

**INTERNATIONAL IDEA CONTEST FOR RESTORING AND REDEVELOPING THE ARCHIVES
TOWER OF PALAZZO RICCA**

The Organization

Banco di Napoli Foundation

Place

Naples, Italy

Type of competition

International idea contest, open procedure

Conditions of Participation

Participation is open to architects under 40 from all over the world. Participants can be individuals or teams consisting of professionals, including external consultants from other fields

Prize

1° prize - p 10.000,00 (ten thousand euros /00)

2° prize - p 5.000,00 (five thousand euros /00)

3° prize - p 2.000,00 (two thousand euros /00)

Registration fee

None

Language

Italian

Calendar

On-site visits to the archives tower:	12/04/2016 (09:00 a.m. ó 11:00 a.m.) 20/04/2016 (1:00 p.m. ó 3:00 p.m.) 28/04/2016 (4:00 p.m. ó 6:00 p.m.)
Deadline for written requests for information	15/06/2016
Deadline for project submission	30/06/2016
Final jury commission meeting	30/09/2016
Announcement of results	07/10/2016
Awards ceremony	27/10/2016
Public exhibition	28/10/2016

Reasons and criteria for the competition

The *Banco di Napoli Foundation*, with this international idea contest, intends to involve the whole community in finding the best use of the Archives Tower of Palazzo Ricca, its headquarters, in order to fulfil one of its missions: to elucidate its role and the work it carries out in Naples and in Southern Italy.

- In the Tower, there is a multi-storey steel structure for storing documents, which was used very little in the past and is currently in disuse. The project proposals can confirm the use of this structure and/or offer a solution to integrate and to enhance its use.
- The international idea contest also allows for the receipt of new proposals from new generations of European designers with innovative solutions both for the flexible use of the facility and the formal compositional aspects of the architectural project, while following the general procedures imposed within the competition itself.

The international idea contest for the restoration of the Archives Tower of Palazzo Ricca is included within the broader strategy of the *Banco di Napoli Foundation* to promote social innovation, cultural and economic growth in the southern Italian Community and Naples.

The architectural design project submitted must focus on achieving the following objective:

- to consolidate the image and role of *Banco di Napoli Foundation*;
- to strengthen and improve the identity of the Historical Archives of the Banco di Napoli through new features related to it and with outreach activities;
- to identify innovative uses of the destination which can be directly integrated with the activities of *Banco di Napoli Foundation*;
- to affirm a semantic innovation through the architectural language used, while respecting the artistic and historical context of Naples and preserving both its cultural identity and the requirements of contemporaneity;
- to contribute to the improvement of the social and cultural innovation of the community;
- to encourage the use of highly innovative and advanced technologies, materials and system solutions;
- to aim toward a highly integrated environmental sustainability in the realization, management and in the maintenance of the construction;
- to promote the use of flexible and reversible construction systems.

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