

## Puerto Madero silos, Buenos Aires

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Contest site: Puerto Madero silos, Buenos Aires

An open international ideas contest – featuring a €6,000 prize fund – is seeking ‘creative and unprecedented’ to rethink a disused silos complex in the Puerto Madero district of Buenos Aires [Deadline: 29 July 2022]

The Silos Buenos Aires competition – organised by TerraViva Competitions – invites architects, designers and students to re-imagine the abandoned industrial landmark which occupies a prominent position within the former docklands regeneration zone.

The call for concepts aims to identify a range of solutions for how the silos’ interior could be repurposed while the exterior of the structure could be used to create an iconic new symbol for the Argentine capital.

According to the brief: ‘The monumental structure of the Silos, located in Buenos Aires on the Eastern side of Puerto Madero, is one of the few port constructions that persist in the neighbourhood and the only one that has not yet been recovered.’

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‘Its condition of “Industrial Ruin” gives it a sort of special charm, completely different from that of the newest constructions around it. The state of deep degradation, which strongly clashes with a context of glass buildings, seems like a kind of desperate call for attention not to forget its existence.’

‘The main dilemma lies in defining what kind of intervention would be able to give a new life to a structure that could no longer resume its original function. What program would suitably adapt to such a particular building? Undoubtedly, the conservation of this colossal artifact requires a singular sensitivity, capable of valuing its most important characteristics with an innovative approach.’

The latest competition comes shortly after TerraViva held an [earlier contest to transform a disused Italian hydroplane base into a new community centre](#). Paulina Pawlikowska and Paulina Górecka from Poland won the €3,000 top prize with a [glazed concept featuring a series of internal terraces](#).

The Silos Buenos Aires competition invites students, architects, designers, urbanists, engineers, artists, makers and activists to 'think out of the box and to experiment with provocative ideas, without any fear of revolutionizing the current state of the abandoned complex.'

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Submissions must include two digital A2 panels and up to 250 words of written description.

Judges will include He Jianxiang from Guangzhou-based O-Office, Maria Cecilia Stoppani of Tectoo in Milan, Juan Lucas Young of Berlin's Sauerbruch Hutton and Luciana Lembo from Buenos Aires-based Adamo Faiden.

The overall winner will receive a €2,500 top prize while a second prize of €1,500 and third prize of €1,000 will also be awarded along with four 'golden mentions' each worth €250.

The deadline for applications is 29 July.

## How to apply

Visit the [competition website for more information](#)

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