5. Spaces of social interaction

“How did we meet... because, honestly we didn’t know each other before. We didn’t know who was living next door, we never talked between each other. ‘Good morning! Good evening!’...and that was it! Now instead there’s more familiarity because after the pedestrianization of the district we go out more and meet more often. We even organise street parties twice a year... [see foto 3 below]; we carry out our dining tables and party. I hope this goes on forever because is such a good thing...”

Fernando, resident of the district

6. New inhabitants and social mix

“We were looking around for the right place to locate our business... Mestre unfortunately has lots of buildings of the 70’s that are not very appealing... anyway we found eventually this recently built slab. We liked its large windows, so we decide to settle here in this area of the district which offers some interesting sights.

We are also near to Torino street to the University and to lots of offices; this location is also very very well connected through trains and trams... so one plus one, this is why we choose to move here...”

Luca, founder of a startup active the district since 2014