



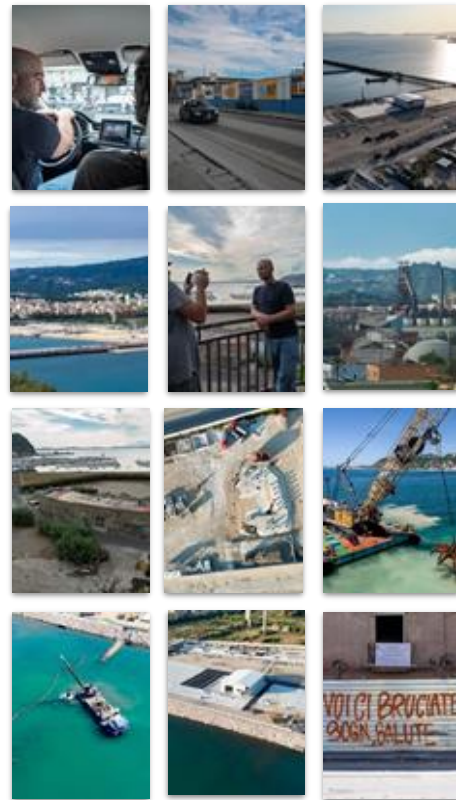
Bagnoli - Naples
The Italsider Legacy

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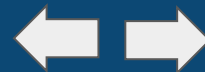
Raffaele Vaccaro (Nisida Environment) retraces Bagnoli's industrial history, detailing the heavy-metal contamination and systemic failures that followed the closure of the former Italsider steelworks. This environmental ruin has denied generations access to the sea, transforming a technical pollution issue into a deep social and political struggle. Raffaele and his team document this legacy to amplify the community demand for environmental justice and the reclamation of their coastal heritage.

Photo Gallery





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Bagnoli-Naples,
Raffaele Vaccaro
guide the Sailing-
Lab team through
the town of
Bagnoli and the
Ex-Italsider area



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The Long Wall" in Bagnoli: A physical barrier confining the former Italsider steelworks and separating the town from the sea. This wall stands as a stark visual representation of the "power geometries" and industrial legacy that continue to exclude the community from their coastline and the "social-environmental conflict" surrounding the area's future.



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Aerial view of Bagnoli gulf, showing the former industrial area with its 'Colmata' in the foreground—a primary site of industrial legacy and environmental concern.

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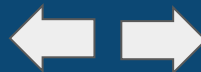


Bagnoli-Naples:
Close-up of the
“Colmata” site,
The "colmata" is an
artificial landfill
made of industrial
waste from the
former Italsider
steelworks, which
was piled into the
sea along the coast
until it physically
redefined the
geometry of the
shoreline.

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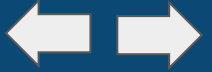
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Bagnoli-Naples:
Interview with
Raffaele Vaccaro
(Nisida
Environment)



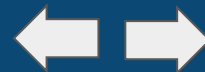
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Bagnoli-Naples:
Former Italsider
industrial ruins



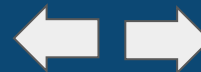
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Bagnoli-Naples: A
view of Nisida
island and
Bagnoli gulf.



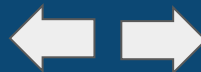
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Naples-Bagnoli:
Redevelopment
works at the
“Colmata” site for
new infrastructures
to be ready for the
2027 America’s
Cup.

