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The railway station network

The Italian Railway System

Stations existing

- 13 Large station managed by Grandi Stazioni S.p.A.
- 103 Medium sized/large station managed by Centostazioni S.p.A.
- 101 Medium sized station managed by Pegasus (RFI)
- 2085 Other station and stops directly managed by RFI
- 2296 Totale stazioni aperte al pubblico

New Station in project or under construction

- 6 Station for the high speed (AV):

About 150 New Station and Stops
Unattanded stations - Technology

The introduction of new technologies for distance-control of trains circulation is determining the progressive loss of the RFI attendance in the small stations and stops.

Thanks to the C.T.C., the train circulation and all the relevant operations does not need the help of station operators, the line conditions and any functions being controlled by a central command post.

THE SYSTEM IS CALLED

CENTRALIZED TRAFFIC CONTROL
(CONTROLLO CENTRALIZZATO DEL TRAFFICO)
Unattended stations - Trend

- 735 attended stations (30% sul tot.)
- 1,561 unmanned stations (70% sul tot.)
- Total: 2,296

Graph showing the trend of stations from 2002 to 2010.
Unattended stations - Problems

- Disrepair of building
- Decrease of the safety and security level
- Vandalism of the property
- Increase of the maintenance costs
- Decrease of client assistance and information
Commercial and Social development

1- Commercial development with local rent (building and areas)

- Service food
- Service no food
- Bar
- Newspaper
- Travel bureau
- Park rent a a car
- Bus parking
Commercial and Social development

2- to sell (or rent) the station building and replace with smaller seating areas on the platform
Commercial and Social development

replace the old buildings with light structures (shelters) in order to preserve passengers from atmospheric agents to guarantee supports for information

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New shelters
Commercial and Social development

3 - stipulation agreements with local public authorities or non-profit associations and gives them, free of charge, the station building to use for public facilities.

The operator must supply the “small maintenance”.

To give the station, free of rent to the local government or not for profit organisations in exchange for maintaining the stations and to provide physical presence.
Commercial and Social development

Mean feature for social use of buildings

- Non-profit organisations
- Voluntary associations
- Tourist center
- Sport’s association
- Medical attention
- Local police Station
Management partnership with local regional government

The interest of R.F.I. for such a contract resides in less management costs and in a good level of maintenance of the station building, otherwise which would be completely unmanned.

- architectonic upgrade
- phisical presence
- the optimization of management and the costs reduction
Management partnership with local regional government

A good example:

The Agreement with the” Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano”

- LINEA VERONA – BRENNERO: 7 STAZIONI
- LINEA BOLZANO – MERANO: 7 STAZIONI
- LINEA FORTEZZA – S. CANDIDO: 7 STAZIONI

LA PROVINCIA AUTONOMA DI BOLZANO put money in upgrade building of RFI

TOTAL 13.703.690 di Euro
(Verona-Brennero 5.179.350 di Euro
Bolzano-Merano 3.294.830 di Euro
Fortezza-S.Candido 5.249.510 di Euro)

RFI give, free of charge the building and areas in exchange of investment for long time
(35/40 years)
unmanned stations restoring

I “comodati”

PEPPERCORN REN CONTRACT

THE “COMODATO” IN EXCHANGE FOR A CONVENIENT LEVEL OF SERVICES

- CLEANING
- WATCHING
- MAINTENANCE

DECORUM
unmanned stations restoring

LEGAL REFERENCE

With the Peppercorn Rent contract a Part delivers to another Part a good (a building, an area, a machine, ……) to use it for a determined period and purpose, with the obligation of giving back the same.

The principal items of a Peppercorn Rent contract are the following:

COST OF THE RENT: Firstly the rent is free

CONTRACT PERIOD: Secondly the contract period is 5 to 9 years (a longer period is possible if the tenant agrees to undertake heavy expenses for the building restoration)

DUTIES OF THE TENANT: cleaning of the building, toilets, open areas and platforms maintenance of the above mentioned gardening, according to the local hygienic regulation opening of the waiting rooms and toilets according to the train timetable clearing of footpaths and parking areas deemed for the use of train passengers.

SAFETY AND SECURITY ORDINANCES: In effect, all the general ones, and a list of peculiar prescriptions according to local needs.

CONTRACT ADVANCED ENDING CLAUSE: There will be a stipulation in the contact that in the case that the obligations of the tenant are not fulfilled, the contract will be annulled.
Competition « Small Stations »

FINALITY OF COMPETITION:
INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR THE SMALL STATION AND STOPS
Competition « Small Stations »

The Winner
Graffiti – stazione di Monte Mario (RM)
Graffiti – stazione di Porta Venezia (MI)
- OTHER EXAMPLES......