

City of Ljubljana



HABITAT III AND URBAN HABITS: THE CASE OF LJUBLJANA

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- 1. UN HABITAT I, II, III ...
- 2. Urban Development, Short and Brief
- 3. Public and Private Development Circle
- 4. Identity, Genius Loci ... Terroir
- 5. EUrope, Slovenia, Region, Ljubljana
- 6. Spatial Land Use Plan
- 7. Conclusions



HABITAT I, II, III

- 1. Habitat versus habits.
- 2. UN HABITAT versus urban habits.
- 3. Urban place and urban human being.
- 4. Form, function, identity of a place.
- 4.1 Urban planning, urban regeneration
- 4.2. Public and private developers
- 4.3. Identity, genius loci, terroir



HABITAT I, II, III

HABITAT I, Vancouver 1976: rapid urbanisation; public investment, private investment

HABITAT II, Istanbul 1996: "City Summit", sustainable development (1987: Our Common Future, Brundtland Report); (new) states and (old) cities reports

HABITAT III, Quito, 2016: climate change goals; multi stakeholder partnerships; "make cities and human setlements inclusive, safe and sustainable"



2. Urban Development

Three main principles of the urban development of the City of Ljubljana:

- 1. Urban planning and urban regeneration
- Public and private developers: the equilibrium, the dynamic balance
- 3. Identity, genius loci ... terroir



Urban Planning

- 1. Urban Regeneration (*Urban Renewal*) is the condition, Public Private Partnership Šmartinska 2. Architectural and Urban Planning Competitions,
- 3. Urban and Urban Planning: the Academic Discipline, the Interdisciplinary Activity, the Licensed Profession
- 4. Slovenia: Town and Spatial Planning Association of Slovenia DUPPS, Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning of Slovenia (ZAPS),
- 5. EU: European Council of Spatial Planners,
- 6. Politics, Urban Development Policy, Profession



Development Circle

- 1. Developer (public, private, public-private)
- 2. Land owner
- 3. Financier (e.g.: NLB, EIB, EBRD, OTP ...)
- 4. City Administration, (land management, town planning, infrastructure ...); City Council.
- 5. Architect, Enginer ...
- 6. Prospective buyer and prospective lessee
- 7. Special interest groups, e.g. NGO's



Genius Loci

- Important for both, Urban Planning and for Architecture
- 2. Analysing, understanding and action towards environment, territory, urban fabric, social space, economic forces, cultural heritage, history ... and much more
- 3. Very good compromise or added value?
- 4. Genius Loci versus Terroir



