



## 14TH AESOP HEAD OF SCHOOLS MEETING IN 2019

### “ Interdisciplinarity in Planning Education ”

The 14<sup>th</sup> AESOP Head of Schools meeting in 2019 will be hosted by University of Ljubljana (UL), jointly by the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering and Biotechnical Faculty. The date coincides with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UL, and the topic of ‘*Planning and the Disciplinarity Question*’ was chosen to celebrate the contribution of planning disciplines to the challenges of transition of the academia towards ‘Xdisciplinarity’.

The notions of single-, multi-, trans- and interdisciplinarity (jointly referred to as Xdisciplinarity) have been introduced over the past decades and has been addressed by AESOP at numerous occasions and various outlets. However, due to the changing nature of issues planning is facing, the topic continues to be relevant at various levels, including the input of applied knowledge into planning education. In practice, Xdisciplinarity requires both a good understanding of the planning discipline and of other disciplines it interacts with; and skills and competencies for collaborating with different professionals. These requirements are translated to planning programs. The question is what kind of Xdisciplinary knowledge makes students sufficiently equipped to tackle contemporary and upcoming urban challenges and what are the implications for the planning curricula. In addition, it is important to consider the roles of the planning practice, the market needs, and the academia in shaping these curricula.

Therefore, this 14th meeting of the heads of AESOP institutional members is taking on the perennial theme of Xdisciplinarity with an intention to grasp the shifting meaning and scope of it for planning education. The program will include five sessions, two plenaries and three break-out sessions.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all in Ljubljana in the end of March.

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## 2. DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Day 1, March 27<sup>th</sup>: ExCo meeting

Location: Biotechnical Faculty

9.00: Welcome by the dean Prof. Emil Erjavec

12.30-13.00: "Meet and greet" with the staff of Department of Landscape Architecture

9.00-18.00: ExCo meeting

**19.30: Dinner at one of the Ljubljana restaurants**

### Day 2, March 28<sup>th</sup>: CoReP meeting

Location: Faculty of Civic and Geodetic Engineering

9.00-17.00 CoRep meeting, coffee breaks and lunch included

**19.00: Cocktail Reception at the Ljubljana City Hall**

### Day 3, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Thematic event

Location: Faculty of Civic and Geodetic Engineering

8.30-9.00: Registration

9.00-9.15: Welcome speeches

9.15-11.00: Plenaries

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.00: Break- out sessions

a) New (additional) disciplinary knowledge to be included planning education

b) Capacities, skills and competences for future Xdisciplinary planners

c) Innovative approaches in planning education to prepare students for contemporary and future urban complexities

13.00-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.30: Plenary and conclusions

**15.45-18.00: City tours walks** (start at the Faculty of Civic and Geodetic Engineering, Jamova 2, Ljubljana)

19.30: Gala dinner in Hotel Cubo

### Day 4, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Departure home.



### 3. REGISTRATION

Registration is possible via the following link: <https://www.1ka.si/a/197462>

#### **Registration fee for the event is 85 EUR.**

The amount covers activities and meals according to the programme (without the ExCo dinner), participation at one walking tour and participation at the Thematic event. Accommodation and travel costs to Ljubljana and between the venues are not included.

Registration can be paid in the following ways:

- (1) On the basis of **'pro forma invoice'** which you will receive in three to five days after registering to the event. This option is available for registration until March, 11<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) **At the location of the event but in cash only.** The exact amount of 85EUR can be paid on Thursday and Friday at the time of the registration (somebody will be available throughout the daily programme). You will receive the receipt on the location.

### Registration is open until March, 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you contact us after this date we will not be able to guarantee you participation at all meetings' activities due to organisational matters. Any open questions, please, address to the event's email: [hos2019@fgg.uni-lj.si](mailto:hos2019@fgg.uni-lj.si).

### 4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOSTING INSTITUTION

#### 4.1 Research and education profile

##### *University of Ljubljana*

University of Ljubljana, the largest Slovenian university, which was established in 1919 and is a public autonomous educational, research and artistic HE institution. It encompasses 23 faculties and 3 art academies. UL ranks among the top 400 universities according to the ARWU Shanghai ranking and among the top 3% Universities in the world according the Times ranking. **By number of students**, UL ranks among the largest HEI with 35.813 students enrolled in the first cycle study programmes, 10.998 to the second cycle study programmes and 2.318 to the third cycle in the year 2012/2013. UL is very active in national and international R&D and educational programmes. **It has 3700 R&D personnel and creates almost half of the research results of Slovenia.** In the period 2007-2013 University of Ljubljana cooperated in **745 European projects**, including **163 FP7 projects**, which rank UL on the first place among the research organisations in the EU-13 countries (source MIRRIS). In 2016 UL was involved in 428 European projects, runs research in 174 research programmes, and 217 nationally funded research projects. From 2008 UL is committed to respect the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for Recruitment of Researchers which led to the award of the logo '*HR Excellence in Research*' in 2013.

