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Strutture, funzioni e sviluppo degli impianti forensi in Italia (IV sec. a.C.-I sec. d.C.)

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The design, function and development of forum spaces in Italy (4th century BC to 1st century AD)

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The forum in the Latin and Roman Colonies (4th -1st c. B.C.)

Essential for the development of the forum after the Latin War were the Latin colonies. The Roman colonies however had as a result of their status no forum. Their institutions were all in Rome.

During history an increasing formal similarity of both types of colonies is to be recognized. But juridical protection was provided only after the Social War.

First changes can be observed in the traditional patterns of Latin colonies with the conquest of the lowlands of the river Po in northern Italy in the third century B.C. (Ariminum 268 B.C.).

Another important improvement was the founding of larg-scale Roman colonies after the Second Punic War at the beginning of the second century B.C. (Pisaurum and Potentia 184 B.C.). From that time on a forum was planned right with the founding of the colony.

Finally old republican buildings as the comitium lost their importance and were given up. A standardized typology of the forum including new buildings as the basilica was established.