

**Thetis Spa** began his activity 25 years ago, from the Arsenal of Venice, where it still has its headquarters. Thetis has developed specific expertise in sustainable development and in environmental engineering, working in the lagoon of Venice, the only socio-economic and environmental system in the world that has kept its identity during the centuries. Building with nature is in our DNA and in Thetis' passionate engineers, architects, environmental specialists, experts in advanced technologies deal every day with crucial challenges for the environmental protection, the climate change, the urban regeneration and the issues of energy sustainability, trying to couple the latest technology solutions in civil and technical plants with a strong focus on the environment, efficiency and energy saving, thanks also to the long term involvement in the development of MOSE system.

For BLwW competition, **Giovanni Zarotti**, senior hydraulic engineer, with fairly two decade of experience in engineering struggling with water and environment; led Thetis' team; to him added **Sarah Colonna**, senior architect with great sensitivity on the issues of recovery of the historical sites; **Francesco Lanza**, senior architect skilled in the theme of urban regeneration and LEED approach and **Luca Dall'Acqua**, junior hydraulic engineer.

**Giovanni Cecconi**, Director of Building with nature active knowledge center, completes the team with his huge knowledge of morphological related issues.

**Proap – Estudos e Projectos de Arquitectura Paisagista, Lda** is a Landscape Architecture firm founded in 1989, in Lisbon, Portugal. Its activity scope is mainly upon the field of landscape design project, master planning, environmental assessment, project/construction management, urban design and planning.

Proap gathers a wide group of landscape architects, architects, designers, plastic artists;: a cohesive and strong group rooted in a mature professional practice.

The work and research intentions of the office have been mainly oriented according to a principle of intervention in landscape that recognizes its rules and functional mechanisms.

General coordinator of PROAP is **João Nunes**, graduated in Landscape Architecture from Instituto Superior de Agronomia da Universidade Técnica de Lisboa – where he teaches -, Master in Landscape Architecture from Escuela Tècnica Superior de Arquitectura de Barcellona, Universitá Politecnica di Catalunya; he is professor at Accademia di Architettura di Mendrisio (CH).

**Andrea Menegotto** got his Architectural Degree in 1995 from IUAV University of Venice (Italy); as partner of Proap. For BLwW competition he coordinated the Landscape Design process. The philosophy of the Group was lead to the principle that to intervene in contemporary territories, means to understand the logic and inner dynamics of the place, in order to better interact seamlessly. The reading of these logics happens through interpretation of signs and marks inscribed in the landscape either by mankind or by nature. The assumption that man built over time the most of the landscapes we know, is the fundamental pillar of **Thetis & Proap** approach.

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