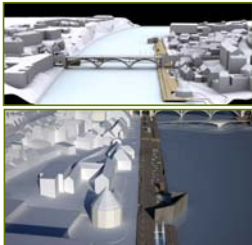


INTERNATIONAL  
COMPETITIONS**THREE PROJECTS IN MARIBOR EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2012**

Three international competitions were launched simultaneously for projects along the banks of the river Drava, in Maribor city centre. These single stage ideas competitions are part of a **vast planning and restructuring operation in the Slovene city**, that will become the European capital of culture in 2012. The three programmes proposed to competitors were for: **the river embankment, design of a footbridge and the new Maribor Art Gallery.**

**DRAVA RIVER EMBANKMENT**

The Italian team composed of **Francesco Sabatini, Francesco Deli, Aurelia d'Andria, Alessandro Carmine Console, Gina Oliva, Francesco Belvedere**, carried off the first prize. *This big floating deck, is a simple but strong idea providing a new urban presence. It offers the maximum potential to be realised in a flexible and responsive way that could be adapted easily in space and time.*



The second prize went to the Croatian team led by **Helena Paver Njirić** and the third to Colombian team **Bureau TALLER 301** led by **Julian Andres Restrepo Molina**. One mention was awarded.

**FOOT BRIDGE**

The first prize was awarded to the Spanish team **BURGOS & GARRIDO ARQUITECTOS, S.L.P.** *The bridge elegantly complements both embankments. It is in perfect harmony with the contemporary and historic context of the site as well as with the adjacent old steel bridge.*



The second prize was won by the Slovene team led by **Viktor Markelj**; the third went to the Spanish team led by **José María Sánchez García**. Two mentions were also awarded.

**ART GALLERY**

The jury unanimously awarded the first prize to the project by the Hungarian team led by **Tamás Lévai and Ágnes Józai**. *Elegant, functional and designed with subtlety, the building proposed is in perfect harmony with the surrounding urban fabric.*



The second prize went to a team from the United States, composed of **Dong Ping Wong and Oana Stanescu**. Two equal third prizes were awarded: one to the Croatian team led by **Lea Pelivan**; the other to the Portuguese team led by **Pedro Oliveira**. Seven mentions were also awarded.

See the results and the winning and mentioned projects on line: [www.mb-architekti.si/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=11&Itemid=37&lang=en](http://www.mb-architekti.si/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11&Itemid=37&lang=en)