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Challenging the City Scale / Ljubljana 2017

PUBLIC SPACE FOR LOCAL LIFE

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Human Cities Event / Ljubljana 23–27 May 2017
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Shared values in diversified urban communities as a foundation for participatory provision of local public spaces
A joint event of EU Human Cities: Challenging the city scale project (Creative Europe 2014-2020) and AESOP’s thematic group Public spaces and Urban Cultures

Organised by Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana in cooperation with the Faculty of architecture of the University of Ljubljana.

The event is addressing the questions of participatory provision of urban local public spaces in economically, socially and ethnically increasingly diverse urban communities. The approaches to reveal shared values that are common to local inhabitants and other users of local environments will be in the focus as an important base for setting up common visions for local environments in participatory manner. The initial call of the event can be found here: http://www.aesop-planning.eu/blogs/posts/en_GB/urban-cultures-and-public-spaces/2017/02/10/readabout/call-for-abstracts-public-spaces-for-local-life-shared-values-in-diversified-urban-communities-as-a-foundation-for-participatory-provision-of-local-public-spaces.

In order to address challenges set-up in Human Cities project, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia (UIRS), the Slovenian partner of Human Cities, has been developing and testing various research and action oriented approaches to participatory and socio-cultural improvements of urban public space to better understand the needs and aspirations of local inhabitants. The activities have started in 2015 in collaboration with Human Cities project partners (http://humancities.eu/people/) and other local partners and supporters:

- City of Ljubljana, District of Posavje / One of 17 local districts of Ljubljana at its northern outskirts with the active local community reactivating local public space
- Faculty of architecture of the University of Ljubljana / Central national institution educating future urban planners and designers
- Lafarge Cement Ltd. / Part of the Lafarge Group, supporting the efforts to build better cities
- Museum of Architecture and Design – MAO / Slovenian national institution highlighting the importance of good design and educating spatial literacy
- Primary school Danile Kumar in Ljubljana / Local school of Ruski car neighbourhood in Posavje District
- Skupaj na ploščad! / A self organized local initiative in Ruski car neighbourhood improving the conditions of neighbourhood’s public spaces in a participatory way
Thanks to the synergies between the project partners and local partners and supporters the program offers a wide range of activities:

**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday May 23rd 2017**
17.00// **LECTURE**
“Possible trajectories to navigate neo-liberal urbanism in UK. Hybrid organisations to implement activist planning” by Stefania Ragozino (IRISS CNR) at UIRS, Trnovski pristan 2, Ljubljana

**Wednesday May 24th 2017**
14.00–19.00// **HUMAN CITIES & AESOP JOINED SEMINAR**
PUBLIC SPACES FOR LOCAL LIFE at Faculty of Architecture, Zoisova ulica 12, Ljubljana

**Thursday May 25th 2017**
10.00–14.00// **WORKSHOPS**
Ruski car neighbourhood, Bratovševa ploščad 30, Ljubljana
15.00–16.00// **HUMAN CITIES EXHIBITION OPENING**
Ruski car neighbourhood, Bratovševa ploščad 30, Ljubljana
19.00// **BIO LJUBLJANA 2017 OPENING**
Museum for Architecture and Design (MAO), Pot na Fužine 2, Ljubljana

**Friday May 26th 2017**
10.00–14.00// Human Cities Technical meeting
UIRS, Trnovski pristan 2, Ljubljana / for Human Cities partners and invited parties only
16.00// **FIELD TRIP BY BOAT**
Ljubljanica Embankments & Public Space Improvements

**Saturday May 27th 2017**
All day// **FIELD TRIP** to Karst and Coastal region organized by MAO
[optional program of BIO25 Faraway, So Close]

The detailed programme will be published prior to the event at http://humancities.uirs.si.

The official language of the event is English, the activities are free of charge with few exceptions of the events run by Museum of design and architecture (MAO) within Biennial of Design BIO25.

Registrations are opened at http://humancities.uirs.si/en-gb/. Please use one appropriate registration category out of three (1 Human Cities / Partners, 2 Foreseen speakers / Authors with accepted abstracts, 3 Audience).

For any further inquiries please contact humancities@uirs.si.

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3 Minute Service - Graz
Ici bientôt - Saint-Etienne
La Piana - Milan
Maker Mile - London
Badeau by Pool Is Cool - Brussels
Bratovsceva Ploscad - Ljubljana
Hälo - Tallinn
School as a Service - Helsinki
Hypermatière - Saint-Etienne
Grand Creative Park - Kragujevac
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HC partners /
Cité du design, Saint-Etienne (France) / Design Department, Politecnico di Milano, Milan (Italy) / Urban Planning Institute of The Republic of Slovenia / Ljubljana (Slovenia) / Clear Village, London (UK) / The Castle Cieszyn Design Centre (Zamek Cieszyn), Cieszyn (Poland) / Association Design Week Belgrade, Belgrade (Serbia) / Pro Materia, Brussels (Belgium) / Group X from Aalto University, Helsinki (Finland) / Fh Joanneum, Graz (Austria) / Association of the Estonian designers, Tallinn (Estonia) / Bilbao-Bizkaia Design & Creativity Council, Bilbao (Spain) / Culture Lab, Brussels (Belgium)

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The postcard is the result of one of the seven thematic workshops titled Neighbourhood, public space and active role of inhabitants, which were ongoing in autumn 2016 jointly with pupils of the primary school OŠ Danile Kumar.

Welcome to Bratovševa ploščad in Ljubljana in May 2017 - let's co-create humane cities spirit together!