

Acronym – POSTPLAN

Title – Posthuman perspectives in planning research. Exploring collaborative approaches with non-humans for inclusive governance models

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Description and objectives – Urban planning disciplines continue to be predominantly centered around human functions, even though the critical challenges they must address – such as air pollution, rising water levels, drought, the heat island effect, deforestation, biodiversity loss, food security, automation, and inequality – are now largely driven by concerns that extend beyond human societies and threaten the planet's very survival. Yet, urban planners and designers remain confined by the human-centric principles of modern urbanism. While inadequately addressing such pressing issues, planning strategies are also contributing to foster urban polarization and therefore to worsen the living situation of lower income urban dwellers, as well as the most marginalized social groups.

Based on these assumptions, the project aims to revisit the role of planning in addressing the most pressing planetary challenges; more precisely the action supports the idea that i) the planet survival needs to be tackled through a new culture of participation and "dialogue" between humans and non-human entities; and that ii) in order to start such "dialogue" with non-humans, creative and more inclusive methods need to be experimented first of all as to "give voice" and engage the needs of the most silenced, vulnerable and marginalized communities usually excluded from public debate and political discourse.

Consequently and complementary to the SONINURB MSCA action, the POSTPLAN project aims to:

- 1) consolidate the framework emerging from the first point, building on the results gained during the implementation of the action (testing innovative, creative and inclusive tools for the involvement of vulnerable and marginalised actors in decision making processes);
- 2) advance the theoretical and practical framework on the second point (reflecting on the impacts in planning of the inclusion of non-human entities in urban and regional governance).