



# MCH RESEARCH PROGRAMME

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*The ancient city of Spina.*

*A Greek-Etruscan harbour from the Adriatic coast with extremely good preserved wooden structures and organic finds from the 6th to the 3rd century bc*

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**Spina** was an international hub and the main trading partner of Athens in the West Mediterranean, bridgehead of the Greek commercial interests towards continental Europe. For almost two thousand years the city laid forgotten under the mud of the Po lagoon and was discovered only during land reclamations in the '60ies. The excavations have thus brought to light an impressive wetland settlement, with regular Greek-style urban planning, including rectangular blocks and houses, entirely realized with timber and logs.

A new project aims to apply for the first time a wide program of materials analysis on these extraordinarily preserved wooden structures and perishable goods.

