Sustainable transport is a concept, an ideology and in some countries, a governmental policy that consists of strengthening or replacing the current transport systems of an urban/suburban area with more fuel-efficient, space-saving and healthy lifestyle-promoting alternatives. The term refers to any means of transport with low impact on the environment, and includes human or animal powered vehicles, low-carbon fueled vehicles, any kind of vehicle using a renewable source of energy for its propulsion. The most common usage of green transport is walking. A common form of green transport vehicles are hybrid vehicles. Hybrid vehicles use an internal combustion engine combined with an electric engine. Biofuel powered vehicles use fuels derived from plant sources, such as vegetable oil, biodiesel, or bioalcohol for their propulsion. Sustainable transport systems make a positive contribution to the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the communities they serve.

“We consider our city as a living laboratory from which to manage sustainability in practice. By implementing innovative solutions, we have been trying to approach sustainability as a practical activity, to be validated and tested in a real-life context. Good examples and successful pilot projects are giving us inspiration for experimenting with sustainability, we have also learnt from mistakes. The city is investigating efficient ways to reach sustainable innovations, one of which is strategic use of green public procurements combined with architectural, urban and industrial design competitions.”

prof. Janez Koželj
Deputy Mayor
In the Municipality of Ljubljana we believe that high quality of design of urban spaces significantly determines the community and signifies its culture. We are convinced that selection and acquisition of projects, financed by public funds, should be undertaken by public competitions. This is one of those instruments of democratic decision-making, which in particular encourages innovation and thinking outside the box. Public procurement with design competition ensures that the principles of equality of the competitors, the impartiality of the jury and transparency of procedures, are respected. The goal of acquiring architectural, landscape and urban design solutions by competitions is to provide lay and professional qualified checking of all aspects needed to build the sustainable city. This rule is also applied to the construction of buildings on key identity locations in the city, even if they are financed from private funds. Obtaining design solutions through competitions for private investors on sites, sensitive for the city image, is stipulated in urban planning documents.

Miran Gajšek, MSc. & Ivan Stanič
Department for Urban Planning

STRATEGIC PUBLIC PROCUREMENTS

The Municipality of Ljubljana is taking up strategic public procurements by awarding contracts for architects’ services which are focused on innovative, green and social quality of the projects.

"Strategic use of public procurements for innovation is as any kind of procurement practice that is intended to stimulate innovation through research and development and the market uptake of innovative products and services. Green public procurement is defined by the European Commission as a process whereby public authorities seek to procure services and works with reduced environmental impacts throughout their lifecycle."

OECD, Government at a glance, 2017

ADEQUATE PROCEDURES - THE POWER OF IDEAS

Ljubljana is recognizing the value of innovative design ideas by implementing procurement procedures that support the creative solutions in architecture and urban design. In this way, the city contributes to the understanding of quality design, which could also diminish costs, contrary to the prevailing view that the method is an unjustified and expensive option. The municipal procurement policy stems from our belief that successful competitions are beneficial to the organizers, the participants and the community.

FOR ORGANIZERS:
competitions provide variety of options and design excellence.

FOR PARTICIPANTS:
competitions engage fresh thinking architects and designers who are searching for alternative solutions.

FOR THE COMMUNITY:
competitions create community interest that can contribute to identity and increase understanding of architecture and its role in society.

“Architectural design competition is one of the best means to provide for quality which comply with European public procurement law. It demonstrates the skills of the profession and emphasizes quality based awarding criteria. The Architectural design competition is one of the best means to provide for quality. It demonstrates the skills of the profession and emphasizes quality based awarding criteria."

Recommendations for Design Contests
ARCHITECTS’ COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 2010
ATHLETIC CENTRE LJUBLJANA

New athletic stadium by 2020; assessed investment EUR 21 million

LOCATION: Šiška, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 89,000 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 58,400 m²
PROGRAMME: Athletic Centre
ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: EUR 21 million
INVESTOR: City of Ljubljana
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 2020
CONTACT: borislav.petrovic@agm.rs
RAKOVA JELŠA

Mixed-use development by 2020; assessed investment EUR 15 million

LOCATION: Rakova Jelša, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 24,340 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 5,852 m²
PROGRAMME: Mixed-use (Residential, Service)
ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: EUR 15 million
INVESTOR: City of Ljubljana
ARCHITECTURE: Nava arhitekti d.o.o.
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 2020
CONTACT: saso.rink@ljubljana.si
NOVO BRDO

