

# A BIRTH CENTER FOR THE NEW WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S FACILITY IN GROSSETO'S HOSPITAL



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In the collective imagination, in Italy, the perception of childbirth is strongly tied to the place of the delivery room, and is precisely linked to the presence of medicalized interventions that occur routinely in our hospitals. The number of caesarean sections, for example, in recent years has reached alarming figures, further distancing the idea of childbirth from its primordial nature.

What most of us do not know is that this image is partial, since numerous realities outside Italy boast of centers more specialized in natural childbirth than our own, except for some sporadic examples, leaving the excellent Italian medicine one step behind foreign realities.

The Birth Center abroad is a health model tailored for the woman and for the child; it aims to implement continuity of care and de-medicalize the birth process, making the woman feel at ease and in comfort in a space very similar to that of her home and not of an aseptic and depersonalizing environment like that hospital.

In Italy it is a model that still finds it difficult to develop, with the exception of a few cases, although in recent years there has been a greater interest in the choice of possible delivery methods, especially from future mothers.

Lately, new projects of birth centers are being developed in the Italian landscape. Among these, from the will of the sanitary direction of the Grosseto hospital district, a new woman-child center is being planned to integrate a birth center for natural delivery inside the hospital.

My thesis is offered as a project proposal to satisfy this need by addressing the needs linked to the Grosseto hospital, the woman-child center and the birth center.

Using national standards, European and non-European guidelines, together with the analysis of a collection of English, American and Australian case studies, I designed the two floors that will host the new Maternal Pole in the existing structure of the Grosseto Hospital child, and in particular the Birth Center.

I have also redeveloped the main prospects of the building, trying to respond to the architectural, thermal and acoustic requirements that the hospital needs and include new spaces for socialization and green areas in the existing volume.