



City of
Ljubljana



Invitation to the 19th World Conference of Historical Cities held in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 12 to 14 November 2024

The 19th World Conference of Historical Cities will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia in November 2024. Please visit the conference website ljubljana.si/lhc2024 for further details and registration.

Period: 12 to 14 November 2024

Main Theme: Creating a Vibrant Walkable City Centre through Sustainable Urban Mobility

Dear Mayors and Colleagues,

Ljubljana is proud to be the host city of the 19th World Conference of the Historical Cities and we are delighted to invite the mayors of LHC member cities to visit our beautiful city between 12 and 14 November.

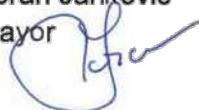
Under the central theme of "Creating a Vibrant Walkable City Centre through Sustainable Urban Mobility," this conference will serve as a platform for Mayors and representatives from historical cities around the world to come together and engage in fruitful discussions on strategies to promote sustainable urban mobility and enhance the vitality of our city centres. The conference venue, the newly renovated historical bicycle factory Center Rog, stands as a testament to Ljubljana's commitment to invest in cultural infrastructure and preserving its rich historical heritage. This innovative space will provide an inspiring backdrop for our discussions as we explore ways to integrate sustainable mobility solutions into our historic urban landscapes. Throughout the conference, the participants will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices for creating walkable city centres that prioritize pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, and also discuss challenges and opportunities in implementing sustainable mobility initiatives within historical contexts.

Your presence and contributions to the conference are invaluable as we work together to address the complex challenges facing our historical cities and pave the way for a more sustainable and vibrant future. We believe that your city's unique perspective and experiences will greatly enrich our discussions and inspire actionable solutions for promoting sustainable urban mobility and preserving our cultural heritage. Should you require any further information or assistance regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us at lhc2024@ljubljana.si.

Thank you for considering our invitation. We eagerly anticipate the possibility of welcoming you to Ljubljana this November for what promises to be a memorable and productive event.

Warm regards,

Zoran Janković
Mayor



Dejan Crnek
Deputy Mayor

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Koji Matsui
Chairperson of the League of Historical
Cities / Mayor of Kyoto





Conference Venue: Centre Rog, Trubarjeva cesta 72, 1000 Ljubljana
<https://www.center-rog.si/en/about-us/>

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Janez Koželj, architect and former Deputy Mayor of Ljubljana

Janez Koželj, born in Ljubljana, architect, was a full professor at the Ljubljana University's Faculty of Architecture, where he lectured on urban design. In his research work, he systematically focused on the study and development of operational methods in the design of the contemporary city. In his professional work he verifies theoretical findings in urban studies of city development and restructuring projects for urban brownfields.

From 2006 to 2022, he was Deputy Mayor of Ljubljana in charge of urban planning and initiated the closure of Ljubljana's city centre to car traffic in 2007.

Among many other awards, he was honoured with Honorary Membership of the Slovenian Chamber of Architects for his significant contribution to the development of the profession. In May 2024, he was awarded the title of Honorary Citizen of Ljubljana.

Accommodation: City Hotel Ljubljana (<https://www.cityhotel.si/>)

Registration fee: EUR 500*. Registration will be open from 1 June 2024

* *The fee covers the following expenses:*

- *Participation fee*
- *3-night accommodation at the City Hotel Ljubljana (11/11 IN – 11/14 OUT)*
- *Meals during the conference*
- *City Tour and Excursion*
- *Transportation from/to Ljubljana airport*

Call for Presenters for the Roundtable and the Expert Meeting

Main Theme: Creating a Vibrant Walkable City Centre through Sustainable Urban Mobility

By incorporating urban mobility and sustainability and by redeveloping pedestrian paths in historical cities, we can enhance or better yet create connectivity among buildings, services, public facilities, and green spaces, valuing built heritage and promoting active and sustainable mobility, synonymous with wellbeing, protecting cultural heritage, and social inclusion. The theme of 19th World Conference of Historical Cities in Ljubljana aims to present case studies, policies, practices, as well as to share knowledge for development of sustainable human-centred historic towns and cities.