### *Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Landscape Architecture*

Biotechnical Faculty offers higher professional education, undergraduate and postgraduate university study programs, as well as research and professional and advisory services in the areas of living nature, agriculture, forestry and fishery and in closely related production technologies. On average, 2,300 students undergraduates and 450 graduates are enrolled per year. Landscape architecture education (BSc, MSc, PhD) which is an EFLA (European Foundation For Landscape Architecture)



accredited programme, includes the courses in landscape design, environmental/spatial planning, and protection of the environment. The dedicated research staff of the department concerns itself with a broad list of topics including spatial planning, policy analysis, regional planning, territorial cohesion and impact assessment, health and green areas, landscape identity and climate change. The most of the research work is performed in the research group called "Landscape as living environment" which is partially financed by the Slovenian Research Agency. Apart from the national project the group has been active in the programmes of transnational co-operation (*Alpine Space, Central Europe, ESPON, COST*). Department is a member in the following associations and networks: AESOP, European Evaluation Society, ECLAS (European Council of Landscape Architecture schools), IAIA (International Association of Impact Assessment), spa-ce.net (Network of Spatial Research and Planning in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe). One of the key elements of the research work is co-operation with the stakeholders, including the public, ministries, regions, municipalities, professional associations and professionals from Slovenia and abroad.

### *Faculty of Civic and Geodetic Engineering, Chair of Spatial Planning*

At present, the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering (UL FGG) consists of three departments: Department of Civil Engineering, the Department of Geodesy and also the Department of Environmental Civil Engineering. Worth mentioning are also our study programmes Buildings and Spatial Planning. The Faculty has over 1000 students studying in 5 undergraduate, 5 graduate and 1 doctoral programmes. The Faculty employs close to 200 full-time employees, over 90 of them are academic staff. The number of employees at the UL FGG with PhD is already above 70. At the same time, the number of high quality publications of its researchers in scientific journals is growing as well. The Faculty implements its basic teaching, research and professional activities within three departments, two laboratories for experimental research, education and scientific work, and three research institutes for the areas of structures, earthquake engineering, computer science, water management and geo- and hydro threats. We work in two buildings, and are very proud of them, because they are both part of the Slovenian cultural heritage. The main building of the UL FGG is located at Jamova 2 and was designed by architect Ravnikar, one of the most prominent architects of the Slovenian modern stream.



## 5. TRAVEL INFORMATION

### 5.1 Accessibility by airplane

**\*Note: participants are kindly asked to book the flight well in advance, otherwise the price will very likely rise above 500 EUR.\***

All flights to and from Ljubljana are operated through the Jože Pučnik Ljubljana Airport, which is located at 25 km from the city centre. The current non-stop connections comprise around 270 weekly scheduled flights to 31, mostly European destinations, which are operated by 7 regular and 3 low-cost airlines: Adria Airways, Air Serbia, Air France, easyJet, Finnair, LOT Polish Airlines, Montenegro Airlines, Transavia, Turkish Airlines and Wizz Air.

[www.fraport-slovenija.si/en/Main](http://www.fraport-slovenija.si/en/Main)

Adria Airways, Slovenia's national carrier and a Star Alliance member, has 57 years experience in charter and scheduled flights. It operates 209 direct scheduled flights per week from Ljubljana to 25 destinations, mainly in Europe (2018 schedule). Adria operates about 60% of passengers on inbound and outbound flights to / from Ljubljana.

[www.adria.si](http://www.adria.si)

In 2018 and, as announced for next year, Adria and other airlines will be adding frequencies to flights from several existing destinations, while the Ljubljana Airport is negotiating potential new routes by other airlines to Ljubljana in 2019/2020. Adria Airways alone has started operating to 6 new destinations in 2018.

