



LA VILLA REALE E' ANCHE MIA!  
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### **Villa Reale restoration: who paid and who is earning.**

After completion, let's do some math in terms of costs – not only financial – supported by all of us in relation to the restoration of Villa Reale central building.

Actual restoration costs have never been disclosed. Anyway, based on the tender, the public entity, Regione Lombardia, financed the work for 21 million euro. Worth noticing that former MD of Infrastrutture Lombarde, Mr. Rognoni, presently suspected for Expo issues, was in charge of the tender. The winning company, Nuova Villa Reale di Monza SpA, led by Italiana Costruzioni CEO, Mr. Navarra, supposedly joined the funding with 4 million only. According to agreements, the winner should have joined with 8 million euro. Also worth noticing that, since the luxury restaurant at Belvedere – penthouse – has not been achieved, the estimated initial cost of works decreased. A lower value restaurant has been achieved on ground floor and limited works have been carried out at Belvedere.

In spite of the above, costs increased by some 2 or 3 million euro, according to press release, due to unexpected issues. These costs have been supported by the public entity, Regione Lombardia. We have requested the Consorzio to supply us with paperwork of figures and kind of unexpected issues but our request is still unanswered.

A step in by private companies could be warranted if 25 million euro were supported by the grantee and 4 million by the public entity. It is evident that main goal was not to help the public entity finance the project. This is not a correct co-operation between public entities and private companies since no benefits are granted to the community.

In spite of its negligible financial contribution, the private company has obtained the most significant rooms of the Villa for 22 years, leaving 36 days only to the community.

It means that Nuova Villa Reale SpA will be in a position to sub-contract four central floors of the Villa Reale for 22 years. Every and all uses are already in place.

So, let's do our math again. If the first floor has been granted at 300,000 euro/year, the other floor will undergo the same fate. The grantee's yearly revenue could be some 1,200,000.00 euro/year, namely approx. 100,000.00 euro/month.

This way, if the private company has joined the funding with 4 million euro only, in 3 or 4 years time its investment will be completely recovered thanks to sub-contracts. For the remaining 18 years, the private company will only but earn.

The Consorzio will receive approx 5,000.00 euro/month. The yearly grant fee is 60,000.00 euro besides 0.7% of turnover, namely approx. 700 euro/month. We wish to remind that the business plan forecasted higher fees for the operator.

Although we paid for the restoration, all of us are only losing money and everything.

As an example, we can visit just the rooms allowed by contractor and sub-contractors, paying a fare. Ticket fare revenues go to the grantee. If you wish to visit the other rooms, like the apartment of Humbert the 1st, you must get off the Villa, walk outside and then get in through another entry paying another fare, hoping it does not rain. All rooms at the first and second floor *nobile* cannot be visited, also because tenants have no interest in maintaining the original furniture that is in line with the Villa, yet not with their business. We also wish to remind that the first floor *nobile* and the Belvedere – penthouse – have already been restored years ago by the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage.

The Villa Reale itself will lose. It is looking like a condo containing undignified business instead of standing as a royal abode.

According to historical documents, Austrians, French and the Savoys left the Villa to all of us as a site for culture, education, arts and high ranking.

Apparently, no control on the Villa use is guaranteed by Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Superintendency and Consorzio.

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