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URBAN OCTOBER

World Habitat Days

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World Habitat Days

World Habitat Day is held on the first Monday of October each year and launches Urban October. The day centers around the global observance, which is held in a different country each year with keynote speakers and roundtable discussions focused on a specific theme. World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986 in Nairobi, Kenya, with the theme ‘Shelter is my right’.

On 5 October 2026, the Global Observance of World Habitat Day will be related to:

Adequate Housing for All

The global housing crisis whereby an estimated 2.8 billion people face various forms of housing inadequacy, in which close to 1.1 billion reside in slums and informal settlements, calls for urgent and concerted action. World Habitat Day will consider how to realize the ambition of ensuring access to adequate housing for all as a cornerstone for achieving the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda.

Thursday

1/10

#OPENING SPEECH

10:00 - 14:00

WOOD, STONE AND SUSTAINABLE DESIGN LAB – OFFICE 3000

Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Acting Dean at the Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

HOW MODULAR SYSTEM, CAN REDEFINE FLEXIBILITY

Sr. Lect. Petra Kocjančič, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

HOW LOCAL MATERIALS CAN SHAPE GLOBAL WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Igor Gregorčič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
ARS-incolendi studio, Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

13:00 - 16:00

Opening Event of the Month of Design – Urban October with the OFFICE3000 Project

The official launch of the events, featuring the presentation of the OFFICE3000 project (unique and innovative furniture systems crafted from Slovenian oak and granite). The program will include expert lectures on Biophilia in office spaces, the use of solid wood in interiors and Design Thinking Methodology.

Biophilic and Nature-Inspired Interventions for Sustainable Urban (Re)development

PhD. Candidate Lucija Erjavec Primožič, MA. Design
Veduta Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: Lab for Creative Industries, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

Friday

2/10

#WORKSHOP

10:00 – 14:00

OFFICE3000

Sr. Lect. Petra Kocjančič, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Acting Dean of the Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Intensive work by students in international groups under the mentorship of experts from the industry and development institutes. Concept development within interdisciplinary team.

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

Monday

5/10

#Workshop

09:00 – 12:30

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#Opening ceremony

13:00 – 13:30

Opening Ceremony of World Habitat Day:

ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL
Host: Asst. Prof. Blažka Müller, PhD.

Opening speeches:

Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Acting Dean Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Emeritus Prof. Dr. Rado Bohinc, PhD.
President of EMUNI University, Slovenia

MSc. Karin Žvokelj
Director of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office, Republic Of Slovenia
Ministry Of The Economy, Tourism And Sport, Slovenian Intellectual Property Office

Representative of SPIRIT Slovenia
Ljubljana, Slovenia

Monday

5/10

Jan Krmelj
Vice Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Jan Jagodič

President of Designers Society Slovenia (DOS), Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING WITH WOOD

Mag. Liljana Vogrinec
SLOWOODLIFE d.o.o.

Prof. Severin Filek, M.A.
University lecturer & certified expert of court for design copyrights and licence calculation, designaustria, Austria

#Exibition opening

13:00 – 13:30

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF SUSTAINABLE CORPORATE AND PERSONAL GIFTS FROM WOOD REMNANTS

Asst. Prof. Mojca Perše, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Vice Dean for Artistic Activities, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

COOPERATIVE HOUSING FOR YOUTH: MINIMALISM WITH ADDED VALUE AND “TINY HOUSES“

Sr. Lect. Petra Kocjančič, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

Monday

5/10

#Conference

13:30 – 14:30

CELEBRATION OF WORLD HABITAT DAY

CULTURE OF LIVING WITH WOOD

Prof. Jasna Hrovatin, PhD.

Vice Dean for Science and Research, Culture of Living, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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INTRODUCTION: ROOTS

Miguel Martinez Perallón

Chair of the Landscape Architects Group at the Official College of Architects of the Valencian Community (COACV) and as Coordinator of Proyecto Terra, Spain

DESIGN AND COMMUNITY

Prof. Dr. Dragan Ćalović, PhD.

Dean of the Faculty of Contemporary Arts, Belgrade, Serbia

MATERIALS WITH MEMORY, CITIES WITH FUTURE: EARTH, TIMBER AND UPCYCLED WASTE FOR EQUITABLE HOUSING (PRESENTATION)

Marta Pastor Estébanez. Architect, MArch, PhD.

