



RIGA CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On May 10, 2010, the Council of Ministers for Education, Youth and Culture of the European Union approved Riga as the European capital of culture 2014. That imposes certain responsibility on the administration of Riga city and it is also a unique opportunity for the city to show its achievements in the field of culture.

One of the central cultural objects of Riga is the Latvian National Museum of Art and its task is to educate society, arouse public interest in the evidence of visual art, decorative art and design of Latvia and the world in their historical and artistic manifestations by emphasizing the role of the national school of art in cultural history and contemporary processes. The national architectural monument – a building of the Latvian National Museum of Art in Riga, which is located in the center of Riga and is one of the most representative buildings in the Boulevard Circle. Its renovation and extension are necessary in order to establish a modern materially technical base for exhibition and preservation of works of art, as well as their handling. The development vision should reflect restoration of the existing Museum building as a significant architectural monument and dealing with the problem of expansion of the premises at the same time by making an extension or underground structure. The location of the building in the green area of the city is complicated; therefore renovation and extension of the building require a professional approach upon cooperation with the specialists of different fields. As a result, architects should find a solution for functioning of the museum in the future by preserving and restoring it as a significant architectural monument and meanwhile finding a solution for expansion of the premises so that the extension organically integrated into the cultural history environment, and provide new value added to the particular place.

Riga City Council invites architects, town planners, landscape architects, designers and restorers to take part in the international Sketch Competition on “Renovation and Extension Project Development of the Latvian National Museum of Art Building in Riga, Kr.Valdemāra Street 10a”. Further information on the Competition, as well as topicalities of the Competition is available in the home page of the Competition: <http://lnmm.riga.lv>.

Administration of Riga city is looking forward to new ideas of architects from all over the world, invites you to accept the challenge and participate in the Competition. Furthermore, we encourage you to pass this invitation on to anyone who may be interested in participating. Riga city expects an innovative approach regarding the project solutions by observing energy economics of the building, as well. On behalf of Riga City Council and entire Riga city we express our gratitude to you for attention and look forward to new excellent ideas, as well as architectonic and spatial solutions.

Yours faithfully,

Mayor of Riga City

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