



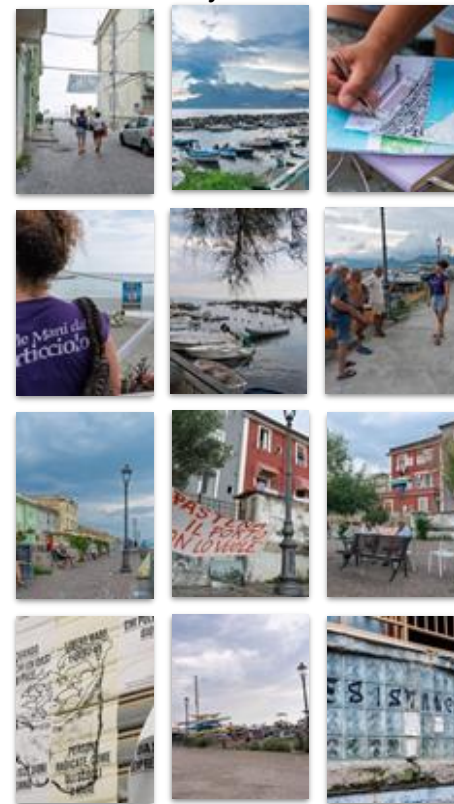
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Giù le Mani dal Porticciolo -

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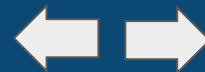
In Pastena, the Sailing Lab documented thirty years of community resistance against luxury port developments. Meeting with Chiara Brancaccio from “Comitato Giù le Mani dal Porticciolo”, we captured how social boating traditions is treated by private investments and gentrification. This exploration highlights that a harbor’s true value lies in heritage and memory, which no commercial infrastructure can replace.

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Pastena - Salerno.
The small harbor
is integrated into
the heart of the
Pastena
neighborhood, a
vital place that
local residents are
determined to
protect



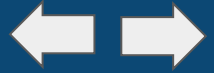
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Small fishing and pleasure boats moored to buoys in the Pastena harbour representing the “nautica sociale” - local "social boating", the affordable tradition that reflects the status and identity of the residents.



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A new speculative plan proposes overlapping the current harbor with a high-end private marina, featuring luxury yacht piers, shopping malls, and infrastructure that completely changes the area's purpose and its shape.



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The development plan extends to the surrounding free beaches, where public leisure spaces would be replaced by parking lots and shopping malls. “Giu’ le Mani dal Porticciolo” is a citizens committee that fight against the speculative plan



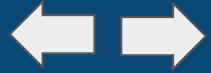
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The harbour today has economic activities and lacks services, but the mooring is very cheap and locals can afford it.



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Chiara Brancaccio
("Giù le Mani dal
Porticciolo"
association)
discusses the
speculative
development plans
with local residents,
the majority of
whom firmly
oppose this total
transformation of
their harbor.



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For the local community, the harbor is more than just a mooring site; it is a lively social space where neighbors gather to connect, share stories, and watch the sunset over the sea.



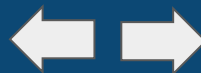
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This ongoing protest challenges top-down decisions that exclude local residents from the planning process.



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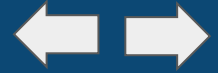


The harbor represents the soul of its residents, serving as a place that preserves their local history and maritime traditions.

It reflects a deep-rooted emotional attachment to the sea that has been shaped by generations of community life.



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The community is fighting for its right to seat at the decision table, ensuring that the future of the harbor is shaped by those who actually live and work there



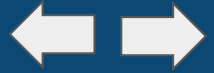
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The harbor is now left in a state of abandonment by local authorities. According to residents, this abandonment is a deliberate tactic intended to wear down the community until the new development project appears to be the only viable solution



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Despite these pressures, the community's resistance remains unwavering as residents continue to mobilize and defend their harbor as a shared heritage



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