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# ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AUGUSTAN AQUEDUCT OF SERINO

In the area Vergini - Sanità, Napoli  
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**VerginiSanità Aps**



## ABOUT US

The **Cultural Association VerginiSanità** was born in 2010 with the aim to promote integrated projects for the redevelopment of the urban context between Borgo dei Vergini and Rione Sanità: the valorisation and the recovery of the environmental and architectural heritage as indispensable tools to improve liveability, security and social growth.

Thanks to the experience and complementarity of the group founding members and their link with the territory, the Association has promoted and organized guided tours, shows, exhibitions, cultural events and initiatives to raise awareness of the respect of urban place, in collaboration with several partners: Public Bodies, Associations, Cooperatives, Schools, Traders.

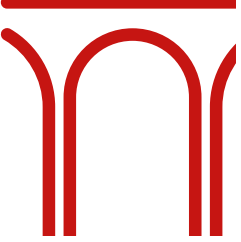
Following a period of research on cultural heritage and urban structure, the Association has developed and promoted the first Map of the VerginiSanità area (2011); in the same years it realized the Map of the Miracoli area for the Premio Napoli and, in 2016, the Map of the Borgo dei Vergini.

The Association has been a promoter of numerous projects to redevelop urban spaces and historic buildings, in collaboration with Civic Committees, the University Federico II, the Professional Associations of Architects and Engineers.

Since 2014 it manages the archaeological site Augusteo Serino Aqueduct.

**Peschici-Maresca Palace**, property of the **Arciconfraternita dei Pellegrini of Naples**, dates back to the 16th century. The monumental crowning, the shelves and the piperno decorations testify the importance of the building, which belonged to the noble families of the city. On the ground floor some abandoned rooms have been used, in agreement with the ownership, for cultural activities. From the inner courtyard you can access the underground rooms that preserve the remains of the ancient Augusteo Aqueduct, as well as a system of cisterns and wells dating to the time of construction of the building.





# AUGUSTAN AQUEDUCT OF SERINO

The Augusteo Aqueduct is one of the most impressive Roman-era structures in the ancient world: it develops for about 100 km from the sources of Serino, in the province of Avellino, to the Piscina Mirabilis in Miseno. The discovery and identification in the Vergini-Sanità area, of two canal-bridges side by side, with the typical succession of pillars and arches in brick and tuff, constitutes archaeological evidence of exceptional interest for location, construction complexities and peculiarities. Since 2014, the Association VerginiSanità, has taken in management some premises on the ground floor of the **Pescichi-Marescha Palace**, owned by the Arciconfraternita dei Pellegrini, with the aim of promoting and valorizing the archaeological site, located in the basement below and returned to public use. The start of an intense study and research activity is the result of the commitment and synergy of a group of multidisciplinary work, which involved archaeological experts, historians, and researchers of the complex and multi-layered cultural heritage that characterizes this urban area.



## PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

The activities of the Association are divided into three complementary thematic groups:

- **PLACES, COMMUNITIES AND TERRITORIES** activities that strengthen the link with the urban context and the cultural and social realities of the territory, fostering participation and a sense of identity.
- **EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY** educational activity in the neighborhood to grow knowledge and knowledge, supporting the growth of skills and tools necessary to open new fields of opportunity, freedom and expression.
- **ART EXHIBITIONS and SPECIAL EVENTS:** a project focused on the valorization and promotion of the archaeological site Aqueduct Augusteo del Serino discovered in the area Vergini-Sanità and managed since 2014 by the Association, through research activities and confrontation with contemporary languages.

The intention of the Association, in particular, is to launch on-site experimentation of these proposals, giving life to concrete projects, cultural events, meetings and art exhibitions.

Routes between Borgo Vergini and Piazza Sanità, through the **Network Borgo dei Vergini, Luoghi di Cultura** is a project born in 2016 for the valorization of the Cultural Heritage of the Territory; a collaboration between the associations VerginiSanità, Celanapoli, GettaLaRete and SMMAVE. [www.borgovergini.it](http://www.borgovergini.it)

Art exhibitions that since 2018 take place at the archaeological site Acueducto Augusteo, such as the independent exhibition "Solidi, archeologia del futuro" by the Neapolitan artists **Cyop&Kaf**.

Educational projects for children in synergy with the territory, laboratory of artistic education, with the project **Liberi et Artis** and since 2012 VerginiSanità collaborates for guided tours and workshops with children from primary schools.

VerginiSanità is a partner of "**EXTRAMANN**", a collaborative project born in 2017 between the National Archaeological Museum of Naples and the network of new realities committed to enhance the lesser-known cultural heritage of the city. [www.museoarcheologiconapoli.it/it/extramann-rete-dei-partner/](http://www.museoarcheologiconapoli.it/it/extramann-rete-dei-partner/)

Since 2018 VerginiSanità is part of the coordination for the stage in Naples of **IT.A.CÀ migrants and travelers** - Festival del Turismo Responsabile, in collaboration with OUT Observatorio Universitario de Turismo of the Department of Social Sciences of the Universidad Federico II | [www.festivalitaca.net](http://www.festivalitaca.net)

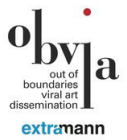
VerginiSanità collaborates with **AltoFest - Dar Luogo** - International Contemporary Live Arts, in charge of Teatringestazione. Citizens donating space offer hospitality to national and international artists. Since 2016 the Acueducto Augusteo is one of the sites of the festival. [www.teatringestazione.com/altofest/](http://www.teatringestazione.com/altofest/)

As of 2019, the site Acuedotto Augusteo has been included among the venues of **Open House**, Global Festival of Architecture and Design.

In 2016 the **FAI** included the archaeological site among the sites of the Spring Days and FAI Marathon. In 2020 VerginiSanità participated in the European Heritage Days and joined **NETWORK FARO Italy**, platform of the Italian Office of the Council of Europe.



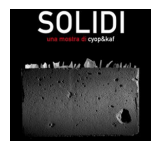
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