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Managing the Territory from Romanisation to Romanity:
“Secondary” Administrative Structures and Rural Settlements in the *X Regio*.

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At the end of the XX century, some Italian scholars studied the administrative context of Roman Transpadana and they pointed out the problem of transitional administrative structures or rural settlements. At the beginning of the XXI century, the debate about municipal administration in the Roman World raised further. First, the EMIRE programme supplied information about Roman municipal administration in many parts of Italy and of the Western Provinces, thanks to useful databases. Secondly, several contributions investigated *pagi* and *vici* in the *X Regio*. Thirdly, some theoretical and juridical studies changed the cornerstones of the doctrine. These new approaches, along with a recent study of the Romanisation process by Giovannella Cresci Marrone, suggest to reassess Ancient Roman “secondary” administrative structures. It seems now necessary to undertake a comprehensive study of the management and administration of rural settlements, peripheral areas and extra-centuriation communities in the *X Regio* from Romanisation to Romanity. This will be made possible by using all the available sources (literary, epigraphic and archaeological documents).

This project intends to examine the role of indigenous communities in the *X Regio* during the Romanisation process. It will also investigate the Roman management of rural and urban territories within this area. The project focuses in particular on transitional forms of rural settlement administration such as *pagi*, *vici*, *praefecturae* and *adtributiones*.