



Freedom of a roof



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The death of a homeless in Vicenza

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Poverty drama. Homeless found lifeless in a parking lot in Vicenza.

Cold and humidity that get into your bones do not forgive especially those who have chosen or have been forced to live a life on the margins of the society, on the street, in makeshift shelters, under some cardboard.

A forty-two years old Russian died alone in the cold evening of the Epiphany. Homeless. A police patrol has found his lifeless body in a parking lot.

Some precedent for alcohol theft and sanctions for harassing drunkenness.

A life in disarray ended perhaps due to an illness on the body there are no sign of violence.

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To respond to this emergency in the city of Ulm, a city less than a hundred kilometers away from Munich, the first Ulmer Nest, emergency shelters that protect homeless from cold and adverse climatic condition during winter, were installed.

A group of futuristic Cabins made of wood and steel, that welcome up to two person and protect the homeless from cold, wind and humidity.

The creators of this little architecture have explained that the projects have been realized thinking to those who cannot access to normal homeless shelters due to psychological factors or due to the fact that they own an animal.

In addition to the structural precautions such as the thermal insulation and the protection from external dangers of whichever nature, the concept is based on technology.

Each Ulmer nest is provided with last generation sensors directly linked with an app able to give information regarding the technical and climatical condition of the cabins, collecting information about the use and safety conditions of each nest.

Notices sent by the sensors gets forwarded to the involved departments: technical problems get transmitted to a responsible team while the information on the overnight stay reach a social organization that will visit the Ulmer nest in the morning to have an idea of conditions of the person involved and if necessary, to initiate further assistance measures.



Insufficient answers for the managing

These people are on the road because our society has no adequate and sufficient answers to help managing their frailty. The reasons are different and complex, family issues, personal and social are not generalizable and should be searched and analyzed not only individually but even at a community level.

We have just recently crossed data and numbers of the meetings along the road and calculated that, even the opening of welcoming places for COVID-19 emergency and cold a lot of people have no shelter.

To avoid the enhancing of the decay of our beloved cities, but even more, to try to resolve at least a part of a problem that affect all the world. These nests will have a high artistic/architectural value because they are studied keeping in mind of the characteristics of the place where they are going to be fitted.

The reply comes from an idea of Gianna Sartori and Michela Barausse that in collaboration with architects and designers will work to develop and project these structures.

Users will be the ones who will access it first, the purpose is that if the pilot project were to be successful, we would have less and less homeless around the city, less decay, less dangers and above all else disadvantaged at risk on the streets

Integrate high urbanistic design elements will be easy thanks to the ability of professionals that have given their availability.

Surely those who start this path will make all the media speak and most likely will not only be sensitive and cutting edge but could solve the problem.



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