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Competition: Tactical Urbanism Now! The Reappropriation Of Public Space

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TerraViva Competitions has launched TACTICAL URBANISM NOW!, a new architecture and design competition focused on the transformation of contemporary public spaces. Prizes up to 4.000 € will be awarded to the winners selected by an international jury panel composed by, among others, Paloma H.

(GravalosDiMonte Arquitectos), Elena Barthel (Rural Studio),

Today, the citizen's relationship with the urban context is moving towards the spreading of new practices for the re-appropriation of public spaces all over the world. It is becoming clearer nowadays, that only the city that improves the quality of life of its inhabitants is truly smart, putting the human element at the centre of every urban project.

Whether you live in a metropolis or a small town, you have likely seen it for yourself. Cities around the world are implementing flexible, creative and light interventions to catalyse profound changes within the urban context.

Tactical Urbanism proposes an alternative method to achieve an urban regeneration that works mainly at the small scale of a street, a block or a building. Similar to the way acupuncture inserts needles into one part of the body to boost the well-being of the entire organism, a "tactical" project can lead to positive changes in a whole neighbourhood.

The challenge of this competition is to encourage participants to imagine a city where public space goes beyond the traditional conception of a park, a square or a street. The idea is to experiment with new urban scenarios, which are able to promote social exchange, community activities and citizens interaction through the implementation of multifunctional designs. Use your imagination and propose a concept that takes urban space into another level, transforming it to become more playful, lively and welcoming!

Prizes

1st Prize: 2.000€
2nd Prize: 1.000€
3rd Prize: 500€
2 Golden Mentions: 250€ each
10 Honourable Mentions
30 Shortlisted Finalists

Jury

Paloma H. Ermakova (Stefano Boeri Architetti)
Héctor Esrawe (Esrawe Studio)
Patrizia Di Monte (GravalosDiMonte Arquitectos)
Elena Barthel (Rural Studio)
Richard Ingersoll (PoliMi)
Emanuele Barili (ECÒL)
Elisa C. Cattaneo (b.i.u.e.)
Massimo Triches (Babau Bureau)

Requirements / Eligibility

The competition is open to students, architects, designers, urbanists, engineers, artists, makers, activists and anyone interested in the transformation of the contemporary urban space. Participants can join the competition either individually or with a team.

In this competition there is no specific site where you should develop your proposal: each competitor or group may choose its own urban context where to locate the project. Any city, any town, any neighbourhood can be the perfect environment where to place your intervention. The choice however must be justified by the project itself and its connexions with the urban context. It must have a clear relationship with the new use and program, and a strong link to the local community or potential users.

In the search for innovative concepts and original projects, "Tactical Urbanism Now!" encourages participants to propose their own programs and to experiment with a range of possibilities that can be adapted to the widest contexts: squares, sidewalks, parks, urban voids or any kind of urban space. There are no minimum or maximum dimensions for the intervention: what really counts is the impact that it can generate in the environment in which it is inserted, giving positive answers to contemporary urban issues.

Requested Material

Competitors have to submit two A2 panels (42 x 59,4 cm) landscape oriented + a brief text describing the proposal (up to 250 words). Panels must contain all the necessary graphic information to explain the project in the best way possible (title, diagrams, sketches, 3D visualizations, plans and sections, collages, model photos, etc.). All kinds of graphic representations will be accepted.

Calendar

Early Registrations from: 15/06/2020 to 15/09/2020 (h 11:59 pm - CET)

Standard Registrations: from 16/09/2020 to 15/11/2020 (h 11:59 pm - CET)

Late Registrations: from 16/11/2020 to 29/11/2020 (h 11:59 pm - CET)

Submission Deadline: 29/11/2020 (h 11:59 pm - CET)

Winners Announcement: 21/12/2020 (h 11:59 am - CET)

Registration fees

"Early" registration – 59 €*
*All prices are excluding vat (22%)

"Standard" registration – 89 €*
*All prices are excluding vat (22%)

"Late" registration – 119 €*
*All prices are excluding vat (22%)

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Last date of Submission: 29 November, 2020

Last date of Registration: 29 November, 2020

Language: English

Country: Worldwide

Prize: Upto €4.000

Type: Free

Category: Call for Students, Architects & Designers

All the questions related to the competition can be mailed to us at: faq@terravivacompetitions.com indicating the following subject: "FAQ – Tactical Urbanism Now".

regularly updated until October 31st.

Read more about the competition on this [website](#).

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