

## EUROPEAN FORUM FOR ARCHITECTURAL POLICIES Budapest International Conference 4-7 May 2011



### EUROPE–DANUBE–WATER Innovation and Sustainability

The European Danube Region Strategy is scheduled to be adopted by the first half of 2011 under the term of the Hungarian presidency of the European Union.

Adjusted to this extremely important step, the central topic of the European Forum for Architectural Policies conference to be held in Budapest on 4-7 May 2011 will be “Europe – Danube – Water.”

The conference (5-6 May) is structured around 3 topics to provide opportunity for exploring and finding answers for other timely questions as well.

Several European and Hungarian officials will address the conference and acknowledged professionals will give an account on their thoughts and experiences in the lectures in connection with various themes.

Round table discussions with the participation of the audience will provide the opportunity to dig deep into and explore the interdependence of different issues.

Hopefully, by the end of the conference the most important messages will be drafted in the form of a Manifesto to be approved as the final document of the Budapest EFAP Conference.

#### **Introductory questions** (key-note lecture)

What water means as condition of life, how do we treat it today and how should we relate to it tomorrow?

#### **Topic 1. Europe, Hungary and Architectural policy**

##### ***Make “Papers” Work!***

What is the role of spatial planning and architecture in the EU 2020 Strategy? What opportunities can the strategy offer and how can they be utilised? What practical benefits will the implementation of the Leipzig Charter bring? What can European countries learn from each other in connection with architectural policies? What can the countries of the Visegrád Four Group (CZ, HU, PL, SK) add to the European agenda on behalf of Central Europe in order to

promote the resolution of special problems and the exploitation of existing potentials of the region? How can Hungarian architectural policy, which will be presented during the conference, be implemented in an effective way to address global and local issues in line with European trends?

## **Topic 2. Danube and Water**

### ***Grab the Chance!***

What does the River Danube mean for Europe and what new opportunities can the European Danube Region Strategy provide for culture, economy, the environment and society? What opportunities can it offer for spatial planning and architecture, for cities and rural areas? How can we exploit these opportunities for common good, for a better built environment and living standard? What examples can be set for new developments? What advanced and sustainable projects have been realized along the river recently, from Germany as far as Rumania? What approach do young designers use when they work on riverside developments?

## **Topic 3. Innovation for Sustainability**

### ***Build for People in a Different Way! – Reopening the discussion of issues raised in Prague and Madrid***

Is innovation only about technology or is it also about attitude and mindset? Beyond urban issues, what about rural areas? What does green infrastructure mean and why is it important? How can we harmonise urban-rural interdependence and why should we help develop self-supporting settlements? What no-energy solutions and construction skills can we learn from our predecessors that can be creatively adapted even today? How can we build bioclimatic and green buildings? How can we reutilize our built heritage? How should we manage water and what sort of land use can provide a better rural and built environment and ensure flourishing agriculture, job creation, transport and recreation?

During the conference the **young generation** will be given ample opportunity to present their works, and national and international **participants** will be welcome **from all areas of the profession taken in its broadest sense.**

### **Side events**

Guided city-walks and Board of Administrators meeting (4 May), EFAP a.i.s.b.l. General Assembly (6 May), visits to development sites (7 May), exhibitions and social events.

### **Optional (pay programmes)**

Taking a bath at night in a Turkish Bath (6 May)  
Boat trip to the Danube Band (7 May, North of Budapest)

The conference is part of the **official programmes of the Hungarian EU presidency.**

### **Organisers of the EFAP Budapest conference**

Deputy State Secretariat for Spatial Planning and Construction of the Ministry of the Interior,  
Chamber of Hungarian Architects (MÉK)  
Association of Hungarian Architecture (MÉSZ)  
Centre for Contemporary Architecture (KÉK)

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