaint remnant of a widely superseded formation of capitalist spatial development (Brenner & Schmid, 2014).

towards a multiscalar governance?

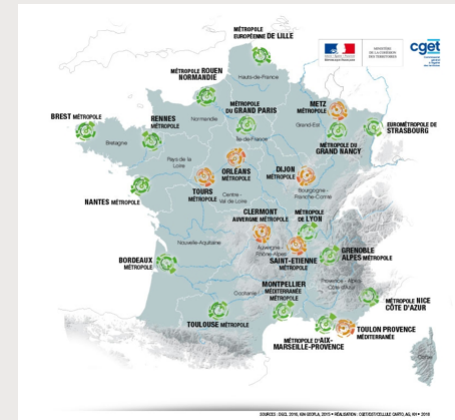
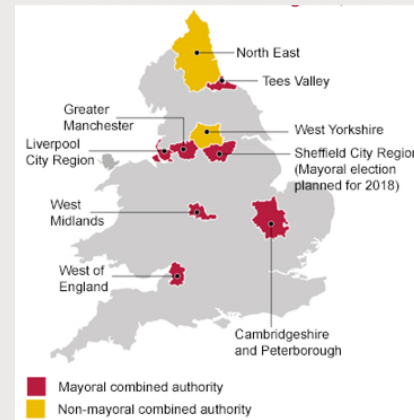
Multiscalar regionalism

Never before has the necessity for effective regional governance and planning been so great. This intensified demand does not necessarily revolve around the creation of formal regional governments, a primary focus of the old regionalism. A more adaptive and flexible regionalism is needed, focusing on particular issues such as mass transit, environmental management, regional equity, housing and social justice. (Soja, 2015)

Post-metropolitan governance

The multiscalar and cross-scaling dimension of current processes makes unlikely and improper to identify political and institutional action spaces unambiguous, simplified and unchangeable. (Balducci, Fedeli & Curci, 2017)

città metropolitana in a comparative perspective



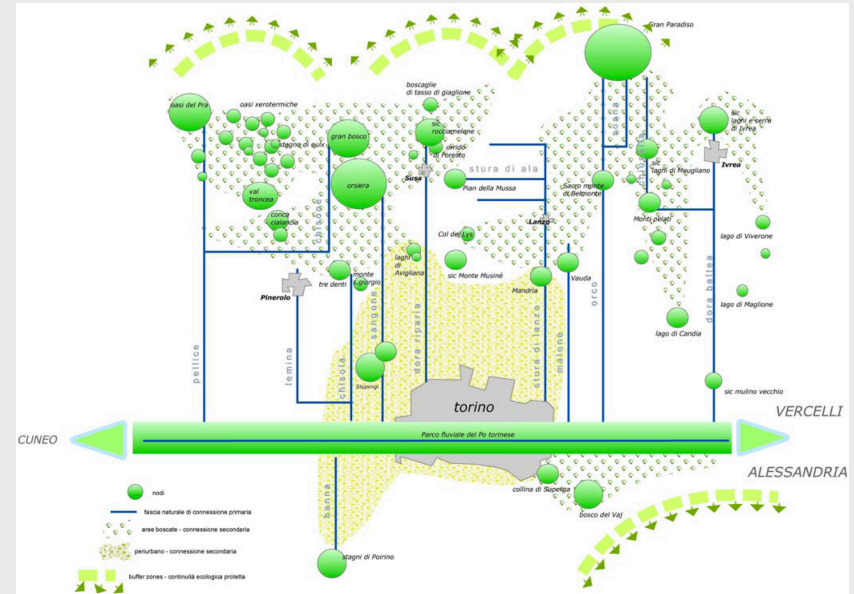
	Città metropolitana Legge 56/2014	Combined authority Acts 2009 & 2016	Métropole Loi n° 2014/58
Perimeter	Ex Province	Functional areas and history of cooperation	Ex <i>Agglomération</i>
Governance	Metropolitan mayor = mayor of the capital city. Metropolitan council elected by municipal council. Mayors conference.	7 have secured devolution deals and 6 have directly elected mayors.	President elected by metropolitan council. Metropolitan council elected by municipal council. Mayors conference
Integration into institutional system	Regionalism	Localism and centralisation	Localism and centralisation
Powers and responsibilities	Planning, mobility, coordination of economic development	Economic development, urban regeneration, mobility	Economic development, territorial and urban planning, housing, mobility, public realm, social regeneration, environment, public services
Planning tools	Territorial plan & strategic plan	Joint Planning Strategy	SCoT, PLUi, PDU, PLH, Plan Climat