Residential development by 2020; assessed investment EUR 15 million

LOCATION: Brdo, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 54,962 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 67,036 m²
PROGRAMME: Residential housing
ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: EUR 37 million
INVESTOR: The Housing Fund of the Republic of Slovenia
ARCHITECTURE: dekleva gregoric architects d.o.o.
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 2020
CONTACT: arh@dekleva-gregoric.com
RETIREMENT HOME REGENTOVA

Retirement home and dwellings for the elderly by 2020; assessed investment EUR 5 million

LOCATION: Regentova street, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 2,945 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 3,544 m²
PROGRAMME: Retirement home and dwellings for the elderly
ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: EUR 5 million
INVESTOR: Dom upokojencev Center, Ljubljana
ARCHITECTURE: Atelje S d.o.o.
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 2020
CONTACT: dom.center@duc.si
NATIONAL THEATRE DRAMA

Residential development by 2020; assessed investment EUR 30 million

LOCATION: Erjavčeva street, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 3,904 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 9,093 m²
PROGRAMME: Theatre
ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: EUR 30 million
INVESTOR: Slovenian National Theatre Drama Ljubljana
ARCHITECTURE: Bevk Perović Arhitekti
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 2020
CONTACT: info@bevkperovic.com
DOBRUNJE PRISON

State male prison by 2020; assessed investment EUR 48 million

LOCATION: Dobrunje, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 46,000 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 28,300 m²
PROGRAMME: State Male Prison
ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: EUR 48 million
INVESTOR: Republic of Slovenia / Ministry of Justice
ARCHITECTURE: Počivašek Petranovič architects
ESTIMATED COMPLETION: 2020
CONTACT: davorin@pocivasek.si
TOP REASONS TO INVEST

GREEN, SAFE, CLEAN AND FRIENDLY CAPITAL
Ljubljana is the geographical, political, scientific and cultural center of the Slovenian nation. With more than 288,000 inhabitants it is the largest city in the country and an important driver of regional economic growth and innovation.

In 2016, Ljubljana was the holder of the prestigious title European Green Capital.

Here are five key reasons why investing in Ljubljana is a sound decision...

1ST REASON
HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EACH AND EVERY CITIZEN
In the past 11 years Ljubljana implemented over 1,900 projects to further increase the quality of life. Ljubljana’s dynamic development is felt at each and every step. The city is marked by a diverse high-quality cultural and numerous sports events for all generations. Numerous public space re-arrangements have greatly contributed to the higher quality of life and brought in numerous international expert recognitions for the regeneration of the city. All these accomplishments have put Ljubljana on the world map and strengthened its recognizability which is above all reflected in the interest of the international public and the beauty of the city.

2ND REASON
INNOVATION HUB
Ljubljana is a city of inspiration bringing together young creative people who give the city its youthful character. Our infrastructure allows Ljubljana becoming an experimental city attractive to talented, creative people with innovative ideas:

- The University of Ljubljana is renowned for its study programmes in natural, technical and social sciences, humanities and medicine.
- The University’s guideline of co-creating and bringing together science, education, economy and the wider social environment is successfully fulfilled through the Slovenian Innovation Hub, Ljubljana University Incubator, Career Centres and the Institute for Innovation and Development.
- ABC Accelerator and the ABC Hub, supporting the unique innovation ecosystem in Slovenia and opening doors to the international business environment.
- In future the character of a progressive city will be marked by the Centre for the Promotion of Science and the National Institute of Biology.
3rd reason

Appealing Investment Location

Ljubljana is one of 26 municipalities in the Ljubljana Urban Region with most acquired knowledge and human potential in Slovenia: key state, scientific, research, educational and cultural institutions are all concentrated here. The region hosts companies’ headquarters employing a significant share of the Slovenian population and generating over a third of the Slovenian gross domestic product. Therefore the Ljubljana Urban Region is the economically most developed region in the country. The city’s favourable location gives companies fast access to Europe and serves as an entry point to the Balkan markets. Slovenia as a country is known for being «just one phone call away from anyone, including the president».

4th reason

Visitors Friendly

Friendly and in every season interesting Ljubljana is a magnet for visitors from near and far. This brought about a record rise in overnight stays and significantly reinforced the international reputation of the city’s trademark. Ljubljana is also an important center for specialised international fairs and the home of the largest congress center in Slovenia. As a particularly profitable industry with a high income potential, we are strengthening congress tourism and promoting business meetings throughout the year.

