



Project author or developer:
FOQUS - Quartieri Spagnoli

Where:
IT / Italia / Naples Metropolitan Area

Website:
www.foqusnapoli.it

FOQUS is a project of urban regeneration that begun in 2014, located in the heart of the Quartieri Spagnoli. The restoration of the Montecalvario Institute has allowed to provide public and private institutions with the space needed to develop their respective programs. FOQUS has been a source of new employment, entrepreneurship and self-employment focused in its majority on youth and women, by forming an economically productive community of cultural and creative industries, while also being a source of new training, education, child care programs and urban services dedicated to promote development and social mobility. FOQUS is a private initiative that presents a new way of understanding social politics: it promotes the principles of cooperation, sustainability, civic entrepreneurship, and shared social responsibility under the firm conviction that the best way to prevent social exclusion is to foment consciousness, knowledge and better training- which are all indispensable skills for development, independence and social mobility. FOQUS is a project funded exclusively through private funds and resources. FOQUS is a model of collaboration, based on the constant of cooperation of public and private companies; a model that promotes networking and deep involvement of all subjects participating in the project- despite of their different missions- in order to improve the interaction through competitiveness and specialization. FOQUS primary objective is to strengthen the socio-economic context of this part of the city creating new companies, and employment. FOQUS intends to achieve this both directly and indirectly through business incubators, apprenticeship, training programs, as well as public and private initiatives.

