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SHARED CITIES EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR URBAN PUBLIC SPACE

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Public urban spaces form the heart of every European city. Since early history, marketplaces, parks, roads and piazzas have played a decisive social role as gathering places for urban communities.

Shared Cities is an exhibition hosted by the Museum of Finnish Architecture exploring the role of urban space from a European perspective. The focus then gradually narrows down to our local environment: in what direction is public urban life evolving specifically in Finland?

Shared Cities features public spaces from around Europe that have been selected for distinction by the jury of the European Prize for Urban Public Space 2014. The exhibition showcases two prize winners, four honorary mentions and eleven shortlisted projects. The accompanying historical overview presents prizewinners from 2000–2012. Each of the selected projects is distinguished by its respectful treatment of history and the physical environment, its recognition of the political and social significance of urban space, and the sustainable solutions it offers for future generations.

The MFA exhibition is an expanded version of a prizewinner's show that has already toured Europe, with noteworthy local projects added to the lineup. The local part of the exhibition will take an in-depth look at Finland and the achievements of urban activists in Helsinki. Awarded every second year, the European Prize for Urban Public Space was established by the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB) to raise awareness of the meaningful role played by public spaces in urban democracy. The projects were selected by an international jury chaired by Carme Ribas (Spain). Her fellow jury members were Peter Cachola Schmal (Germany), Matevz Celik (Slovenia) Sarah Ichioka (UK), Juulia Kauste (Finland), Francis Rambert (France) and Katharina Ritter (Austria).

The exhibition was produced by the CCCB in collaboration with the Architekturzentrum Wien (Vienna), Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine (Paris), the Museum of Finnish Architecture (Helsinki), the Museum of Architecture and Design (Ljubljana) and the Deutsches Architekturmuseum (Frankfurt). Exhibitions Manager Hannu Hellman assembled the Helsinki highlights on behalf of the Museum of Finnish Architecture. Other members of the MFA's exhibition committee were Maija Kasvio, Juulia Kauste, Kristiina Nivari, Salla Bedard and Ilona Hildén.



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