Escuela Superior de Diseño de Madrid, Spain

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

Monday

5/10

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee and Networking

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

#Design talk

15:00 – 15:45

THE ROLE OF WOOD IN RESOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS AND ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE LIVING CULTURE

Moderator:

Asst. Prof. Dr. Arbresha Ibrahimi, PhD.
Faculty of Engineering Department of Architecture, International Balkan University (IBU), Skopje, North Macedonia

Sr. Lect. Petra Kocjančič, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Asst. Prof. Mojca Perše, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Vice Dean for Artistic Activities, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Belen Huertas Alos
Interior Design Professor, Escuela de Arte y Superior de Diseño de Alicante, Alicante, Spain

Marta Pastor Estébanez. Architect, MArch, PhD.
Escuela Superior de Diseño de Madrid, Spain

Prof. Severin Filek, M.A.
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Venue: Design Thinking Lab (Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia)

Monday

5/10

16:00 – 20:00

Materials with memory, cities with future: earth, timber, and upcycled waste for equitable housing. On-site field experiences with local communities.

Marta Pastor Estébanez. Architect, MArch, PhD., Fátima Ferreiro Galguera & Guadalupe Martín Hernández
Escuela Superior de Diseño de Madrid, Spain

Venue: Lab for Creative Industries (Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia)

16:30 – 20:30

Connecting Design and Business

Lynne Elvins
Design Rally, UK

Venue: Design Thinking Lab (Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia)

Tuesday

6/10

#Workshop

9:00 – 15:00

FROM IDEA TO PROTOTYPE: “SUITABLE HOUSING FOR ALL” (FOR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

Mentor:

Jaka Lipar, B.A.,
Institute LILA (Primary School), Ljubljana, Slovenia

Asst. Prof.Tamara Hajdu, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Asst. Prof. Mojca Perše, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Vice Dean for Artistic Activities, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Asistant Brina A. Lukić, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Practical exploration, planning, and creation of small-scale wooden shelters. Students will learn the basic principles of construction, woodworking, and the importance of functionality, stability, and weather protection. The workshop will conclude with an exhibition of conceptual designs and the awarding of certificates.

Venue: HDMI – House of Design Management and Innovations, Lab for Prototyping, Gerbičeva 51, Ljubljana

9:00 – 13:00

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Venue: Lab for Creative Industries (Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia)

Tuesday

6/10

#Workshop

10:00 – 14:00

OFFICE3000 - RESEARCH AND CONCEPTS

Intensive work by students in international groups under the mentorship of experts from the industry and development institutes. Concept development within interdisciplinary team.

Sr. Lect. Petra Kocjančič, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.,
Acting Dean of the Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#Design Talk

10:00 – 11:30

EU AT CROSSROADS: URBAN DESIGN FOR GREEN OASES OF TRANQUILITY AND A CULTURE OF LIVING FOR ALL

Host:

Emeritus Prof. MSc., Peter Gabrijelčič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Faculty of Architecture, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Participants:

Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Acting Dean of Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Asst. Prof. Dr. Arbresha Ibrahimi, PhD.
Faculty of Engineering Department of Architecture, International Balkan University (IBU), North Macedonia

Asst. Prof. Inge Kalan Lipar, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: Coworking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Tuesday

6/10

#Lecture

10:00 – 13:00

DESIGN AND COMMUNITY

Prof. Dr. Dragan Ćalović, PhD.
Dean of the Faculty of Contemporary Arts, Belgrade, Serbia

Venue: Lab for Visual Communication, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#Lecture

14:00– 18:00

ROOTS

Belen Huertas Alos & Esther de las Heras
Escuela de Arte y Superior de Diseño de Alicante, Spain

&

Miguel Martínez Perallón
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Venue: Lab for Creative Industries, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#Workshop

17:00 – 20:00

HOUSING BEYOND SHELTER: THE REGENERATIVE POTENTIAL OF LIVING SPACES

Asst. Prof. Dr. Arbresha Ibrahimi, PhD.
International Balkan University (IBU), Faculty of Engineering Department of Architecture, Skopje, North Macedonia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

Wednesday

7/10

#Workshop

9:00 – 12:30

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Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Acting Dean Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#Design talk

10:15 – 11:00

Venue: Center Rog, 2nd Floor, Trubarjeva 72, Ljubljana, Slovenia

DRESSING FACADES

Moderator:

Asst. Prof. Inge Kalan Lipar, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Participants:

Interior Design students

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR KOCLES – PROJECT EXHIBITION

Wednesday

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PhD. Candidate Veronika Gruden Bole, MSc.
Vice Dean for Quality Assurance and Social Responsibility,
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Prof. Dr. Dušanka Komnenić, PhD.
Faculty of Contemporary Art, Serbia

PRESENTATION OF ROG LABS AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OF SLOVENIAN WOOD PRODUCTS

Maja Towndrow
Center Rog, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#Guided tour

11:00 – 12:30

GUIDED TOUR OF ROG LABS

Maja Towndrow
ROG Center, Ljubljana, Slovenia

#Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:30

Wednesday

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#Lecture

12:30 – 14:00

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IN PRACTICE: BETWEEN STRATEGY AND COMMUNICATION

Guest speakers:
Prof. Maja Zalaznik, PhD. & Meta Pezdir, M.Sc
Host: PhD. Candidate, Veronika Gruden Bole, M.Sc
Vice Dean for Quality Assurance and Social Responsibility