5th reason

Investors Friendly

Ljubljana is the best-managed city in the country with a strong vision and a recognizable brand. The city offers a high living standard, security and tolerance. Open widely to foreign investors and experts, the city is gradually acquiring a cosmopolitan character and image. The key sectors the City Hall wants to develop and promote are city tourism, logistics, housing, research and circular economy. New major investment in infrastructure that could be interesting from the foreign investors’ perspective are a new travellers’ center and a multimodal logistic center. New projects are creating new jobs in the city, increasing Ljubljana’s competitiveness and strengthening its economic position. The well-organised City Administration provides quality services and efficient project management under the strong leadership of the mayor Zoran Janković.

Ljubljana won the prestigious WTM Responsible Tourism Award in 2017
10 YEARS OF MIPIM ENDEAVORS
MIPIM PRESENTED PROJECTS BUILT TILL 2018

LOCATION:
Vojkova street, ljubljana

GROSS PLOT AREA:
182,600 m²

GROSS FLOOR AREA:
600,855 m²

PROGRAMME:
Sports park, football stadium, multi-purpose arena

INVESTMENT:
eur 250 million

INVESTOR:
grep d.o.o.

ARCHITECTURE:
Sadar+Vuga d.o.o

LANDSCAPE:
aKKa

COMPLETION:
2010
NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE STOŽICE

LOCATION: Vojkova street, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 182,600 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 600,805 m²
PROGRAMME: Sports park, Football stadium, Multi-purpose arena
INVESTMENT: EUR 250 million
INVESTOR: Grep d.o.o.
ARCHITECTURE: SADAR+VUGA d.o.o
LANDSCAPE: AKKA
COMPLETION: 2010
LOCATION: Planica, Slovenia
CAPACITY: 1,000 competitors, 100,000 spectators
PROGRAMME: Ski jumping & flying, Ski running
INVESTMENT: EUR 45 million
INVESTOR: Planica Institute of Sports
ARCHITECTURE: Abiro, Biro STVAR
LANDSCAPE: AKKA
COMPLETION: 2015

NORDIC CENTRE PLANICA
INTERCONTINENTAL

LOCATION: Bavarski dvor, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 1,624 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 23,616 m²
PROGRAMME: Hotel
INVESTMENT: EUR 48 million
INVESTOR: Bavarski stolp, d.o.o.
ARCHITECTURE: Ofis arhitekti
COMPLETION: 2017
SITULA
LOCATION: Vilharjeva street, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 7,300 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 79,195 m²
PROGRAMME: Mixed-use highrise complex
INVESTMENT: EUR 85 million
INVESTOR: Tridana d.o.o.
ARCHITECTURE: Bevk Perović Arhitekti
COMPLETION: 2013

POLJE III
LOCATION: Ljubljana - Polje, Slovenia
GROSS PLOT AREA: 8,693 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 14,787 m²
PROGRAMME: Housing
INVESTMENT: EUR 12 million
INVESTOR: The Housing Fund of the City of Ljubljana
ARCHITECTURE: Bevk Perović Arhitekti
COMPLETION: 2016
BRDO - ZELENI GAJ

LOCATION: Ljubljana - Brdo, Slovenia
GROSS PLOT AREA: 62,526 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 59,553 m²
PROGRAMME: Housing
INVESTMENT: EUR 135 million
INVESTOR: The Housing Fund of the Republic of Slovenia
ARCHITECTURE: Dekleva Gregorič Architects,
Bevk Perović arhitekти, Uniarh
COMPLETION: 2016
CRYSTAL PALACE

LOCATION: BTC, Ljubljana
GROSS PLOT AREA: 8,000 m²
GROSS FLOOR AREA: 45,625 m²
PROGRAMME: Offices, Commercial
INVESTMENT: EUR 54 million
INVESTOR: Skai Center d.o.o.
ARCHITECTURE: Atelje S d.o.o.
COMPLETION: 2011

SLOVENSKA STREET

LOCATION: Slovenska street, Ljubljana
STREET LENGTH: 430 m
PROGRAMME: Shared space
INVESTMENT: EUR 3 million
INVESTOR: City of Ljubljana
ARCHITECTURE: Sadar+Vuga d.o.o., Dekleva Gregorič Arhitekti, Katušič Kocbek Arhitekti, Scapelab, Studio Krištof
COMPLETION: 2015
Jubljanica Embankments

Embarkment Length: **4 km**

New Bridges: **7**

Programme: **Public space**

Investor: **City of Ljubljana**

Architecture: **Atelje Vozlič, Atelier arhitekti, Triiije arhitekti, DANS, Arhitektura B. Podrecca, B. Bizjak**

Completion: **2017**
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- Information on industries, legislation, taxes and incentives
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- Links with industry and local authorities
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