Torino – public/private partnership

PTCP 2011

Objectives

- land take containment
- reduction of environmental pressures & improvement of life quality
- ecological network
- polycentrism

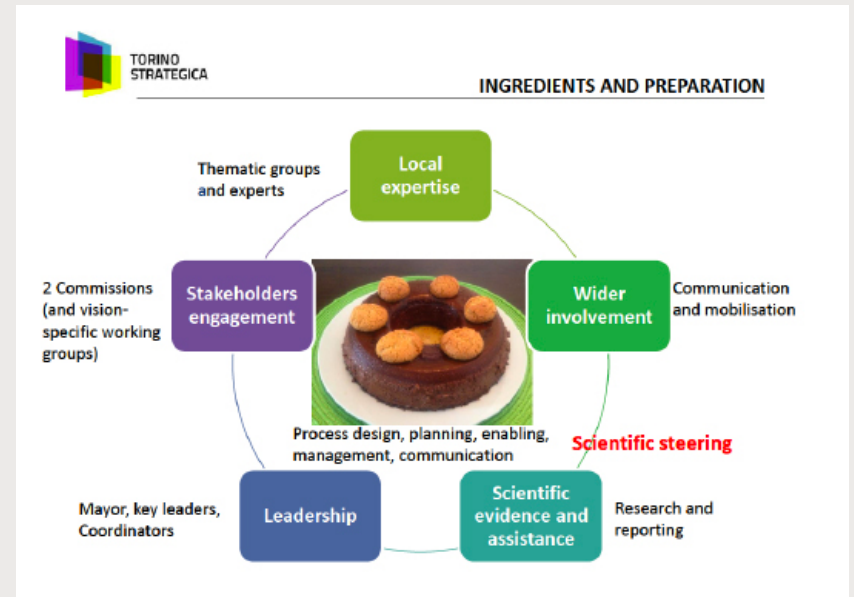


Piano Strategico Torino 2025

Vision – customer oriented enabling city

Strategies – metropolitan governance projects & economic system empowerment

Methodology – thematic groups, workshops, forum, coordination by Torino Strategica



Identity card

- Date of creation: 1st January 2015
- Inhabitants: 2.2 millions
- Territory corresponding to the ex Province
- 315 municipalities, 38 involved in the metropolitan area of Torino
- Subdivision of the territory into 11 *zone omogenee*
- Functions: planning, both territorial and strategic, mobility



Territorial effects

- Dissolution of *Torino Strategica* association
- Less attention to public/private partnership
- New strategic plan, to be revised every 3 years, developed by public metropolitan administration



