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"NEW MULTIFUNCTIONAL HUB 'SPROUTS' SIGNED BY POLITECNICA WITH FABRICA

**COOP RENO INAUGURATES NEW HEADQUARTERS IN CASTEL GUELFO DI BOLOGNA
AND PRESENTS THE SPACE'TENGO**

The designers "A place open to the community conceived as a sprout that sinks its roots into the territory and grows and branches out. Designed according to the principles of environmental sustainability and respect for the territory, it is designed to welcome and include."

Bologna, 27-09- 2023 - On the occasion of the inauguration of **Spazio'TENGO**, the new management centre of **Coop Reno**, a consumer cooperative in Emilia Romagna that has been operating in the field of large-scale distribution for thirty-five years, in Castel Guelfo di Bologna, in the presence of the management team of Coop Reno led by President **Andrea Mascherini**, with over 150 guests representing the main companies in the large-scale distribution coop brand, the President of Ancc **Marco Pedroni**, the National President of Legacoop **Simone Gamberini**, and the President of the Emilia Romagna Region Stefano Bonaccini, **Politecnica**, one of Italy's leading integrated design, architecture, engineering and urban planning companies, and **Fabrica**, a multidisciplinary cooperative for architectural, structural and plant design, presented the project, an example of sustainable architecture in Italy and Europe.

A complex with a strong social vocation, based on a future-oriented architectural vision, attentive to environmental impacts and using innovative technologies. Realised from the original idea signed by the two cooperatives for Coop Reno, **the Spazio'TENGO has a strong environmental imprint that inspired the architectural concept: a sprout that grafts itself into the Bolognese territory**, grows and takes its place in the space, allowing an ideal fusion between built and green. The sprout grows and grafts itself into the territory respecting the characteristics of the context and, at the same time, interprets the role in the future, leaving room for possible future dialogues.

An architectural organism designed to adapt over time to the needs of those who live in it or those who, simply passing through, leave a seed inside it.

The **Spazio'TENGO** was born from the vision of Politecnica and Fabrica that emerged when looking at the future of Coop Reno, to give life to spaces that intend to create opportunities for growth, innovation, cohesion and sharing while respecting the environment and with the constant desire to return added value to the territory and the community hosting this new settlement.

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The complex represents a model of sustainable architecture because it integrates state-of-the-art structural and plant engineering elements, guaranteeing the highest standards of safety and energy efficiency. The Spazio'Tengo is not just a management centre, a workplace reserved for Coop Reno employees, but a space for living, for leisure, for training, for socialising. A space to welcome the community in its different expressions: work, family, training and innovation.

"For us, this project represents a rare example of continuity between concept and architectural transposition: a plan that takes shape and articulates itself on the terrain of the Emilian plain to accommodate the community and the innovative capacity of Coop Reno, with a positive impact on the surrounding area. The design idea was born immediately. We were not in a city, we had to intervene with the lightness typical of those who cross the countryside being careful where they put their feet. The main axis of the project is a path, curvilinear, organic, exclusively pedestrian. The buildings grow and develop by budding along the path, they have soft and natural shapes reminiscent of the leaves and fruit of a tree". **The designers Stefano Maffei of Politecnica and Danilo Sergiampietri of Fabrica commented.**

"The realisation of such a complex and innovative project was certainly a challenge. The construction management team faithfully translated the architectural idea and turned the dream into reality: looking at the photos of the completed complex and seeing them so faithful to the competition renderings is a great satisfaction. Always believing in the result and pursuing it, dedicating an all-encompassing commitment to the construction site despite the difficulties, has made it possible to deliver to Coop Reno the Community Space it had so much imagined and desired," said **Rita Franciosi of Politecnica, Supervisor of Works for the construction of the new business centre.**

The sprout-like profile of Spazio'TENGO therefore grows in the greenery following the typical patterns of natural evolution and becomes a main path, an axis with a green roof from which the different **branches** lead to **the three main buildings conceived as leaves**, so that together they form a balanced and vibrant ecosystem. The entire complex has a unified, original and very recognisable architectural character that makes it iconic.

Each building, constructed using innovative technologies and materials with low environmental impact, accommodates very specific functions: the largest contains the management centre, then the Auditorium, the third houses a multifunctional building and finally a fourth is dedicated to logistics. **The three main buildings are delineated by continuous glazing, combined with solar shading consisting of louvres.**

A promenade screened by a green roof crosses the lot, visually continuing the axis of Via della Concia, accompanying the visitor from one building to the next, creating opportunities for dialogue and stopping, protected and away from the parking areas that are strategically positioned at the perimeter edges of the lot.

Spazio'TENGO's 10,980-square-metres park is home to recreational and sports activities, with areas for children and almost 400 metres of cycle paths.

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POLITECNICA

Politecnica is one of Italy's largest integrated design companies - architecture, engineering and urban planning. Independent, it is headed by 48 partners, engineers and architects, who have signed works in over 60 countries worldwide.

There are 3 offices in Italy (Modena, Milan, Florence) and 3 offices abroad (Bucharest, Copenhagen, Kingstown) and projects completed in 60 countries and 3 continents.

Politecnica places the wellbeing of communities and people at the centre of its interventions, to make its contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs - presented in the UN 2030 Agenda, ratified by 193 countries around the world. Politecnica is committed to building infrastructures that connect peoples and communities more easily, enabling exchanges and relationships, inclusive and safe public buildings that facilitate social exchange, technologically innovative healthcare facilities for patients, and buildings for education and teaching that foster sociality and interchange.

Politecnica is committed to the removal of obstacles to full gender equality and is certified according to UNI/PdR 125:2022.

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FABRICA

Fabrica Società Cooperativa gathers within it specialisations and professional skills that belong to and integrate all fields of design and construction, from architecture to engineering, with the intention of forming a large multidisciplinary structure capable of tackling and resolving the complexities that new construction, structural design and plant engineering impose on our time.

The operational structure, which is constantly evolving and now consists of 18 members with at least 50 professionals including architects, engineers and specialised technicians, updates its team through a continuous search for talent and skills, with great attention to young graduates, who are invited to participate in first and second level training courses held within our Academy and carried out in partnership and collaboration with Universities and Training Centres.

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