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JOINT WINNER
Preureditve nabrežij in mostovi na Ljubljanici
Ljubljana [Slovenia] 2011

Renovation of the banks of the River Ljubljanica in the section flowing through the old city centre, a collective effort that concentrates resources in a range of specific interventions.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2004
START OF WORK: 2006
TOTAL COST: 20,100,000 €
SURFACE: 65,000 m²

AUTHORS:
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DEVELOPER:
The City Council of Ljubljana, Turizem Ljubljana, Javno podjetje Energetika, d.o.o., Kranjska investicijska družba, d.o.o.

This work, a joint Prize winner, is the result of collective effort on a large scale, but by means of different specific interventions. It has given relevance to the capacity of the river to structure the city. It has demonstrated how to integrate a river system with urban patterns, giving a sense both of continuity and uniqueness of spaces. This large work is remarkable for its coherence since it covers the entire riverbank space and includes the interventions of several local architects who have sought to continue Josep Plecnik's legendary project of bridges and riverbank buildings.
JOINT WINNER

Arranjament dels cims del Turó de la Rovira
Barcelona [Spain] 2011

Landscaping and improved accessibility to a lookout where the remains of an anti-aircraft gun emplacement combine with those of a shanty village that was later constructed there.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2009
START OF WORK: 2010
TOTAL COST: 968,332 €
SURFACE: 9,611 m²

AUTHORS:
Jansana, de la Villa, de Paauw arquitectes SLP, AAUP Jordi Romero i associats SLP

DEVELOPER:
Agència de Promoció del Carmel i Entorns S.A.

The Turó de Rovira project in the Carmelo neighbourhood has been awarded an Ex aequo Prize because of its delicate and elegant treatment of a space that has a recent history and hitherto marginal position in the city of Barcelona. Apart from the 360° views afforded from a lookout which is now more accessible, the space has also been recovered for collective memory. It evokes the Civil War while also adding value to the remains of a self-constructed housing settlement without conveying any sense of over-emphasis. Hence, marginal space has been discretely included within the consciousness of the city as a whole.
SPECIAL MENTION

Exhibition Road
London [United Kingdom] 2011

A main road in one of London’s cultural districts has been repaved and rid of architectural barriers, while vehicular traffic has been regulated by means of a “shared surface” system that achieves a balance of consensus between traffic and pedestrians.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2011
START OF WORK: 2009
TOTAL COST: 25,000,000 €
SURFACE: 26,000 m²

AUTHORS:
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

DEVELOPER:
Dixon Jones Ltd

This work located in one of London’s main cultural districts has managed to achieve a balance of consensus between traffic and pedestrians, instead of segregating these two very real uses of urban space. This is a premier example of such a deliberately designed calm «shared space», or «shared surface», on a major city road in a large metropolis.
Mémorial de l'abolition de l'esclavage
Nantes [France] 2011

A wharf on the Loire River where slave ships once docked has been renovated with a new riverside walk that replaces a car park, while a memorial space commemorates the slave trade.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2003
START OF WORK: 2010
TOTAL COST: 7,500,000 €
SURFACE: 8,500 m²

AUTHORS:
Krzysztof Wodiczko & Julian Bonder. Wodiczko+Bonder, Architecture, Art & Design

DEVELOPER:
Nantes Metropole, Ville de Nantes

This work recovers a space of old infrastructure linked with a harsh history, that of the French slave trade. It is now public space at two levels. The lower part, the compressed form of which recalls the cramped conditions in the ships' holds has been transformed into a memorial space, while the upper level is a riverside walk where once there was a car park.
SPECIAL MENTION

Annorstädés / Elsewhere / Ailleurs
Malmö [Sweden] 2010

A permanent installation projects moving images on to the platforms of an underground railway station, thus making the waiting period more enjoyable for passengers.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2004
START OF WORK: 2006
TOTAL COST: 950,000 €
SURFACE: 4,500 m²

