



Międzynarodowe Biennale Architektury Kraków 2017
International Biennale of Architecture Kraków 2017

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ICE Kraków Congress Centre

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City of Krakow and the Association of Polish Architects Krakow Branch cordially invite to take part in **the International Biennale of Architecture in Krakow**, whose next edition (MBA KRK 2017) shall take part on the **12th-13th October** at the ICE Congress Centre.

Biennale is an event taking place since the year 1985. The title of this year's edition of the Biennale is "**Backyard – field of imagination**". The subject-matter covers semi-private spaces in the city. It is the landscape of backyards and interiors of central urban blocks, of completely utilitarian character, which is divided by various fences, metal meshes, and walls, filled mainly with rubbish bins or cars, rarely with well-maintained verdure. This is also the landscape between blocks of flats of Post-communist housing estates, actually serving no one and no real purpose, marked by poorly maintained lawns and randomly shaped greenery.

Biennale participants are expected to deliver various forms of presentations, regarding the main topic of the debate, taking into consideration the following issues:

- 1) urban design in micro-scale,
- 2) city and its life at the verge of private and social zones,
- 3) search for the shape of small spaces,
- 4) search for unity in diversity of spaces.

Three basic levels of confrontation will serve this purpose:

Competition A – architectural and urban competition. Competition A has open, idea (conceptual) character. The aim of the competition is to select the best project referring to the idea, subject and title of MBA KRK 2017 – "Backyard –

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field of imagination", presented for one location, chosen by the participant from three locations proposed by the Organisers. Deadline for sending forms and entries in the Competition A: **4 September 2017**. The Competition A Commissioner is architect Marcin Włodarczyk.

Prizes in the A competition:

- 1st prize – PLN 50 000
- 2nd prize – PLN 30 000
- 3rd prize – PLN 20 000

Competition B – seminar competition. The subject of the Seminar competition will include papers/presentations/manifestos that contribute to the theory serving the practice of shaping a human-friendly environment. In this year's Biennale, works that contribute to the theory and practice of shaping the urban environment at the level of smallest space elements will be evaluated – i.e. at the verge of private and public space. Presentations may involve historic, theoretical and model aspects of shaping such semi-private spaces, as well as their visions, designs and realisations. Deadline for sending forms and entries in the Competition B: **16 August 2017**. The Competition B Commissioner is architect Marta A. Urbańska.

Prizes in the B competition:

- 1st prize – PLN 10 000
- 2nd prize – PLN 6 000
- 3rd prize – PLN 4 000

Competition C – multimedia competition. The aim of the Competition is to select the best competition entry related to the subject of the MBA and operating a tool such as a video camera or a camera. Deadline for sending forms and entries in the Competition S: **4 September 2017**. The Competition C Commissioner is architect Paweł Wiczorek.

Prizes in the C competition:

- prize in the Photography category – PLN 7 000
- prize in the Photocast category – PLN 7 000
- prize in the Film category – PLN 7 000

The entries in all the competitions will be judged by international jury, as follows:

- Grzegorz Stiasny, MBA KRK 2017 Curator, Chairman of the Jury, Poland
- Dorota Szlachcic, Reporting Judge of the competition A, Poland
- Marlena Happach, Reporting Judge of the competition B, Poland
- Przemysław Łukasik, Reporting Judge of the competition C, Poland
- Ewa P. Porębska, Jury member, Poland
- Rainer Mahlamäki, Jury member, Finland
- Viviana Muscettola, Jury member, Italy
- Andor Wesselényi-Garay, Jury member, Hungary

The expected result of the Biennale is the activation of the community to create spaces of better quality, from semi-private to public, not only through practical values, but also in terms of aesthetic and emotional experiences, often crucial to accept urban space as human friendly.

Organisational structure of the MBA KRK 2017 is as follows:

- Curator of MBA KRK 2017: Grzegorz Stiasny, architect

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- Commissioner of the MBA KRK 2017: Marek Kaszyński, architect
- Commissioner of the Competition A: Marcin Włodarczyk, architect
- Commissioner of the Competition B: Marta A. Urbańska, architect
- Commissioner of the Competition C: Paweł Wieczorek, architect
- Executive Committee: Bohdan Lisowski, Krystyna Łyczakowska, Marcin Ewý, Mateusz Smoter, Marcin Buczek-Palczyński, Katarzyna Głuch, Szymon Nowak, Benita Strzałka

Registration of MBA KRK 2017 participants via the Evenea service is possible at: <http://mba2017.evenea.pl/>

More information on the MBA KRK 2017 to be found at: <http://mba2017.sarp.krakow.pl/> and FB: <http://www.facebook.com/events/133254387236274>. More information on the competitions within the frame of the MBA KRK 2017 available at: <http://mba2017.sarp.krakow.pl/konkursy> and FB: <http://www.facebook.com/events/135503900332731>

Questions regarding general organisational issues should be addressed to the SARP Office Kraków Branch: Stowarzyszenie Architektów Polskich Oddział Kraków, Plac Szczepański 6, 31-011 Kraków, tel.: +48 12 422 75 40, mba-office@sarp.krakow.pl

Questions regarding organisational issues of competitions A, B, C, should be addressed at the respective Commissioners: A: mba-competition@sarp.krakow.pl, B: mba-seminar@sarp.krakow.pl, C: mba-multi@sarp.krakow.pl

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