International Design Competition
Piazza Castello – Foro Buonaparte
The ten projects selected

To give new life to Piazza Castello in the post Expo Gate period: no new building but a redesign of the pavement, park and urban furnishings, re-interpreting the old structure of the military parade grounds to adapt it to the multiple functions of a modern piazza of the arts.

To re-think and redesign the piazza, seeking a formal synthesis between the city’s historical monumental spaces and the park landscape that develops behind Palazzo Sforzesco.

To enhance one of the most recognizable and visited places in Milan to make it even more a center of attractions for citizens and visitors: an urban boulevard (Foro Buonaparte) and a landscape boulevard that opens onto the park (Piazza Castello) that may be used by citizens and tourists.

Architects and engineers were asked especially to develop a project for the urban renewal and new design of functional aspects of Piazza Castello - accompanied by guidelines for the area of Foro Buonaparte that does not call for new buildings or structures but that redesigns the pavements, the park areas, the illumination, and the urban furnishings, and that conceives of and rationalizes the placement of removable kiosks, formulating design hypotheses that allow for forms of cohabitation among pedestrians, bike paths and partial private vehicle access, as well as public transportation access.

Competition Procedure
The International Design Competition is divided into two phases.
Phase I: Selection of the ten best design proposals to be admitted to Phase II.
Phase II: Selection of the best project of economic and technical feasibility identified from among the proposals selected in Phase I.

The procedure, conducted anonymously, was carried out through the computer platform Concorrimi.it developed by the local government and the Order of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists of Milan together with the Order of Engineers of the Province of Milan.

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