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PUBLIC SPACE

INTENTION

*The quality of that,
what's outside and in between the houses,
that is the soul of the city.*

Prof. Hans Loidl, Berlin

The public spaces play an important role as a location factor for the future competitiveness of the european cities. The quality of public spaces is a criterium in the globalized competition with other cities about investors, qualified employees and tourists. Furthermore the quality of public spaces decides about the attractiveness for living and service quarters in the competition between city centers, suburbs and periphers.

These are the results of national and international research activities and international comparisons between european cities.

Poland will in the next years receive a large and unique amount of european financial support for the development of their urban freespaces. This will cause an active period of designing new or renewed urban images, that will coin the outlook of the public space of polish inner cities for decades or longer.



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That offers the opportunity of designing public space with high quality on the one, however the danger of not used possibilities on the other hand, if aims, strategies and measurements are not well chosen and applied.

These is even more important taking into account that the larger cities will be exemplary and trendsetter for the design of public space in smaller cities and rural areas.

In a holistic understanding of the task „public space“ the symposium is directed among others to planners (e.g. architects, landscape architects, traffic experts) administrative bodies, as well as investors of any kind.

In form of lectures, discussions and a local visit the topic of public spaces will be covered from aims and strategies of cities to certain projects by concepts and realisations from Poland and abroad.

The intention is to bring up questions, discuss criteria and offer options. The particular aspiration of the international discourse is not only to show examples and exchange experiences but to analyse precisely, question and critical discuss and get to the bottom of the topic.

The lectures will be hold from excellent and well known consultants and planners, representing best-practice from Poland and abroad. Among them with Jean Pierre Charbonneau from Lyon and Jordi Henrich from Barcelona representatives from two cities that became exemplary for the development of public spaces in europe in the last decades.

The symposium is part of a european specific qualification for architects, whose topic is the design and construction in existing context. Besides Germany, represented by the Institute for further education in construction, Stuttgart there are taking part public and private partners from Poland, Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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