



Two coats of MAPECOAT TNS EXTREME coloured epoxy-acrylic resin-based coating was applied on the surfaces of Piazzale Porta Genova. Work was completed by applying MAPECOAT TNS PROTECTION protective finish.



**TACTICAL URBANISM**

It is a method adopted to involve local inhabitants in the urban regeneration process by implementing scalable spatial and political interventions aimed at improving a city's gathering places.

**Milan (Italy)**

# Piazzale Stazione Genova

MAPEI COLOURS FOR A MAIN HUB CENTRAL TO THE LIFE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Work on the restyling of the square in front of Porta Genova railway station in Milan was completed in October last year thanks to a "tactical urbanism" intervention which is part of the "Open Piazzas" project. Through a Cooperation Agreement between Milan City Council, Assoverde (the Italian Association of Green Constructors, see the interview with its President in the previous pages), the landscaping company Nespoli Vivai and the sustainable development initiative "SeMiniAmo", the colours of the road surfacing were restored, the number of plants in the piazza was doubled and the plant-pots were painted. "Open Piazzas" is part of Milan City Council's "Suburbs Plan", a project which uses the "tactical urbanism" approach to bring public spaces back to being the heart of city districts and the life of local inhabitants. When it was launched, there was also the need to make these city spaces more welcoming and functional over the course of the following few months to ensure social-distancing could be practiced correctly and, at the same time, to prepare them for when the city would be used and approached in a different way on a more permanent basis

**New colours which decorate and remain**

Restoration of the paving surfaces was carried out using two new Mapei coating products specific for urban open spaces. After preparing the surfaces by giving them a thorough cleaning, adhesion between the asphalt and stone substrates and the new coloured finish was guaranteed by applying a coat of MAPECOAT TNS PRIMER EPW epoxy primer in water dispersion. The surfaces were then treated with two coats of roller-applied MAPECOAT TNS EXTREME two-component, rapid-drying, coloured epoxy-acrylic resin-based coating, in the colours specified for the project: blue (RAL 5026 as required by the owner) and white. This product guarantees high versatility, excellent resistance to wear caused by the constant passage of pedestrians or passing traffic, and high level of durability. Work was completed by applying MAPECOAT TNS PROTECTION over the surfaces, a two-component, transparent protective finish for indoor and outdoor surfaces. The plant-pots were painted with DURSILAC SATIN, a water-based, acrylic-urethane enamel paint for internal and external use that protects surfaces and gives them a lovely, long-lasting satin-effect finish.



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**TECHNICAL DATA**

**Piazzale Stazione Genova**, Milan (Italy)  
**Year of the requalification:** 2020  
**Year of the Mapei intervention:** 2020  
**Owner:** Milan City Council

**Intervention by**

**Mapei:** supplying products for painting and protecting road surfaces  
**Mapei coordinator:** Marco Cattuzzo, Mapei SpA (Italy)

**MAPEI PRODUCTS**

Preparing the substrates: Mapecoat TNS Primer EPW  
Coatings: Mapecoat TNS Extreme  
Finishing: Mapecoat TNS Protection  
Finishing: Dursilac Satin

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