

WONDERLAND- NETWORK

9 countries, 9 exhibitions, 99 architectural teams
Basis of a European architectural network

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Wonderland - an architecture network

The ever-growing architectural exhibition "Wonderland" pursues above all the goal of promoting the cross-linking within the young generation of European architects. It serves the initiative "WONDERLAND - Architectural network" as an instrument for the creation of an innovative and dynamic as well as lasting network. Therefore the project is now also being funded by the European commission.

Being part of a long-term initiative

In the sozio-cultural and socio-economic context of a united Europe architects increasingly have to cope with new challenges and perspectives regarding architectural concepts and modes of expression as well as their own role and their conditions of work. What kind of similarities and differences exist, which are common tasks and when are distinct requirements in the heterogeneous regions of Europe differently to solve?

The initiative „Wonderland – Architectural Network“ wants to establish and strengthen new networking structures and instruments for a very specific sector of the “Creative Industries”, the young generation of European architects.

Among the key principles of the project is the initiation and support of cooperation - and to share experience. The accumulated knowledge and its results are distributed on a broad basis among the participants and other interest-groups.



Participants of the „Open Dialogues“ during the opening of the exhibition Wonderland in Venice

Wonderland – networking by architects for architects

The vital and dynamic network is based on the exchange of practical experience and on the given situation of architects. It is not formed by the purely theoretical reflections of some established institutions but by the protagonists themselves.

The starting point of the network are the 99 young architecture team from 9 European countries, which are involved in the travelling exhibition concept WONDERLAND that tours these 9 countries and presents the current work of these teams.

Workshops and Open-Dialogues

During the WONDERLAND tour the exchange of experience and knowledge is initiated by "Open Dialogues" at the openings of the exhibitions and by topical workshops. The results of these tour meetings are documented in a catalog and are distributed – among other means - by permanent newsletters for further pursuit and discussion.



Workshop participants in Venice

The Wonderland project is an instrument to present the architectural works to interest representatives and on the other hand it generates knowledge within the constantly evolving network.

Above all however personal contacts are established by the Wonderland project. Experiences and results from such contacts and cooperation are documented and - by categorization and valuation - are made available on a long-term basis. Altogether also the public awareness of the modern European architecture is strengthened.

Schedule

Bratislava	05.06. - 26.06.2004
Praha	02.09. - 18.09.2004
Berlin	03.12. - 15.01.2005
Amsterdam	01.04. - 30.04.2005
Paris	01.06. - 10.06.2005
Venice	17.09. - 02.10.2005
Zagreb	13.01. – 24.01.2006
Ljubljana	11.03. – 26.03.2006
Wien	07.06. – 19.06.2006 (in the context of the European Union council presidency)
St. Veit/Glan	September 2006

Additional information about all the visited countries and pictures of the exhibitions (print resolution) can be downloaded at: <http://www.wonderland.cx/press.html>

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