**From a contract-led
planning toward
institutionalisation**

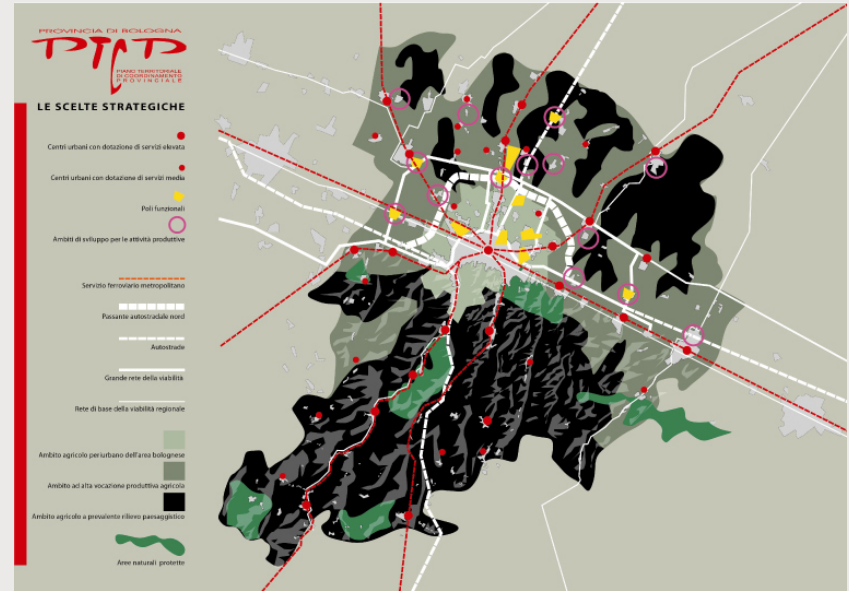
Bologna – a long tradition of cooperation

PTCP 2004

Objectives

- metropolitan train system (SFM)
- *policentrismo insediativo*
- ecological networks

Implementation by Unions of municipalities

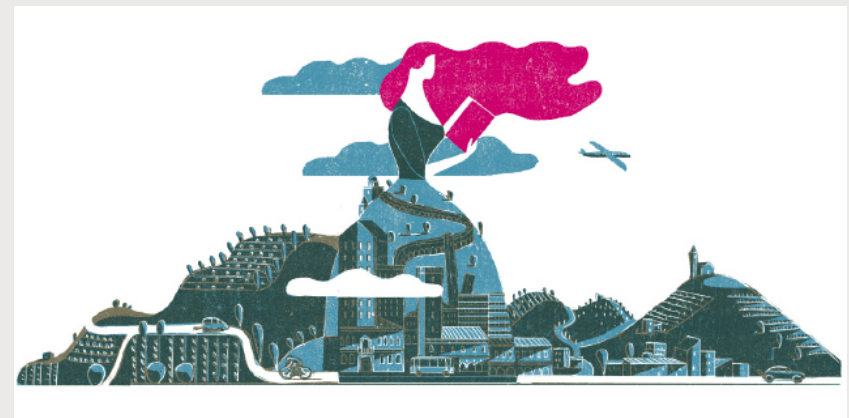


PSM 2013

Vision – relaunching the city as a reality of international excellence

Strategies – *valle dell'arte e della scienza, il binario dell'innovazione, Bologna città compatta e sostenibile, riabitare Bologna metropolitana*

Methodology – thematic groups, workshops, forum, coordination by *Uffici del Piano*



Identity card

- Date of creation: 1st January 2015
- Inhabitants: 1 million
- Territory corresponding to the ex Province
- 55 municipalities, involved in 7 Unions
- Functions: planning, both territorial and strategic, mobility

Territorial effects

- Full cooperation between Metropolitan City, municipalities and Unions
- Relationship between Region and Metropolitan City based upon subsidiarity and cooperation
- Revised strategic plan in continuity with the previous one



Research for a balanced development between capital city and rural territories

new geographies and institutional models of governance

Italian metropolitan model

Contract-led governance (*Patti & Accordi territoriali*)

Civic involvement in the decision-making process & project implementation

English metropolitan model

Local arrangements

Civic involvement in the decision-making process

French metropolitan model

Institutional government

Civic involvement based upon formal rules

1) **New geographies call for a multiscalar governance.** Can metropolitan city be a milestone in this path?

2) With Italian metropolitan cities, do we assist to a **shift** from Mediterranean governance model towards North European one (Burroni & Trigiglia, 2005)?

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