

## **2022 Cat A - Call of the Wild**

Rimini is facing many problems: lack of connections with its hinterland, traffic congestion, air pollution, and declining biodiversity.

The main idea of the concept is to increase biodiversity and create a good-quality green system through the creation of new habitats for animals, revitalization of watercourses, establishment of urban grazing, and new pedestrian and cycling links. Instead of now fragmented and (unused) green city space, urban pastures are introduced for sheep, horses, donkeys, cattle, poultry and alpacas to graze on. Mixed use of space is encouraged, ensuring seasonal grazing: during one part of the season certain spaces are transformed into pastures, and during the other part, they are campsite or airport. Where possible, watercourses and recessed water canals are brought to the surface and revitalized. On sandy shores, dunes planted with plants are arranged to protect the shore from erosion. The railway line is moved from the coastal part to the hinterland, and a boulevard and a park with a pedestrian and bicycle path are arranged on its site. The hinterland is connected to the city and the coast with several well-maintained cycling and walking paths, the streets are additionally greened with trees.

A vital green system would improve the life quality in the city and increase biodiversity, reducing the effect of heat island. Locals, visitors and tourists would thus enjoy the even greener city, take a walk along the revitalized streams and observe the animals grazing in the middle of the city.