AUTHORS:
Tania Ruiz

DEVELOPER:
Trafikverket, Statens konstråd, Informationsteknik Malmö

This work was commissioned and constructed concurrently with the Malmö City Tunnel that hosts it and expressly designed for its functions. It has given a new dimension to the railway platform space by barring all advertising and replacing it on both sides for a length of 180 metres with an installation of slow-moving images that give poetic sense to the fact of waiting.
**SPECIAL CATEGORY**

**Acampada en la Puerta del Sol**
Madrid [Spain] 2011

A large-scale demonstration by citizens demanding improvements in the democratic system by means of a temporary occupation of one of Madrid's most representative squares.

- **PROJECT BEGINING:** 2011
- **START OF WORK:** 2011
- **SURFACE:** 10,000 m²

This entry has been assigned a «special category» because it was the subject of the most prolonged and most principled discussion among an evenly divided Jury. Among the issues raised was that of public space as physical container and as an arena for social and civic expression. This intervention also gave rise to debate about basic issues of understanding the parameters of architecture. Since half the Jury was very much in favour of this project being included so as to highlight its relevance in today’s world, the «Special Category» was unanimously agreed upon to reflect this opinion.
**FINALIST**

**Spomen obilježje stradalim vatrogascima**  
Kornati [Croatia] 2010

Dry-stone walls shape twelve large crosses on the rocky landscape of the Island of Kornat in a “Monument to Kornati Fire-fighters” commemorating the tragic deaths of twelve firemen killed in the line of duty.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2010  
START OF WORK: 2010  
TOTAL COST: 240,000 €  
SURFACE: 48,500 m²

AUTHORS:  
Nikola Bašić

DEVELOPER:  
Šibensko-kninska županija

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**FINALIST**

**Coberta fotovoltaica**  
Figueres [Spain] 2011

The installation in the plaça de Catalunya of a large cover equipped with photovoltaic plaques provides shelter for a range of civic activities including the weekly market, gatherings and concerts.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2009  
START OF WORK: 2010  
TOTAL COST: 2,077,400 €  
SURFACE: 1,713 m²

AUTHORS:  
Rafael de Cáceres & Xavier de Cáceres

DEVELOPER:  
Ajuntament de Figueres
**FINALIST**

**Park am Gleisdreieck**  
Berlin [Germany] 2011

Conversion of land once occupied by an old railway crossing into a large urban-scale metropolitan park.

**PROJECT BEGINNING:** 2006  
**START OF WORK:** 2007  
**TOTAL COST:** 15,000,000 €  
**SURFACE:** 400,000 m²

**AUTHORS:**  
Atelier Loidl Landscape Architects

**DEVELOPER:**  
Land Berlin, vertreten durch Grün Berlin GmbH

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**FINALIST**

**Cota Zero**  
Lisboa [Portugal] 2011

Installation of a mosaic with aquatic motifs on the ceiling of a representative central railway station establishes metaphorical contact between the traveller and the Tajo River.

**PROJECT BEGINNING:** 2006  
**START OF WORK:** 2010  
**TOTAL COST:** 1,100,000 €  
**SURFACE:** 1,000 m²

**AUTHORS:**  
Catarina Almada Negreiros, Rita Almada Negreiros, Atelier Daciano da Costa

**DEVELOPER:**  
Metropolitano de Lisboa
FINALIST

**Ordenación del recinto industrial de Can Ribas**
Palma de Mallorca [Spain] 2011

Selective adaptation of the ruins of an old textile factory located in the working-class neighbourhood of La Soledat has enabled an updating of the site’s uses without eradicating its traces of memory.

**PROJECT BEGINING:** 2007  
**START OF WORK:** 2010  
**TOTAL COST:** 1,526,460 €  
**SURFACE:** 5,257 m²  

**AUTHORS:**  
Jaime J. Ferrer Forés  

**DEVELOPER:**  
Patronat Municipal de l'Habitatge, Ajuntament de Palma

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FINALIST

**Tres places**
Oliana [Spain] 2010

A delicate intervention on the pavements of the old town centre changes the layout of existing paving in order to ease slopes, eliminate barriers and enhance the town’s relationship with the River Segre.

