

Introduction

Beauty is not only found in famous landmarks—it also depends on the way we choose to see the places around us.

As part of my European Solidarity Corps (ESC) project with SCI Bologna, I spoke with members of the Pakistani community living in Bologna and asked them which places they considered to be the least attractive in the city. Most of them mentioned Pilastro, the railway area near Bologna Centrale, and the Navile district, citing reasons such as historical reputation, safety concerns, ongoing construction, and the surrounding urban environment.

The aim of this project was to revisit these places through photography and positive captions, highlighting their overlooked beauty and encouraging people to see them from a different perspective.

A vibrant, sunlit park scene. The foreground is a grassy field with small purple flowers. In the middle ground, there are several wooden benches and a small metal playground structure. The background is filled with dense, leafy trees, some with bright green leaves and others with darker green foliage. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

**People need nature,
not just infrastructure.**



**Flowers heal by
simply existing.**

**Cities need
greenery
to survive.**





Colors soften concrete.



Art turns walls into stories.

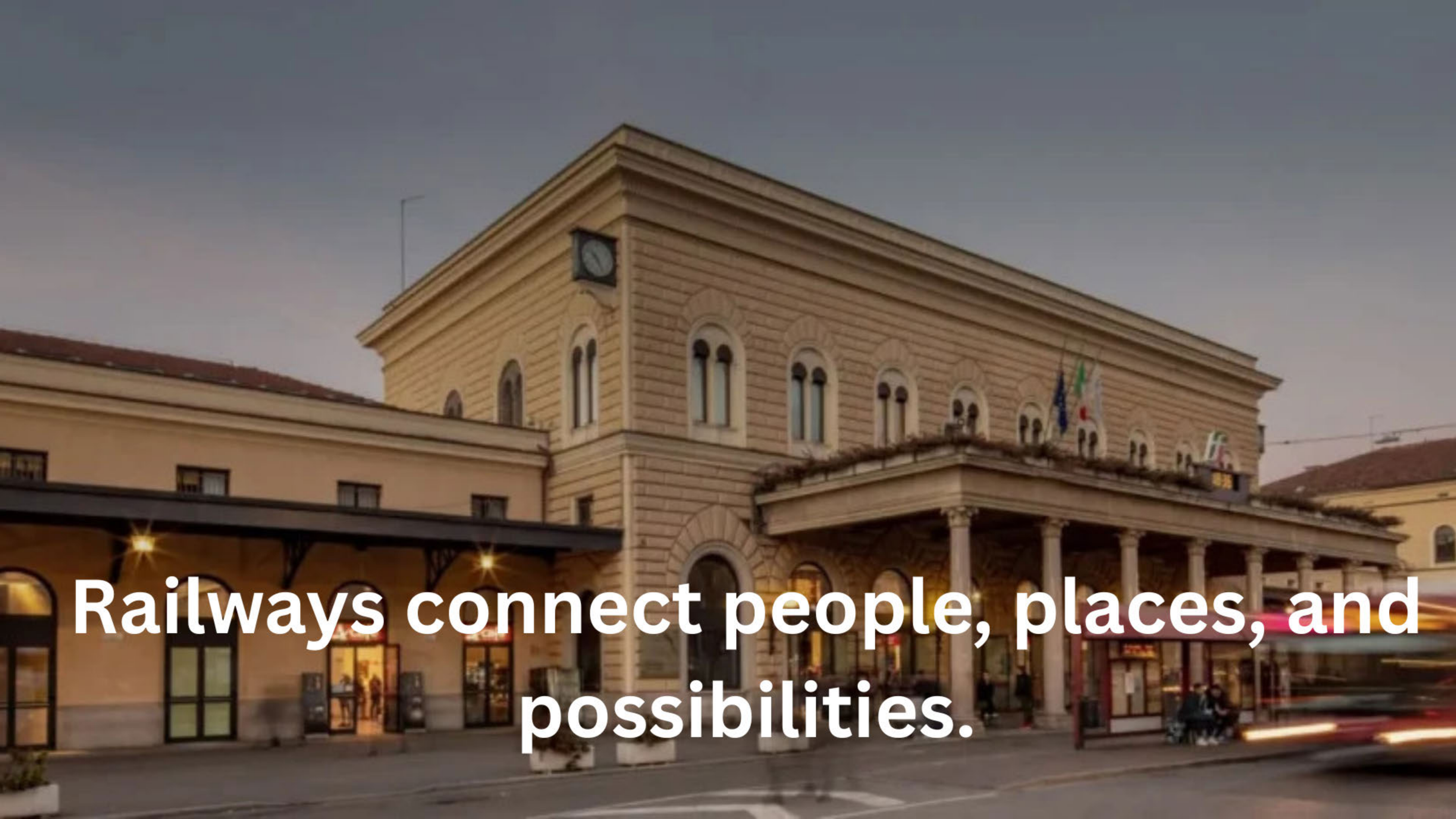


Stay active, live longer.

Bologna Centrale



Imagine a city without railways.



Railways connect people, places, and possibilities.

Conclusion

This project was based on conversations with 10-11 members of the Pakistani community living in Bologna. They identified Pilastro, the railway area near Bologna Centrale, and the Navile district as some of the city's less attractive places due to their history, ongoing construction, and urban environment. Through this project, I aimed to present these places from a different and more positive perspective. By combining photographs with short messages, I wanted to show that beauty is not limited to well-known landmarks—every place has something meaningful to offer if we choose to see it differently.

"Beauty exists everywhere; sometimes all it takes is a different perspective."