

INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR FOR MANUFACTURING SETTLEMENTS

SIPRO, was set up in 1975. It was intended to study, undertake and promote initiatives aimed at fostering manufacturing settlements in the Ostellato area. In 1999, it was renamed as Provincial Development Agency and it now carries out specific activities for the enhancement and strengthening of the industrial fabric of the whole provincial territory of Ferrara. More specifically, its infrastructure sector for manufacturing settlements is engaged in the design and implementation of an infrastructure and service system for the whole provincial territory of Ferrara, as will be summarized in the following paragraphs.

SIPRO carries out **project management activities for complex integrated infrastructural projects.**

SIPRO is responsible for the **implementation of manufacturing settlement infrastructures** within the Province of Ferrara, including traditional industrial sites, Technologically and Ecologically Equipped Industrial Areas (TEEA) (new industrial sites and recovery of brownfields), supra-municipal industrial sites, business incubators.

SIPRO organizes and manages the **clean-up of industrial sites.**

SIPRO supports local authorities in town-planning tasks.

SIPRO manages the activities performed by external technical consultants and designers in this specific domain.

SIPRO carries out **Feasibility studies for the implementation of industrial infrastructures**, such as road and logistic networks, and for energy production from renewable sources to the benefit of enterprises settled in the industrial estates.

SIPRO takes part in important **international projects** supported by EU funds (Interreg and LIFE), and makes its own technical expertise available especially for low environmental impact industrial sites established at a supra-municipal level; power and fuel generation from renewable sources; the distribution of transport and logistic infrastructures in wide and homogeneous areas; support activities for SME's.

SIPRO is the **first contact for enterprises** that intend to invest within the Provincial territory of Ferrara. It analyses their needs and recommends the most suitable **settlement solution** to fully meet their requirements. Furthermore, it provides them with its advice before and after their settlement and deals with all the necessary formalities with the competent local authorities, on demand.

SIPRO **has designed, organized and managed its Geographical Information System**, in the framework of the **Investinferrara** project, and, more generally, geomarketing databases and relational, infrastructural and environmental DBs.

SIPRO organizes events to promote the local area and business community.

SIPRO is in charge of the design and facility management of the "Business Incubators" network.

SIPRO carries out **negotiations for the purchase and sale of land**.

SIPRO manages its property assets.

Main achievements

- "Feasibility study of a second-generation supra-municipal area located in the Upper Ferrara District"

Proponent: Provincial Authority of Ferrara, 6 Municipalities of the Upper Ferrara District

Duration: October 2003 – March 2004

Summary

This study is intended to identify the technical feasibility prerequisites of a "second-generation" industrial area, in compliance with national and regional legislation that defines the new Technologically and Ecologically Equipped Industrial Areas (TEEA).

The analysis envisages the definition of the local social and economic dynamics, the mapping of environmental and spatial planning rules and an in-depth field analysis to better understand the attractiveness of such an area.

- "Extension of industrial sites"

Proponent: Actions envisaged in the framework of the Lower Ferrara District Area Programme

Duration: 2000 - 2006

Summary

One of the actions promoted by SIPRO is a 14 hectare extension of the industrial area located in San Giovanni di Ostellato, in addition to the already existing 105 hectare wide estate.

This project is designed to concentrate industrial sites in already existing districts, thus fostering synergy with the already existing industrial estates.

- "Recovery of derelict industrial sites"

Proponent: Actions envisaged in the framework of the Lower Ferrara District Area Programme Duration: 2000 - 2006

Summary

Two requirements must be reconciled in the land use for new industrial investments: environmental sustainability and the creation of new jobs.

SIPRO, in compliance with environmental sustainability policies and by means of incentives envisaged by the regional Area Programme, is now engaged in the recovery of cast-off industrial sites so that 40 hectares of cleaned-up and equipped industrial districts will be made available for new manufacturing settlements, without using any further land (conversion of the former sugar plant of Migliaro and Comacchio).

- "The provincial incubator network"

The SIPRO Incubators network has been developed thanks to the EU Objective 2 structural funds and to the SIPRO-Emilia-Romagna Regional funds and it is co-funded by the provincial Municipalities.

Summary

Business Incubators are located in Ferrara, Copparo, Ro Ferrarese and Ostellato, up to a total surface of 6,000 roofed square metres.

Business Incubators are fully equipped buildings allowing the start-up of new business initiatives. These equipped and modular centres provide companies with offices, meeting

and training rooms at special fees; furthermore, companies that decide to settle down within these Business Incubators can also benefit from a set of advanced services. At present, 21 enterprises are located within the Business Incubators and mainly deal with the new business sectors of Ferrara.