European Union

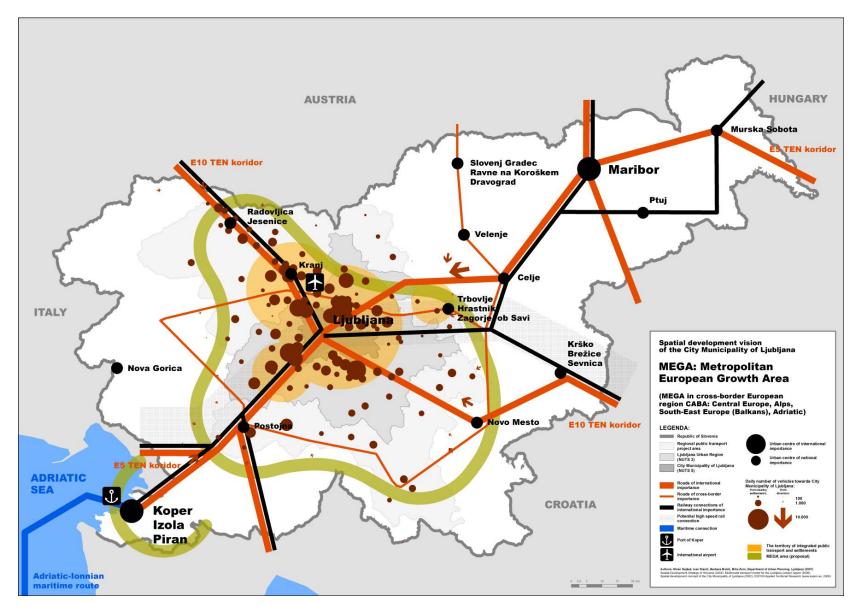
ESPON

European Spatial Planning Observatory Network





EU MEGA, Metropolitan European Growth Area



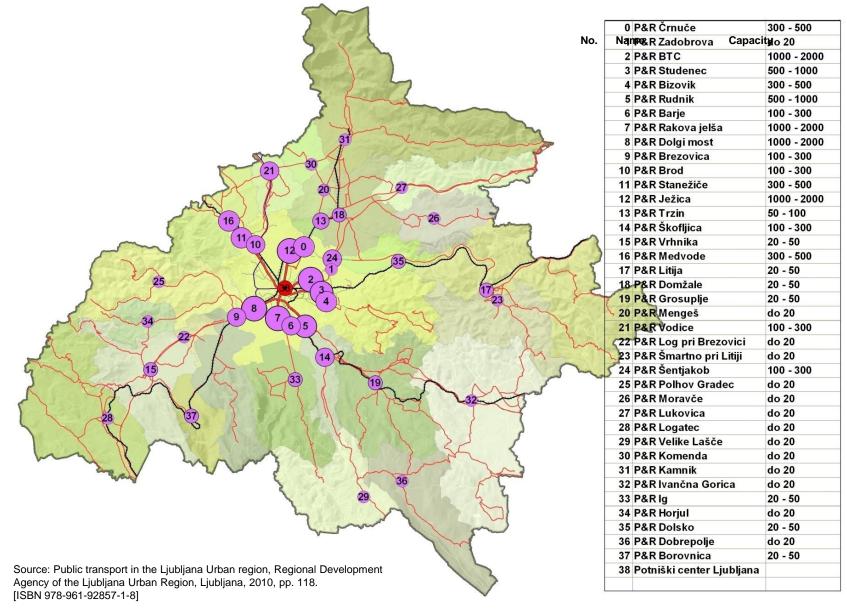


Ljubljana Urban Region, NUTS 3

- 1. The Company: The Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region, Ltd. (RRA LUR).
- 2. The Project: "Public Transport in the Ljubljana Urban Region", started 2008, finished 2010.
- 3. The Content: RRA LUR and municipalities are implementing the project through regional public transport scheme, (project is financed from EU, national and municipal funds 26 municipalities in the region).

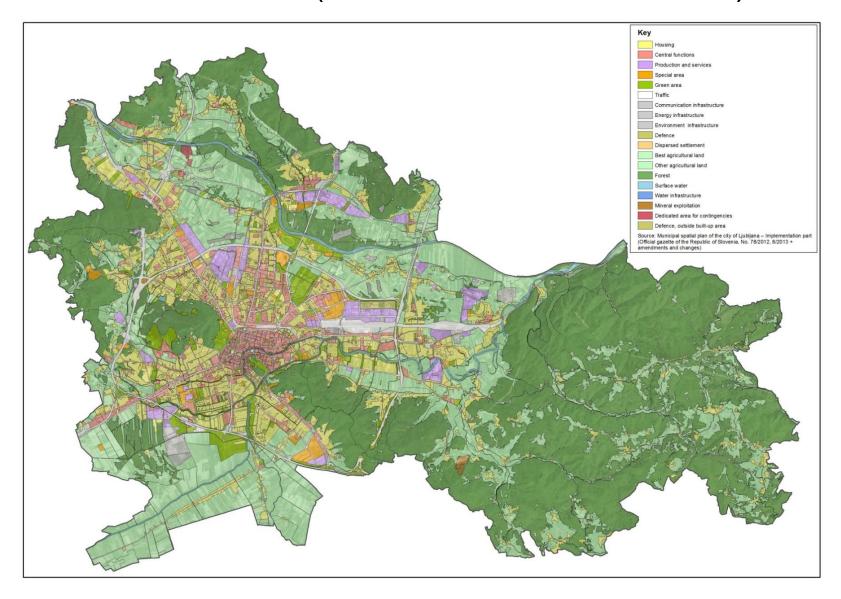


Ljubljana – Regional P&R System





Land Use Plan (7,4 mio Euro, 2007-2010)



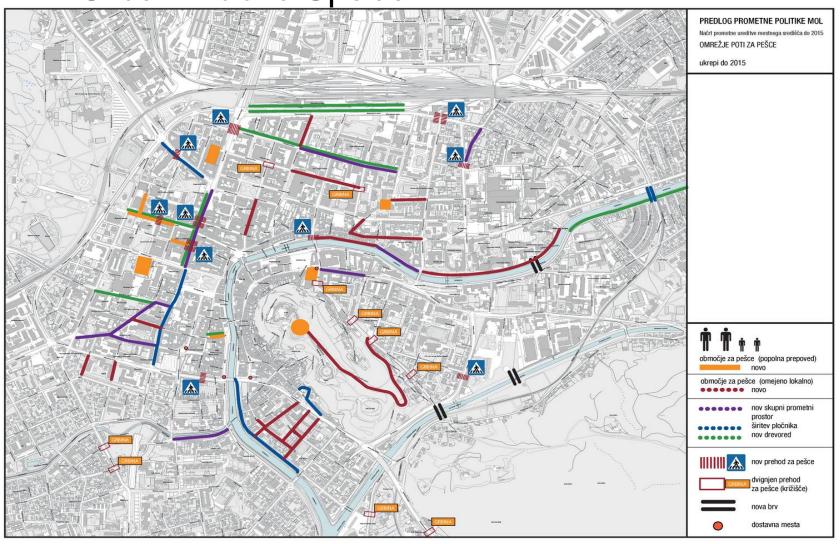


Planned EU Green Capital 2016

- 1. Safeguarded by the Municipal Spatial Plan, green areas represent three quarters (75%) of all the City's territory;
- 2. Ljubljana boasts an UNESCO heritage site, 4 landscape parks, extensive protected forests and nature reserves, as well as Natura 2000 areas, which are in the forefront of the EU nature & biodiversity policy, which extend into the city centre itself through green wedges and along the river corridors.
- 3. From the green capital point of view, Ljubljana is already the "15 minutes city".

