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## “The Insubria campus is no longer a mirage”

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The University of Insubria dream is no longer a mirage. The university college, which will be the heart of the campus, is now clearly visible in the neighbourhood of Bizzozero. The project has been on hold for years. It's been promised and announced in the past but has met difficulty several times running smoothly. But now the "skeleton" of the structure is clearly visible as well as the progress of the work: "If everything goes as planned the opening will be in August," says Giancarlo De Luca, executive dean of the building. The area where there is the nine buildings in the area between Via Dunant and Via Monte Generoso already has some sites that house classrooms and laboratories. The entry into operation of the college should start according to the plans of the founders of the university, the impetus for the creation of a true university district: there are rooms and meeting areas for students, equipped spaces for sports, places for study and for the dissemination of culture.

Features: "The Sleeping Area" continues De Luca "will consist of 96 apartments for students and 2 for guests of the university. These will serve to open the university to the outside, it will be easier to invite foreign professors and researchers, or host the students who come to Varese for Erasmus projects. " The allocation of rooms will also follow the criteria of merit: "The idea is to reserve 20 percent of housing for the most deserving students. To occupy those rooms you will have exams and have to achieve a high average rating. It will be a simple way to encourage kids to do their best but also to identify the talents that are forming in our departments. "

A new way of experiencing the universities – The future of Insubria will therefore have a new heart to Bizzozero. By themselves, however, facilities and equipment are not the only things able to make the heart of the University beat: "To live, the universities need the services but also the opportunities for comparison" the professor said. "Today's students attend only part of the university that competes. Among other things, the Insubria is on different sites, some are in the centre, others in the periphery even in other cities. Once after school spaces are empty and few side events or study. Those who attend medical school surrounds themselves with other students who attend the same courses and this is the same for medicine and other faculties. Sharing the room with the students of the same university but in different departments will serve to open the minds of students and develop the soul of our university. "

More spaces for culture, sport and leisure – The organization structure is yet to be defined: "A notice will be issued on this but we have not decided yet. Guests will be able to manage themselves independently: there is a small kitchen every five rooms, halls and common areas and a new library. The entire facility will be wired to the internet and have wi-fi. A new carpark will finally be made. Next to the university college is also planned the construction of a sports hall, a sports field and a gymnasium that will become the new home of Cus. The building will be available to students and may be used for meetings and concerts. "

The appeal to the city – Every day hundreds of students move around Bizzozero Insubria and whether the projects come to fruition, the area will be revolutionized. A process that in some ways has already begun for years, with the displacement of some courses that were first hosted in via Ravasi: e.g. economics, communication sciences and computer science. "Too bad that the city seems not to have

noticed. We have repeatedly asked the city to enhance public transport linking the centre with the university district” said De Luca. “But we don’t have an efficient service yet. Also looking around to see that the potential of this place are not yet exploited. The eating for students can be counted on the fingers of one hand, there are elements of attractiveness. It is as if this small population that each day reaches Varese is something alien. Maybe because for the moment is only temporary. But in the future will not be so. ”

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