Venue: Center Rog, Trubarjeva cesta 72, Ljubljana

#Workshop

16:30 – 20:30

DESIGNING ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL: Graphic Design for Sustainable and Inclusive Futures

Prof. Dr. Dušanka Komnenić, PhD.
Faculty of Contemporary Art, Serbia

Venue: Lab for Creative Industries, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

#Workshop

17:00 – 20:00

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF DESIGN MANAGEMENT & THE DESIGN MANAGER IN DESIGN-DRIVEN ORGANISATIONS

Steinar Valade-Amland
Three Point Zero, Denmark

Asst. Prof. Mateja Š. Dimic, MSc.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Thursday

8/10

#Workshop

10:00 – 14:00

OFFICE3000 - RESEARCH AND CONCEPTS

Based on the conceptual designs and international teams of the OFFICE3000 project, we will examine how local materials, with an emphasis on wood, shape the global work environment, how modular systems can redefine flexibility, and how young talents can contribute a fresh and radical approach from idea to realization.

Sr. Lect. Petra Kocjančič, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Asistant Brina A. Lukić, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Asst. Prof.Tamara Hajdu, MA.
Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia

Venue:
Prototyping and Laser Cutting Lab,
House of Design Management and Innovation – HDMI, Ljubljana, Slovenia

15:00 – 18:00

THE ROLE OF HOUSING IN RURAL DEPOPULATION

Ernesto Fenollosa
Dean of the HTS of Architecture, Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

Ivan Cabrera i Fausto, Ph.D. Arch
Professor at the Department of Continuum Mechanics and Theory of Structures, Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

Venue:
Lab for Visual Communications, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Thursday

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#Lecture

16:30 – 20:30

DESIGN IN A CHANGING WORLD

Lynne Elvins
Design Rally, UK

Venue: Design Thinking Lab (Faculty of Design, Ljubljana Slovenia)

#Workshop

16:30 – 20:30

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Prof. Dr. Dušanka Komnenić, PhD.
Faculty of Contemporary Art, Serbia

Venue: Lab for Creative Industries, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana

Friday

9/10

#Closing ceremony

10:00 – 13:00

OFFICE3000 - PROJECT CONCLUSION

Opening of Exhibition 5: “OFFICE3000 Conceptual Projects” and the presentation of the project teams.

Closing speech:
Prof. Nada Matičič, univ. dipl. ing. arh.
Acting Dean of the Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Venue: Design Thinking Lab, Faculty of Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

7/10 - 10/10

#Fashion Show

7. 10. – 10. 10. 2026

LJFW - LJUBLJANA FASHION WEEK

Venue: GR LJUBLJANA, Dunajska cesta 18, 1000 Ljubljana

15/10 - 5/11

#Summer school

15. 10. – 5. 11. 2026

Faculty of Design:
Young Design Talents Summer

School Designer in the Real World:
Practice, Strategy, and Identity

Scope:
25 hours (4 sessions of 6 academic hours each, including 1 hour for certificate presentation and networking among participants)

Duration:
October 15 – November 5, 2026

Location:
Faculty of Design, Design Thinking Lab and Co-working LabModule

Lead:
Danijela Grgić

Guest Speakers:
Assist. Prof. Alenka Vidrih, Manca Dežman, Katjuša Kranjc, Alja Fakin

Target Audience:
3rd-year students of the professional higher education study program in Design

Students:
Interior Design, Visual Communications, Fashion and Textiles, Design Management)

20/10 - 1/11

#Student exhibition

20. 10. – 1. 11. 2026

Creative Intertwinings 2025/2026

Students:
Interior Design,
Visual Communications,
Fashion and Textiles,
Design Management

Venue:

Ljubljana Fine Artists Society Gallery, Breg 22, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

21/9 - 31/10

MONDAY - 21/9

#Exhibition

Retrospective exhibition of interior design and spatial architecture projects with granted patents and/or EU models

#Conference

THE STRATEGIC VALUE OF DESIGN RIGHTS:
Turning Protective Design into Competitveness and Growth

Organisers:
European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO),
The Bureau of European Deisgn Associations (BEDA) and Faculty of Design (FD)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY - 22 & 23/10

#Conference

URBAN REGENERATION & SUSTAINABILITY (URS)
Faculty of Design is conference partner.

Venue: Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy

SATURDAY - 31/10

#Celebration

WORLD CITIES DAY - UNITED NATIONS

Established by the UN General Assembly, the day promotes global cooperation to address the challenges of rapid urbanization and advance sustainable urban development.