



VSB supports the preservation of an ancient Roman domus in Sicily

Potenza, 4 April 2024 - A technical sponsorship signed by VSB Italia, a project developer specialising in wind energy and photovoltaics, with the Municipality of Mazara del Vallo (Sicily) will ensure the preservation of the city's historical and artistic heritage and offer a new museum to the community.

The link between the business world and the valorisation of Italy's artistic and cultural heritage is becoming stronger. Thanks to the technical sponsorship agreement signed by VSB Italy with the Municipality of Mazara del Vallo, an ambitious project will soon take shape for the valorisation and musealisation of an ancient late Roman Domus and its mosaics, located under the church of San Nicolò Regale in Mazara del Vallo, in the province of Trapani. The project aims to safeguard the heritage of great historical, artistic, architectural, and cultural value of the Sicilian town and ensure its complete enjoyment by the entire community. VSB is currently developing a wind farm in the area to accelerate the energy transition and generate more green electricity.

"All companies, in their process of growth and development, cannot fail to take into account noble and virtuous causes and, whenever possible, play a social role. VSB, by its corporate mission, firmly believes in a sustainable development that must involve and guide the endless processes of a community's life. We feel a great sense of responsibility towards the citizens who are the true recipients of this project, and it will be an honour for us to see it completed and accessible not only to the Mazara community but to anyone who wants to experience art and history", stated **Giuseppe De Benedictis, General Manager of VSB in Italy.**

The Roman mosaics, which will be restored to their former glory, are located under the churchyard of the small church of San Nicolò Regale, along the road that runs alongside the river Mázaro. These are most likely mosaics from a Domus built between the 4th and 5th Centuries AD., discovered by chance in 1933 about one metre below the current street level. The presence of pools clad in hydraulic plaster and the remains of small terracotta pipes suggest the existence of a thermal complex. Eight mosaic floors and several rooms were identified within the site.

The designs were drawn up with the support of specialised archaeologists from ArcheOfficina, the Archaeological Cooperative Society, which is responsible for the entire site restoration project, and on the directions of the Trapani Superintendency of Cultural and Environmental Heritage, to prevent any damage to the structures preserved in the ancient building.

"It is only right to thank those who have been attentive and cooperative points of contact for us over the past months, each in their own field. Everyone's work has enabled the birth of this project. I would especially like to thank the Municipality of Mazara del Vallo, the Superintendency of Cultural and Environmental Heritage of Trapani and the Archaeological Cooperative Society, ArcheOfficina", concluded **Giuseppe De Benedictis.**

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Dr Felix Grolman, CEO of VSB Group adds: “Together with the community and citizens of Mazara del Vallo, we aim to embark on a path toward a sustainable and green future. That’s why we are also pleased to contribute to the preservation of this rich cultural heritage.”

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