# INPS GREEN FACADE A PILOT PROJECT FOR THE MONITORING OF THE PERFORMANCES OF VERTICAL GREENING IN DENSE URBAN AREA

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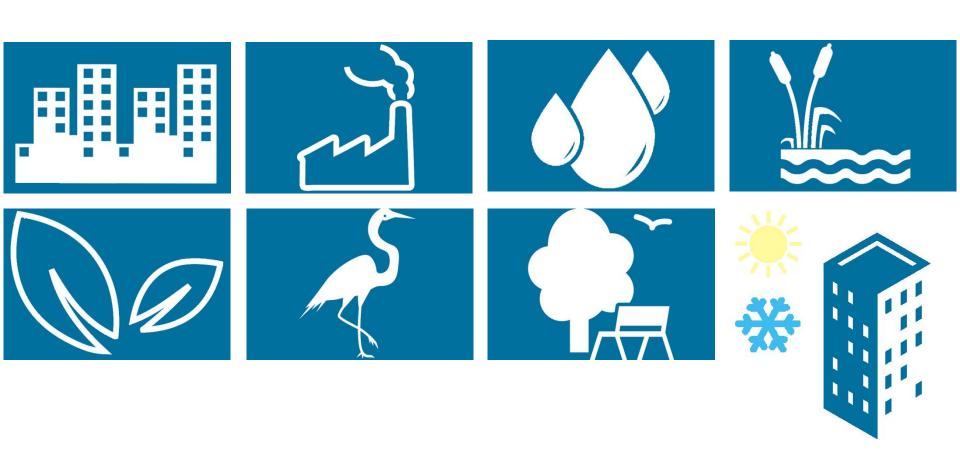






Lima

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#### BENEFITS OF VEGETATION









#### GENOVA, SESTRI PONENTE





Plant species selection and monitoring

- Effectiveness of plant species for air quality improvement
- Effectiveness of plant species for energy performances
- Plant species health and growth



Plant species selection and monitoring

Quantification of air quality improvement (fine dusts, NO<sub>2</sub>)

in collaboration with the Delft University of Technology, Dr. Marc Ottelé

- Collecting capacity of fine dusts
- NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring



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Energy performances improvement of the building envelope

In collaboration with Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico (RSE) S.p.A. (Research on energy system)

- Monitoring the cooling potential of green facades (energy demand for air conditioning)
- Monitoring the insulation properties of green facades (energy demand for heating)



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Evaluation of users' social perception

- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Surveys and interviews to INPS employees, residents and workers in the area

Evaluation of the environmental, economic, and social benefits of green envelopes in dense urban areas

Main objectives of the research:



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Evaluation of economic impact of vertical greening systems

CBA: analysis of costs (installation and maintenance) in relation to economic benefits

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Evaluation of economic impact of the vertical greening system



Evaluation of environmental impact of the vertical greening system

LCA: evaluation of the environmental burden of vertical greening related to microclimatic and environmental benefits



Phase 1: quantitative analysis 3 months before the installation of the INPS green facade

July 2014

59 people interviewed:

- People working and/or living in the neighbourhood (44,1%)
- INPS employees (55,9%)

Survey on green facades of the University of Genoa, Department of Architectural Science (conducted in Italy, original version language Italian)					
<ul> <li>□ Employee of INPS office in Sestri Ponente, Genoa</li> <li>□ Person working in Sestri Ponente, Genoa</li> <li>□ Person living in Sestri Ponente, Genoa</li> </ul>					
Some examples of green facades Have you ever seen one or more? □yes □no Have you ever heard about it? □yes □no					
Select the importance of each of the POSITIVE EFFECTS of green facades in a city rating from 1 to 5 (highest):					
More nature in cities  1 2 3 4 5  Visually enhanced cityscape 1 2 3 4 5  Better wellbeing of citizens 1 2 3 4 5  Increase of biodiversity (small animals) 1 2 3 4 5  Air quality improvement 1 2 3 4 5  Shading and cooling in summer					
□1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Thermal insulation during winter season □1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Improvement of the city environment □1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Reduction of noise pollution					
□1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Environmental education □1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Building aesthetic □1 □2 □3 □4 □5					

city rating from 1 to 5 (highest):					
Frequent maintenance					
				□5	
□1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Problems related to falling leaves					
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□1 □2 □3 □4 □5 Less daylight inside the building					
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□1 □2 □3 □4 □5  Damages to the facades					
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Dirty due to the presence of animals $\Box 1  \Box 2  \Box 3  \Box 4  \Box 5$					
$\Box 1$	□2	□3	□4	□5	
More insects					
$\Box$ 1	$\square$ 2	$\square$ 3	$\Box$ 4	□5	
Management problems					
$\Box$ 1	□2	□3	□4	□5	
Additional costs					
$\Box$ 1	$\square$ 2	□3	□4	□5	
Higher danger of theft					
□1		□3		□5	

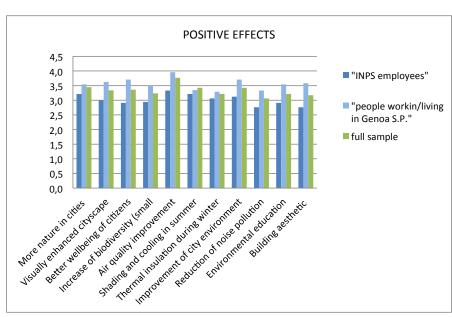
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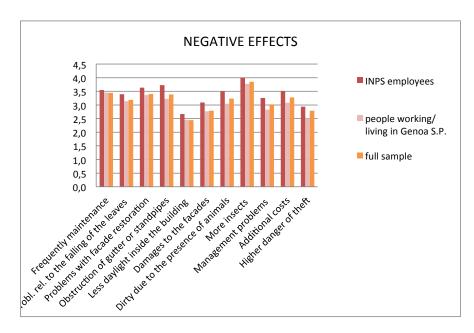




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Most recognised positive effect: air quality improvement

Most recognised negative effect: more insects

#### Total scores:

- People working and/or living in the neighbourhood: 56,8% positive 43,2% negative
- INPS employees: 47,4% positive 52,6% negative





#### Investigation topics:

- 1. Photo elicitation to favour a dialog on the INSP Green facade
- 2. Green areas in the neighbourhood
- 3. Vertical green in other areas of the city



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- 1. Photo elicitation to favour a dialog on the INSP Green façade
- Reduced knowledge of the technology
- Positive opinion due to: aesthetic, wellbeing, environmental and energy effects
- Negative effects (less) due to: insects and maintenance needs
- Critics arise during the installation were mentioned only 3 of 21 highlight negative opinions



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- 1. Photo elicitation to favour a dialog on the INSP Green facade
- 2. Green areas in the neighbourhood
- Not enough
- 3. Vertical green in other areas of the city
- · Public funds
- · The results show that communication plays a key role
- Younger people show positive opinion about the project

#### FACCIATA VERDE INPS - LA PERCEZIONE DEGLI UTENTI

to improve the area in a very busy street, I think it was built there for a reason! something positive for air pollution

I was curious when I saw the facade.. I thought it was a waste of money then I understood this is a smart idea!

some green.. Something new!

A building with flowers with an aesthetic value only, a modern project, lets say!

It could be positive!

.. In addition it could also protect the facade, so..



### Thank you

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