**PROJECT BEGINING:** 2007  
**START OF WORK:** 2009  
**TOTAL COST:** 237,818 €  
**SURFACE:** 1,624 m²  

**AUTHORS:**  
Joaquín Pérez Sánchez, Eva Girona Cabrè  

**DEVELOPER:**  
Generalitat de Catalunya - Departament de Territori i Sostenibilitat, Incasol, Ajuntament d'Oliana
**FINALIST**

**Zarasu apzvalgos ratas**
Zarasai [Lithuania] 2011

A new circular walkway with slender columns connects the main square with the lakeside.

**PROJECT BEGINING:** 2008  
**START OF WORK:** 2010  
**TOTAL COST:** 600,000 €  
**SURFACE:** 12,800 m²

**AUTHORS:** Sarunas Kiaune  
**DEVELOPER:** Zarasu rajono savivaldybe

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**FINALIST**

**Mirador sobre el Duero y reordenacion de la Plaza Mayor**
Almazán [Spain] 2011

This urban renovation recovers the historical values of the main square, bringing it into contact with the Castilian landscape by means of a projecting lookout.

**PROJECT BEGINING:** 2008  
**START OF WORK:** 2010  
**TOTAL COST:** 2,453,000 €  
**SURFACE:** 6,900 m²

**AUTHORS:** Churtichaga+Quadra-Salcedo Arquitectos  
**DEVELOPER:** Ministerio de Fomento, Dirección General de Vivienda, Ayuntamiento de Almazán
FINALIST

**Magic blocks**
Bucharest [Romania] 2010

A participative programme of initiatives aimed at fostering reflection and activities with a view to transforming dull fragmentary interstitial spaces between socialist housing blocks in the city centre.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2010  
START OF WORK: 2010  
TOTAL COST: 21,000 €  
SURFACE: 440,000 m²

AUTHORS:  
Point 4, Zeppelin, Archis Interventions, Hackenbroich Architekten, StudioBASAR

DEVELOPER:  
Institutul Cultural Roman - Programul Cantemir, ERSTE Stiftung

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FINALIST

**LIFT11 urban installations festival**
Tallinn [Estonia] 2011

Eleven temporary artistic installations modify public perceptions of the different urban settings in which they appear.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2009  
START OF WORK: 2011  
TOTAL COST: 180,000 €  
SURFACE: 20,000 m²

AUTHORS:  
Path In The Forest by Tetsuo Kondo, Mitsuru Maekita, Kalarand by Toomas Paaver, Teele Pehk and Triin Talk, The Pier by Siiri Vallner and Indrek Peil, To The Sea by Tomomi Hayashi, Chime by Juhan Rohtla, Joel Kopli and Koit Ojaliiv, O by Aet Ader, Andra Aaloe, Kaarel Künnap, Grete Soosalu and Flo Kasearu, QUEER STICKER-COLLECTION by Anna-Stina Treumund and Jaanus Samma, Audio Tour by Kadri Klementi, Girl In The Sewer by Raul Keller, Detectors by Raul Kalvo, Soodevahe District by Timo Toots

DEVELOPER:  
KAOS Architects
**FINALIST**

**Museo Sacro y Plaza de España**  
Adeje [Spain] 2011

The Museum of Sacred Art takes advantage of its uneven site to offer the city a shelter, a large square and a lookout tower.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2006  
START OF WORK: 2008  
TOTAL COST: 3,755,000 €  
SURFACE: 5,575 m²

**AUTHORS:**  
Menis Arquitectos

**DEVELOPER:**  
Ayuntamiento de Adeje

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**FINALIST**

**Stassfurt Aufheben der Mitte**  
Stassfurt [Germany] 2010

The creation of an artificial lake in the place that was once the site of the medieval centre of Stassfurt commemorates its total collapse due to irresponsible exploitation of potash mines in its subsoil.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2004  
START OF WORK: 2006  
TOTAL COST: 2,902,490 €  
SURFACE: 29,000 m²

