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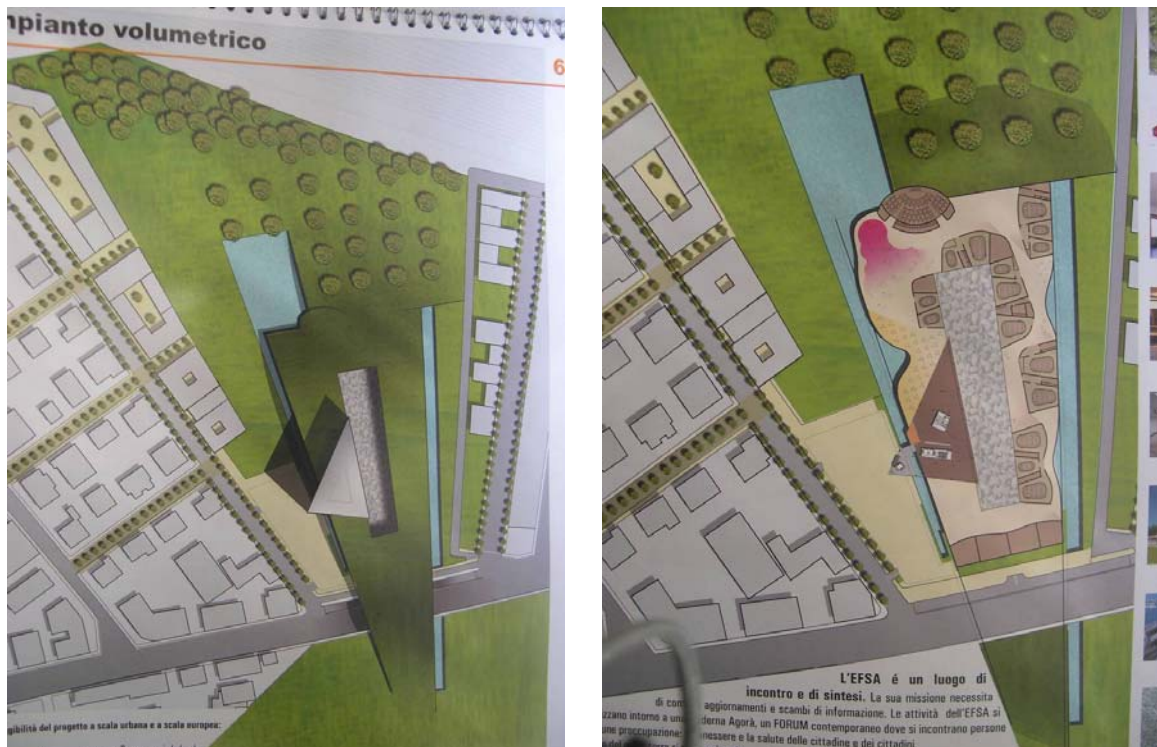
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FINAL SEAT - SELECTION OF PROJECT

1. The STU (Società di Trasformazione Urbana), the special purpose vehicle incorporated by the Municipality of Parma pursuant to the agreement signed between EFSA and the municipality, received 16 offers for the development of the area in which the EFSA building will be located. These offers were received by the by 14 April 2006 deadline.
2. The evaluation Committee was composed of three persons (one from the municipality, one from the University of Parma and one from EFSA). The representative of EFSA, Ing. Paolo Rolla, working in Facilities, was in particular supported by the Infrastructure and Logistic Office from the Commission (OIB) which we have a service level agreement with.
3. The preferred project selected by the evaluation committee was proposed by the group Studio Valle Progettazioni (Rome) – Art & Build Architects (Brussels). These companies have an unquestionable experience in the field. The project in itself is attached in Annex.



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The main principle having guided the architects in the development of this project is the maintenance of a substantial green part while locating the EFSA building in the centre of the area and, on the edges, the commercial, office and residential parts. The EFSA building would be made of two main zones i.e. the meeting and conference area on the ground floor which would also host the cafeteria and restaurant. The office, internal meeting rooms and technical zones would be located in the main triangular building (12 floors maximum). Parking, archives and other technical rooms would be located in the basement. It is worth noting that the project as it stands now will be subject to a more detailed preliminary project which will fine tune it.

4. This project was submitted and approved by the municipality council on 21 July 2006. This approval covers the various design and mass elements proposed by the architects but also the feasibility study of the project and the urbanistic approach adopted for the area.
5. Following approval by the municipality council, the contract between the STU and the group Valle – Art & Build was signed on 9 August 2006. The preliminary project will have to be produced by them beginning of October. EFSA will be involved in the definition of the project parameters and the approval of the preliminary project. The municipality indeed invited EFSA and the OIB to overlook the preliminary project to be worked on by the architects and all aspects of the EFSA building.
6. Once finalized, the preliminary project will be integrated in the procedure for the change of destination of the grounds. This procedure involves the Province and the Region which will have to approve it. It is expected to have the procedure approved beginning of next year.

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7. The definitive and executive projects will start to be worked on after approval of the change of destination. These projects should therefore be finalized by the summer and the tendering procedure for the selection of a contractor launched at that time by the municipality.
8. This project is for EFSA an important project which contains financial, legal, political and timing aspects. For these reasons, EFSA is at this stage of the process setting an internal task force under the chairmanship of the Executive Director to closely monitor it. Beyond the involvement of the municipality leading the process, the technical support provided by OIB, the hiring of ad-hoc consultant, a project leader will be hired to coordinate the process.