*Table 1: Flight connections with the highest frequencies from Ljubljana airport*

	Weekdays	Weekends	Flight time
<b>Amsterdam</b>	1 to 2/day	1 to 2/day	1:55 h
<b>Belgrade</b>	2 / day	1 / day	1:00 h
<b>Brussels</b>	2 to 3 / day	2 / day	1:50 h
<b>Frankfurt</b>	3 / day	3 / day	1:25 h
<b>Istanbul</b>	2 / day	2 / day	3:00 h
<b>London</b>	2 to 3 / day	2 to 3 / day	2:20 h
<b>Moscow</b>	1 / day	1 / day	2:55 h
<b>Munich</b>	2 / day	2 / day	1:00 h
<b>Paris</b>	2 to 3 / day	2 to 3 / day	2:00 h
<b>Skopje</b>	2 / day	2 / day	1:25 h
<b>Tirana</b>	2 / day	2 / day	1:25 h
<b>Vienna</b>	2 / day	2 / day	0:50 h
<b>Warsaw</b>	1 to 2 / day	1 / day	1:25 h
<b>Zurich</b>	3 / day	2-3 / day	1:20 h

Note: MARCH 2018 – OCTOBER 2018 timetable, Ljubljana Airport



Network of scheduled flights from / to Ljubljana, March - October 2018.  
 270 direct scheduled flights to 31 destinations in 22 countries.  
 The neighbouring airports providing additional flights alternatives are marked in red.

### Accessibility of Ljubljana by airplane

Other current destinations with non-stop connections: Berlin, Brač, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Düsseldorf, Geneva, Hamburg, Helsinki, Kiev, Manchester, Podgorica, Prague, Priština, Sarajevo, Tel Aviv and Warsaw. The average frequency is 3 to 5 flights / week.

### Distances from the neighbouring airports to Ljubljana by road:

**Graz Airport**, Austria: 187 km **Klagenfurt Airport**, Austria: 85 km **Zagreb Airport**, Croatia: 140 km  
**Trieste Airport**, Italy: 130 km **Venice Airport**, Italy: 230 km

Any location in Ljubljana is easy accessible from Ljubljana Airport and all international neighbouring airports with **public transport and shuttles (Markun, Nomago, GoOpti)**.

GoOpti is award-winning Demand Responsive Transport service that operates direct and comfortable service 24/7 between Ljubljana and all neighbouring international airports, as well as the Ljubljana Airport. With its fleet of buses and shuttles, the company can provide swift logistic support to meeting planners and delegates alike. [www.goopti.com](http://www.goopti.com)

## 5.2 Access by road, rail & bus

### By road

Slovenia’s road network has been modernised over the past decade so as to provide an efficient road system, improve road safety, and ensure wider European integration. The construction of the motorway hub is nearly completed and the access from the border crossings with Italy, Austria and Hungary



towards Ljubljana is swift. Motorways are complemented by a good network of main roads and regional roads. Motorway vignettes are mandatory. [www.dars.si](http://www.dars.si)

#### By rail

Modern comfortable trains serve the capital as well as almost every important tourist destination in Slovenia. Railway travel is convenient and inexpensive. There are regular train connections to several countries around Europe. For more information about international and local train timetables and the museum train please visit the Slovenian Railways web site. [www.slo-zeleznice.si](http://www.slo-zeleznice.si)

#### By bus

It is also convenient to travel by bus to reach other localities around the country. The Ljubljana Bus Station has regular services to all Slovenia's neighbouring countries (check flixbus) and the most popular tourist destinations within the country (Bled and Bohinj, Postojna Cave, the coastal towns of Portorož and Piran). The city public transportation network is complemented by more than 30 suburban buses, which link Ljubljana to its close surroundings. [www.ap-ljubljana.si](http://www.ap-ljubljana.si)

Distances:	
Amsterdam	1,230 km
Belgrade	540 km
Berlin	995 km
Brussels	1,180 km
Budapest	570 km
Frankfurt	800 km
London	1,490 km
Madrid	2,040 km
Milan	500 km
Moscow	2,290 km
Munich	400 km
Paris	1,250 km
Prague	650 km
Rome	750 km
Stockholm	2,080 km
Venice	245 km
Vienna	375 km
Zagreb	135 km
Zürich	710 km

### 5.3 Accommodation

The rooms have been pre-booked **for the period March 27<sup>th</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>** in three centrally located hotels: Hotel Lev and Hotel Slon are 4 star hotels and the City Hotel is 3 star hotel. See information below and in the separately attached documents for Hotel Slon and Hotel Lev. All the hotels are in a walking distance of 20 minutes to the CoRep and Thematic event venue (see orientation map on p.8). Otherwise, the participants are invited to choose individually from other accommodation options, including pensions, B&B, short-let apartments (and Airbnb), youth and student hostels, and private rooms.