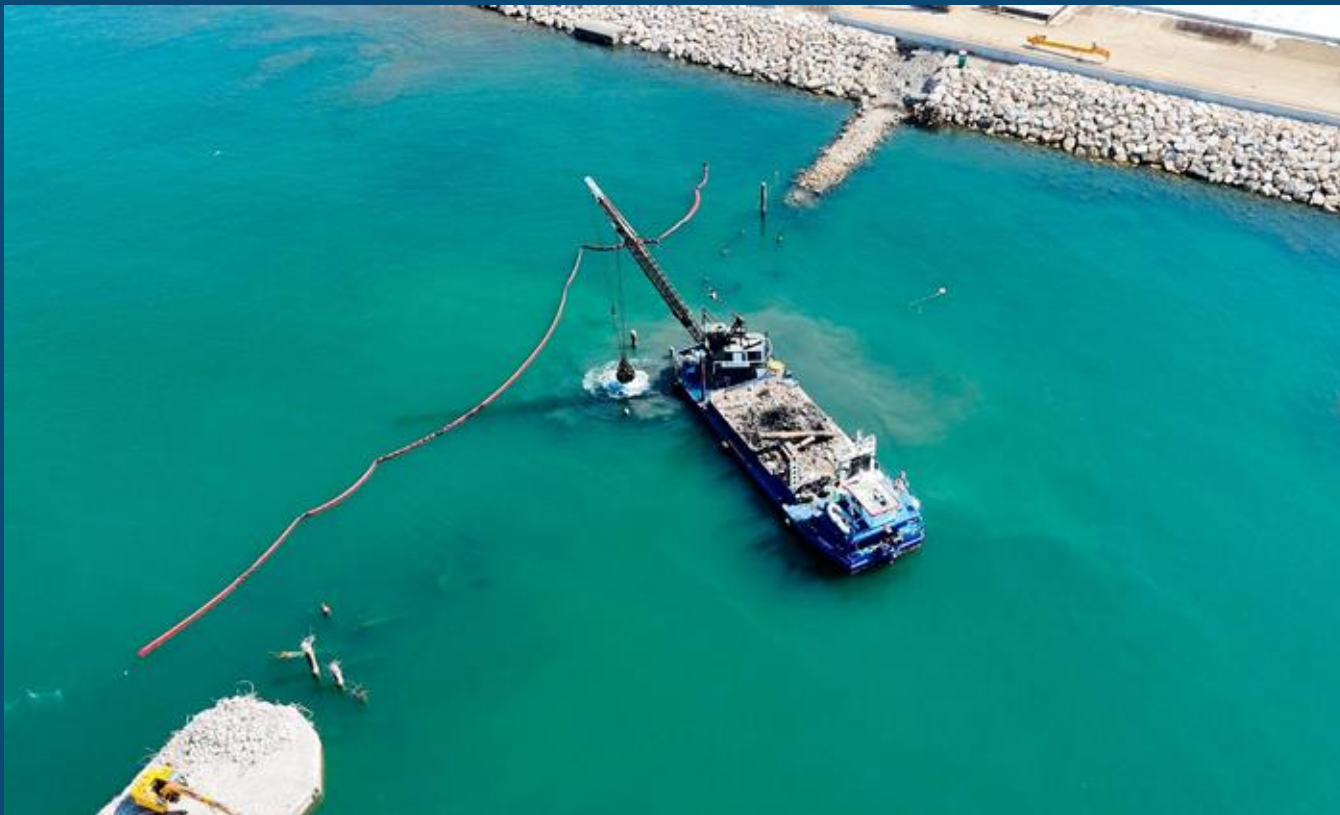


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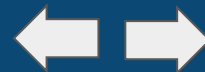


Naples-Bagnoli:
Seabed dredging
in front of the
'Colmata.
Dredging the
industrial waste
from the 'colmata'
is under
investigation, as
researchers
indicate that the
operation stirs up
and releases
contaminants into
the water.

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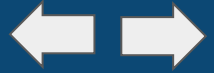
Naples-Bagnoli:
Dredging the seabed facing the
'Colmata' to remove industrial
waste left by the
former Italsider
steelworks.

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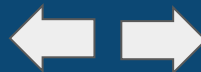
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Naples-Bagnoli:
The "Colmata"
today, a work in
progress site.
For the America's
Cup, the current
process is not the
removal of this
industrial waste, The
current process does
not involve
removing this
industrial waste, but
rather "capping" it
up to quickly allow
for the construction
of infrastructure for
a major event,
allowing top-down
decisions to prevail
over the needs and
demands of
communities for
real environmental
redevelopment.



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Naples-Bagnoli:
"You burn our
dreams and our
health." Social-
environmental
conflict emerging
from top-down
decisions imposed
on the local
community.



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