**AUTHORS:**  
Häfner / Jimenez, Büro für Landschaftsarchitektur

**DEVELOPER:**  
Stadt Stassfurt
**FINALIST**

**Bow Riverside**
London [United Kingdom] 2011

A pedestrian footpath equipped with a system of ramps and stairs re-establishes continuity along the banks of the River Lea where it intersects with a transport junction in the district of Bow.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2003  
START OF WORK: 2010  
TOTAL COST: 2,900,000 €  
SURFACE: 5,000 m²

**AUTHORS:**
Adams & Sutherland

**DEVELOPER:**
British Waterways

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**FINALIST**

**Metropol Parasol**
Sevilla [Spain] 2011

Controversial covering of an archaeological site in the city centre with an iconic porch of monumental dimensions, which also shelters a square and a municipal market.

PROJECT BEGINNING: 2004  
START OF WORK: 2005  
TOTAL COST: 90,000,000 €  
SURFACE: 18,000 m²

**AUTHORS:**
J. Mayer H.

**DEVELOPER:**
Ayuntamiento de Sevilla and SACYR
**FINALIST**

**KM_Runwaypark**

Tirana [Albania] 2011

Creation of a linear park in the longitudinal space left by an old military airport in the urban fabric.

**PROJECT BEGINING:** 2008  
**START OF WORK:** 2010  
**TOTAL COST:** 3,800,000 €  
**SURFACE:** 46,341 m²

**AUTHORS:**  
Atenastudio

**DEVELOPER:**  
Municipality of Tirana

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**FINALIST**

**El Campo de Cebada**

Madrid [Spain] 2012

Residents of the La Latina neighbourhood take over a site earmarked for the construction of a public facility, converting it into a meeting place for a range of events including sporting competitions, open-air cinema and neighbourhood breakfasts.

**PROJECT BEGINING:** 2010  
**START OF WORK:** 2010  
**TOTAL COST:** 41,900 €  
**SURFACE:** 5,500 m²

**AUTHORS:**  
EL CAMPO DE CEBADA

**DEVELOPER:**  
EL CAMPO DE CEBADA, FRAVM [Federación Regional de Asociaciones Vecinales de Madrid], Asociación de Vecinos La Corrala, AVECLA [Asociación de Vecinos de Centro - La Latina], Área de Gobierno de Economía, Empleo y Participación Ciudadana - Ayuntamiento de Madrid-
**FINALIST**

**Bymilen**
København [Denmark] 2010

The private development of a tree-planted park at the foot of two towers housing a banking entity.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2005  
START OF WORK: 2007  
TOTAL COST: 4,850,000 €  
SURFACE: 7,300 m²

**AUTHORS:**
SLA

**DEVELOPER:**
SEB Bank & Pension

**FINALIST**

**Rebskoven**
København [Denmark] 2011

Installation of a “forest of ropes” hanging from the ceiling of a pre-existing porch in the interstitial spaces of an abandoned beer factory now opened up as public space.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2010  
START OF WORK: 2010  
TOTAL COST: 1,000,000 €  
SURFACE: 25,000 m²

**AUTHORS:**
Keinicke & Overgaard Architects / UIWE

**DEVELOPER:**
Carlsberg Ejendomme, Realdania, Københavns Kommune, Lokale & Anlægsfonden
FINALIST

Plaza del Pueblo Gallego
Vigo [Spain] 2010

Creation of a vestibular square in front of the new headquarters of the College of Architects in the old city centre of Vigo.

PROJECT BEGINING: 2006
START OF WORK: 2008
TOTAL COST: 225,000 €
SURFACE: 1,950 m²

AUTHORS:
Irisarri + Piñera

DEVELOPER:
Colegio Arquitectos de Galicia