All reservations include breakfast and VAT. The tourist tax which is now in Ljubljana around 3 EUR per day is paid separately. All hotels organize airport shuttle which is described in the offers.

Hotel	Guaranteed prices per night and number of rooms booked	Link for reservation	Cut out date
<a href="#">Hotel Lev</a>	80EUR for a single room 90EUR for a double use room (20 rooms together)	<a href="https://reservations.travelclick.com/86073?groupID=2365262">https://reservations.travelclick.com/86073?groupID=2365262</a>	February, 13 <sup>th</sup> 2019
<a href="#">Best Western premier Hotel Slon</a>	80EUR for an economy single room (10 rooms) 90EUR for a comfort single room 105EUR for a comfort double room (10 comfort rooms)	Via the attached .pdf form	March 4 <sup>th</sup> 2019
<a href="#">City Hotel</a>	70EUR for a single room (15 rooms) 80EUR for a comfort room single use (5 rooms)	<a href="https://www.cityhotel.si/events/eid/181/">https://www.cityhotel.si/events/eid/181/</a>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019

## 5.4 Public transport information

The public city bus network makes it easy to travel within the city. The city lines connecting all districts, which run according to regular schedules throughout the day, are complemented by suburban buses, which link Ljubljana to its close surroundings. A smart card, Urbana, has to be purchased before use of public transport. It is also convenient to travel by bus to reach other localities around the country. Ljubljana also has a well organised taxi service, which is not exceedingly expensive. There are fixed spots in the city where taxis are stationed, or they can be ordered by telephone or via mobile app. In 2011 a highly popular self service bike system - BicikelJ, has been introduced in Ljubljana.

## 6. ORIENTATION MAP



Accessibility of the venues with the public transport

## 7. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

### 6.1 Cocktail reception at the Ljubljana City hall

The representatives of the City municipality of Ljubljana and its Department of Planning will greet us at the City Hall Ljubljana, the so-called 'Magistrat' (Stritarjeva ulica 2). The city's recent urban development will be explained and there will be a possibility for exchange of experience and networking.

### 6.2 City walk tours

#### A) Walking Tour of Plečnik's Ljubljana

Your guide will take you on a walk around the historical city centre, where you will learn the history and stories of Ljubljana's major sights. From the Prešernov trg square, dominated by the Franciscan Church and connected to the Triple Bridge, you will head towards Plečnik's Market and the Cathedral, continue to the Town Hall and the Robba Fountain, cross the Cobblers' Bridge, pass the National and University Library to reach the Križanke Summer Theatre, and continue to the Kongresni trg square.



#### B) All the treasures of Tivoli park

Explore Tivoli Park, Ljubljana's largest and most beautiful parkland area, stretching right into the city centre, and discover its natural, cultural, and historical treasures. The walk will take you along the former promenade leading from the central Prešernov trg square up the Čopova ulica and Cankarjeva ulica streets and past the opera building, the National Gallery, the National Museum, and the Orthodox Church to Tivoli Park. In the Tivoli park you will visit Tičistan (Birds' Home), the Cekin Mansion and the Tivoli Mansion, take a walk down the iconic Jakopič Promenade, and visit the Tivoli Rosarium, where a rose cultivar known as the Ljubljana rose is grown. Your tour will end in the park's pleasant green fish pond area, next to a popular café called Čolnarna.



#### C) Invisible Ljubljana - Ljubljana as seen by the homeless people

The society of homeless (The Kings of Street) which organizes different activities for the homeless in Ljubljana, e.g. they publish the magazine "The Kings of Street" which represents the life of homeless in Ljubljana also offers a tour of Ljubljana streets as lived and seen by homeless people. The tours were created with the wish to join the worlds in which the unknown and hidden is joined with the uncovered. The stories told should change the stereotypes and show the multilayers of homelessness and personal stories behind it.

### 6.3 the Gala dinner

Gala dinner will be held at the [Hotel Cubo](#) in the city centre of Ljubljana (5 to 10 minutes' walk from each hotel). It will consist of three courses with the meat, fish and vegetarian option available, and beverages.