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## Towards a Science Museum in Rome

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Since the last decades of the 19th century, Rome has been waiting for a Science Museum. Despite the place of honor in a virtual ranking of the capitals of the world, Rome has neither a Natural History Museum nor a Science and Technology Museum. This is paradoxical if we compare this condition with that of other cities, even in the Italian context (see e.g. Milan). Recently, after countless failed attempts in the past, a window has opened that allows us to be optimistic for the future. Thanks to the joint action of the Accademia dei Lincei and the Municipality of Rome, together with some other important city institutions (first of all the University “La Sapienza”), a cultural project was developed and approved. These days, what has been prepared in the context of this cultural planning is also becoming an architectural project. Thus a new structure will be born that will be an emerging point of connection and visibility for a variety of small and large museums, universities, laboratories and other scientific institutions of which the city is very rich.

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