## Resort of the future

## Trentino wins with young people

Two students of the University of Trento impose themselves on the architectural competition for the relaunch of the Mineralnye Vody thermal baths.

Less than half a century in two, but able to beat international architects and established professionals. Nicola Chioccarello and Francesca De Facci, students in the third year of the Architecture and Building Engineering course at the University of Trento, are the



winners of the architectural competition "The future image of the Russian tourist district of Kavkazskie Mineralnye Vody", for the "Resort of the future". A contest organized by the Government of the Stavropol Region with the support of the General Consulate of Italy for the federal districts of South Russia and the North Caucasus in Krasnodar and the Ministry of Building and Architecture of the Stavropol region, to contribute to the recovery and revitalization of the Kavkazskie Mineralnye Vody area, one of the main Russian tourist-curative centers.

The aim of the competition, sponsored by the Italian-Russian Chamber of Commerce, is to bring an increasing number of Italian companies, architectural firms, manufacturers of building materials, specialists in the management of rehabilitation and accommodation facilities in contact with the local reality to create opportunities for both commercial and technological development.

Over 150 projects participated by Italy and Russia, who have interpreted in a contemporary key the development of the various SPAs belonging to the Caucasian territory of Mineralnye Vody. The award, presented during the Italian business mission to Essentuki "Italy meets Caucasus" organized by the Consulate General for the districts of South Russia and the North Caucasus, worth 500 thousand rubles (about 7 thousand euro at current exchange rate), was delivered to the young winners from the Italian ambassador in Russia Pasquale Terracciano.

"You architects can stimulate our imagination. And it is only thanks to this that we are able to achieve our highest and most ambitious goals", commented the honorary consul Pierpaolo Lodigiani.

"The thermal medicine here has no analogues to the world", added Umberto Solimene, president of the World Federation of hydrotherapy and climatotherapy. "We would like to see these places increasingly comfortable, accessible, open to all. And that's why I propose to the mayors of this beautiful region to host the exhibition at their localities, so as to support the competition in the future. I hope to see works of the same quality also next year and with the increasing participation of the inhabitants, because they are the first to be directly interested in the identity of these places". (www.eurasiatx.com)