1. Roundtables (Themes are intended for discussions among mayors, deputy mayors, and city representatives):

- “Walkability as a factor in the quality and attractiveness of historic urban areas”: examples and good practices of how walkability improvement can positively impact the quality and attractiveness of historic urban areas in terms of preservation and revitalization, appeal, and overall quality of historic cities. The conference aims to identify strategies and best practices for enhancing these areas to ensure that they remain vibrant, livable, and culturally significant for future generations.
- “Challenges and ways to implement sustainable mobility in historic cities”: examples and good practices promoting sustainable transportation options within urban areas that hold historical significance. Historic cities often feature narrow streets, dense urban fabric, and heritage sites that pose unique challenges and opportunities for transportation planning and mobility management.

2. Expert Meeting (Theme is geared towards experts):

“Sustainable mobility as a safeguard against the deterioration of cultural heritage”: examining the link between sustainable mobility and the preservation of cultural heritage, the conference aims to explore innovative strategies, best practices, and collaborative approaches to protect and promote cultural heritage while advancing sustainability goals and ensuring their long-term resilience and future relevance.

The application will be accepted from 1 June 2024. If applying, please keep to the following:

- submit the name of the presenter and the title of the presentation, and indicate for which subtheme you are applying by 30 June 2024.
- submit an abstract of the presentation (in English, under 1,000 words) by 31 July 2024.
- presentation should not exceed 15 minutes, including time for interpretation.
- if we have too many applicants, screening might be conducted based on the abstracts submitted.

For Submission & Inquiry

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Youth Programme

Call for Participation in the Youth Drawing Contest and Children Literature Exhibition

Ljubljana calls on the LHC member cities to invite their students to participate in the Youth Drawing Contest. We invite you to encourage your students who love to draw and paint and are passionate about your city's history and landmarks to participate in the Youth Drawing Contest, where they can showcase their talent, while celebrating the rich heritage and key landmarks of your beloved city!

1. **Youth Drawing Contest** (Please note that submission should be made in a digital format (.pdf file)).

We are looking for imaginative artworks that capture the essence of your city's heritage and the main attractions. Whether it is a historic building or any other iconic symbol that represents your city, we want to see your unique interpretation.

- Theme: Preserving Our Past, Imagining Our Future
- Age: 7-15-year-old students in the LHC member cities
- General Criteria: 1 work per person, in 30cm×50cm size, using free technique and style
- The contest is open to applicants residing in member cities of the LHC only. Each member of the LHC can send 1 piece of artwork

Applications will be accepted from 1 June to 30 September 2024. All submitted works will be exhibited at the conference venue.

2. Exhibition of Children Literature about Local Heritage

We invite you to submit children's books to be exhibited at the conference venue. We are seeking a diverse collection of children's books that showcase your city's unique heritage, landmarks, folklore, and historical events. Whether it is a beautifully illustrated picture book, an engaging chapter book, or an informative non-fiction title, we want to feature a wide range of literary works that inspire young readers to connect with their roots and appreciate the stories that shape our community.

- 1 book per LHC member city
- Submitted books must be related to the theme of local heritage and suitable for children aged 3-12
- Send a digital copy of the book cover, name of the author and/or illustrator and a brief synopsis in English

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Timetable (Tentative)

| Date | Time | Program | Venue |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| Mon. Nov. 11 | | Arrival in Ljubljana Airport | City Hotel Ljubljana |
| | | Transfer to the city centre | |
| Day 1 Tue. Nov. 12 | 10:00 - 12:00 | Opening Ceremony | Center Rog |
| | | Keynote Speech (Prof. Janez Koželj) | |
| | 12:00 - 13:30 | Lunch | |
| | 13:30 - 15:00 | Session 1 – Roundtable I | |
| | 15:00 - 15:30 | Coffee Break | |
| | 15:30 - 17:00 | Session 2 – Roundtable II | |
| | 19:00 | Welcome Dinner | Ljubljana City |
| Day 2 Wed. Nov. 13 | 9:00 - 12:00 | Session 3 – Youth Forum (Opening of the exhibition) | Center Rog |
| | | Session 4 – Workshop by Experts | |
| | 12:00 - 13:30 | Lunch | |
| | 13:00 - 14:30 | <Group 1> Board of Directors Meeting | |
| | 13:30 - 17:30 | <Group 2> Excursion to Škofja Loka | Škofja Loka |
| | 18:30 | Dinner | Ljubljana City |
| Day 3 Thu. Nov. 14 | 9:00 – 12:00 | Official City Tour | Ljubljana City |
| | 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch | Center Rog |
| | 13:30 ~ 15:30 | General Assembly | |
| | | Closing Ceremony | |