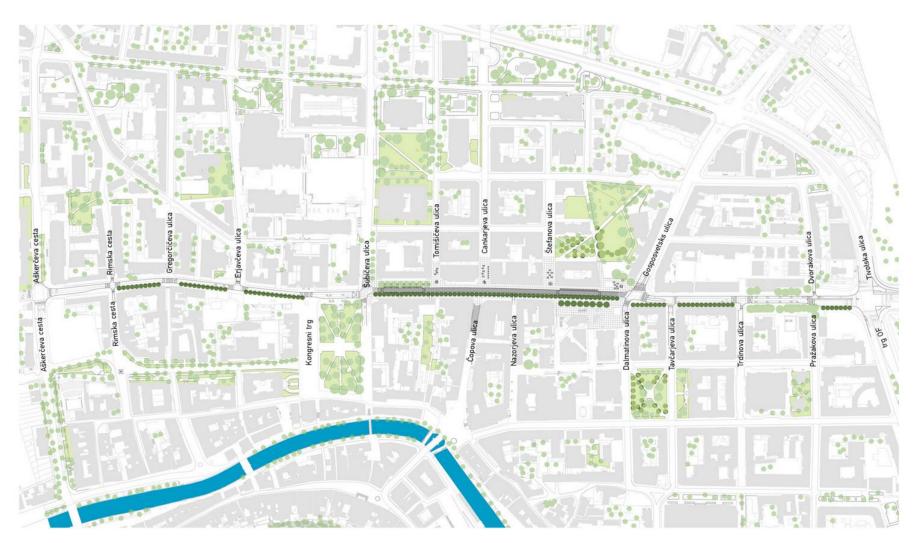


New pedestrian zones: 10 hectars, 620% more than 2007, 2012 European Prize for Urban Public Space





Ljubljana – Slovenska Street Shared Space, (started as temporary project!)



Partnership Šmartinska

- 1. Letter of intent: signed 21st May 2007
- 2. 2007/08: international town planning competition; City Municipality of Ljubljana, ZAPS, ECTP-CEU; winner: Hosoya Schaefer Architects, Zürich
- 3. July 2010: Strategic Spatial Plan and Land Use Plan
- 4. Crystal Palace, BTC investment, opened 2011
- 5. Hotel Radisson Blue, Zlatarna Celje, opened 2011
- Municipal detailed land use plan: Velana Kolinska, 2012
- 7. Žito area: starting the Municipal Detail plan, 2018
- 8. "Urban IKEA" project 2016, finished 2020

Partnership Šmartinska

Partnership Smartinska is the largest urban regeneration project in the country. Centering on the city's former industrial zone and largest warehousing zone, the planned new development centres around the expansive public park and green alley, which form the backbone of all arrangements. Programme nodes are distributed along the green axis – alley, namely culture at the western end, offices in the central part and retail and leisure at the eastern end. Between them are varied areas for housing.

The driving idea is establishment of surbanitys in the area, which implies the enabling of various daily functional and programmatic rythms i.e. the building of a lively street pulse during various parts of the day. The programmatic scheme and functions in different areas are defined, as are the links to building typologies. The landmarks and nodes, which should ensure the highest levels of intertwinning of public and semi-public spaces, programmes and services (such as the central triangular park, green alley, BTC square, Kolinska square, Žito square, BTC promenade etc.) are defined in the spatially-specific comprehensive plan. Permeability, clear accesses and direct definition of public spaces are the leading guidelines.

Besides the emphasised care for greenery and open spaces, the scheme also proposes various solutions for achieving sustainable use of energy, lighting, building orientation etc. that can accelerate environment-friendly development of the entire area.

An IKEA shopping outlet is being negotiated in the area.

The large regeneration area is divided into smaller planning units:

Developer: City of Ljubljana and investors

Programmes (overal estimate): Housing 32 %, Offices 20 %, Retail 13 %, Hotel 3 %, Production (light industry) 13 % Culture, education, health services, etc. 9 %

Total area: 2.278.300 m²
Total area under regeneration: 1.470.000 m²

Partners GFA sum: 1.255.454 m² Non-partners GFA sum: 635.142 m² Total planned GFA:1.890.596 m²

Open space (without central park): 188.030 m²

Central park: 73.200 m²

Master plan: Hosoya Shaefer Architects AG, Zürich, 2009 - International public urban planning competition winner





Seven conclusions

- 1. Strong political leadership, two mandates
- 2. Professional city administration
- 3. Urban regeneration: the condition
- 3. Dynamic balance: public and private interest
- 5. The city has to be the developer
- 6. Managing the process from the vision through plan and sectoral strategies to the projects.
- 7. Environmental Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment, Economic, Impact Assessment)





Thank you!

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