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EUROPE–DANUBE–WATER
Innovation and Sustainability

The European Forum for Architectural Policies aims to foster and promote architectural policies in Europe, bridging public governance, profession, culture and education.

One means to achieve this aim is to provide a forum at its biannual conference for continuous exchange of information and dialogue on architectural policy, to promote the creation and operation of national architectural policies by presenting working national, and in some cases local architectural policies, the way in which they were created and implemented, and the results that they produced.

The main topic of the Budapest conference is water and the River Danube, revealing the architectural and spatial planning relevance of the European Danube Region Strategy. The international conference will provide the opportunity to direct attention, in a European context, to the issues of our global world that require common solutions of urban planning and architecture.

The conference is structured around 3 topics.

Topic 1. Europe, Hungary, Architectural policy
Make “Papers” Work!

The conference will give insight into the cultural relevance of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the concept of implementing the principles and strategies of the Leipzig Charter and the EU Council Conclusions on architecture and sustainable development will be presented.

A comparative analysis will give an account of the architectural policies that are already working in the countries of Europe and information will be provided about the situation of the Hungarian architectural policy as well.

Topic 2. Danube and Water

Grab the Chance!

The conference will provide an overview of the role and importance that the River Danube has in the Central European region, followed by a presentation on the European Danube Region Strategy. By presenting several high-quality architectural projects that have already been realized along the River Danube in different countries we wish to set a good example for the development projects that are likely to follow.

Topic 3. Innovation for Sustainability

Build for People in a Different Way!

This topic is designed to direct attention to the importance of renewing attitude and mindset. The issues to be addressed include the interdependence of cities and their regions, environment-conscious water management and landscape use. Working European examples will be used to show how to shape the environment in a harmonious manner and on a humane scale focusing on real quality of life. Good examples will prove that former construction methods and abandoned buildings can be creatively adapted and reutilised.

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

Side events: guided architectural tours in Budapest (4 May), coach tour to development sites along the River Danube within the metropolitan area (7 May), exhibitions and cultural events.

The young generation will be given a wide range of opportunities to present their talent.

In addition to the representatives of the European Parliament and the European Commission, international and Hungarian lecturers and participants are invited from all areas of the profession of architecture in its broadest sense.

The official language of the conference will be English and Hungarian; simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

The conference is part of the official programmes of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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