

WHY WE ASKED FOR A TERRITORIAL REVIEW AND WHAT DO WE EXPECT

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The Province of Milan

1,935 sq.km surface

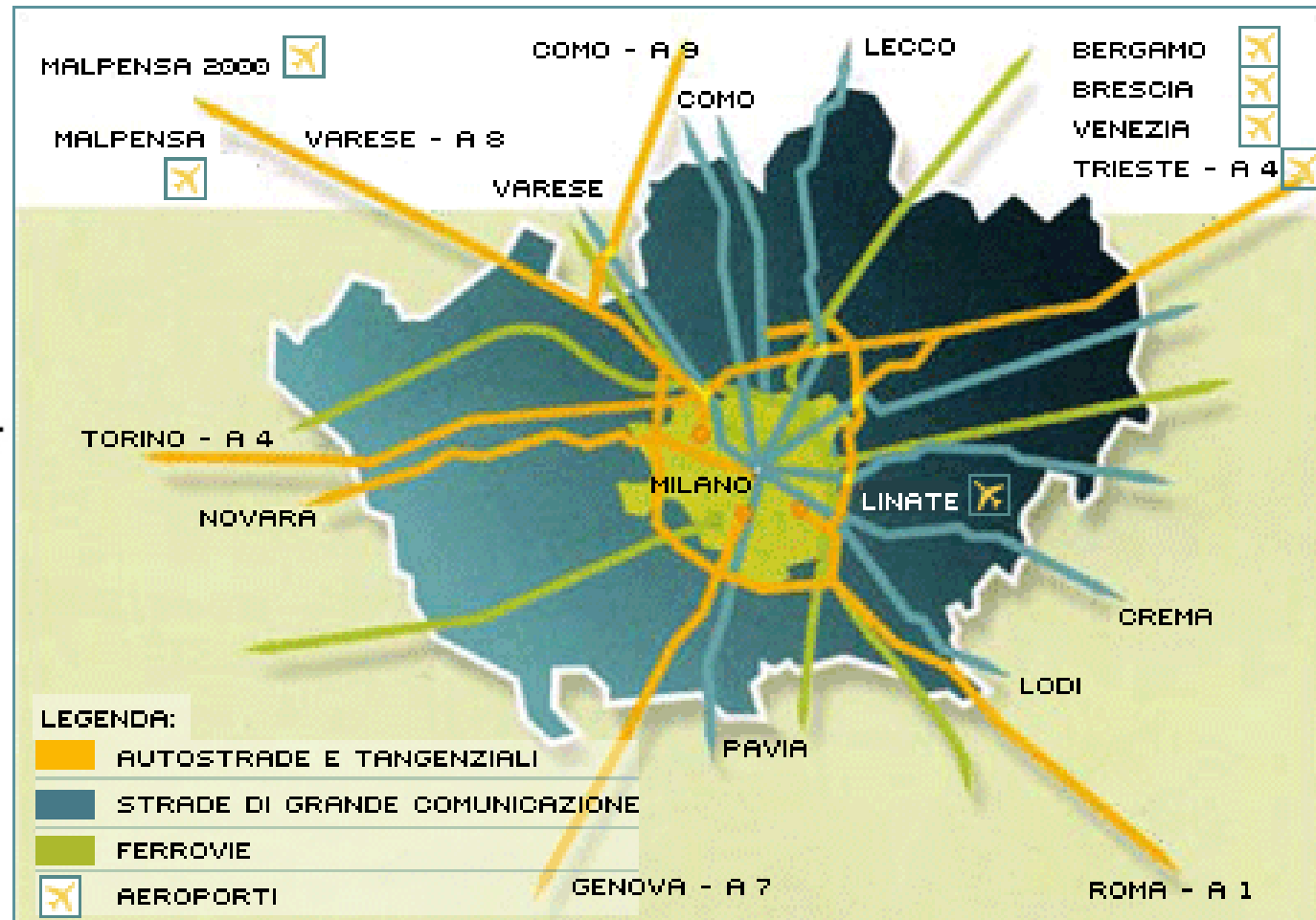
50% green spaces
(982 sq.km)

189 towns

3,839,216 inhabitants

36% built-up area
(714 sq.km)

300,000 km optic fiber



The context

- New national government (center-left)
- New municipal government (center-right)
- Difficult phase of Italian competitiveness
- Institutional weakness of Provinces
- Emerging new economic geography (urban regions)

The starting point

- Milan is not a typical Italian city
- A tradition of economic strength, high GDP per capita, low unemployment
- An ongoing but troubled re-positioning
- Vital private sector, lagging public policies
- Traffic congestion, low attractiveness
- Lack of a common vision
- Lack of consensus – polyarchy

The approach

- Start from concrete territorial issues
- Competitiveness and quality of life as two sides of the same coin
- A new integrated frame at metropolitan level: strategic and territorial plan
- New tools: metro development agency and equity holding (highways)

The need for a territorial review

- Important arena for networking, exchanging experiences
- View from outside and authority, needed to create consensus
- Practical hints and suggestions
- Structured analysis
- Clear priorities

What do we expect (1)

- A strong and coherent analysis of threats and opportunities of Milan (a landmark)
- Strategic and authoritative views on competitiveness and quality of life (elements of a common vision)
- How to effectively deal with the new dimension of the urban region (beyond the metropolitan area)

What do we expect (2)

- Strong emphasis over metropolitan governance (government?)
- Suggestions on how to re-organise “regional” and “global” functions, being Milan a relevant node of several networks (Mediolanum.: Midland)