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The International Green Design Biennale is returning to Mostar this October. Under the headline theme "**Design for Transformation,**" this multidisciplinary event is organized by the **Sarajevo Green Design Foundation**, the **City of Mostar**, and the **Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Environmental Protection**. Founded by **Dr. Elma Durmisevic**, the biennale bridges creativity and science to address critical 21st-century challenges across architecture, urban planning, engineering, and product design, focusing on creating a future-proof built environment.

Event Highlights & Key Features

- **Expert Insights:** Features **17 expert lecturers from 16 countries** (including Japan, Sweden, UK, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Slovenia, Ireland, Spain, Poland, Croatia, Serbia, Italy, US, Turkey, and Israel). They will explore green and circular design, alongside circular diagnostics using digital twins in the built environment.
- **The Netherlands Best Practices:** The program highlights exemplary Dutch projects, including the **Circular Office Building** by contractor *Habenu van de Kreeke* and the **reversible infill system** by *MOSA Maastricht*.
- **Talent Incubator:** Hosts **40 master's students from six European universities** in a collaborative workshop dedicated to building reversible, circular structures.
- **EU Project Showcases:** Presents key breakthroughs from major European initiatives, including **Horizon Caring Nature**, **Erasmus+ APLE project**, and the **Interreg Circular Building Converter**.
- **Interactive Agenda:** Includes a comprehensive line-up of exhibitions, keynote lectures, and town hall discussions to connect international experts, policymakers, and manufacturing professionals.

This year's **Green Design Biennale** will be moderated by **Maja Popovac**. The keynote speakers will address critical industry themes ranging from **future-proof design, standardization, and policies** to **energy efficiency, material/digital passports, sustainable construction, and reversible building systems**. Additional topics will include **green planning** and the development of the **circular hospital** concept.

HONORABLE SPEAKERS

- The distinguished panel of speakers for this year's Biennale includes:
- -Elma Durmisevic, Tom Frantzen, Lisbeth Plingers, Adnan Pasic
- -Sanela Klaric, Sayo Okada, Gilli Hobbs, Roberta Zarccone
- -Pasquale Mari, Jan Boström, Mauro Lugaresi, Igor Kovac,
- Oscar Vandeberg , Erik de Lange, Ajla Cavkic, Birgul Çolakoglu,
- -Tijana Tufek-Memisevic, Renata Androsevic, Gil Paled,
- - Darinka Golubovic-Matic, Selma Harrington, Mike Burnard, and Daniel Fügenschuh

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

The accompanying exhibition will highlight front-running architectural designs featuring **biobased materials, circular, reversible architectural concepts**, and sustainable **urban transformations**. Featured projects will showcase groundbreaking work from prominent architectural offices and practitioners, including:

- -4D Architects Amsterdam
- -Derksen | Windt Architecten
- -Architecto Dragan Jelacic Bojic
- -Jasmin Sirco
- -Ajla Cavkic
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Day one Monday 19 October 2026

VISION 2030

09:00-16:00

Green Design Workshops 14/10 to 21/10

Biennale Moderator Maja Popovac

18:00

OPENING CEREMONY

- Elma Durmišević, Founder of SGDF, Founder EU Lab for Circular Buildings NL
- Henk van den Dool, **Dutch Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Mario Kordić, **Mayor of Mostar**
- Emil Balavac, **Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Environmental Protection**
- Rector of the University of Dzemal Bjedić
- Rector of the University of Mostar

Musical intermezzo

19:00

LECTURES / VISION 2030

- Elma Durmišević, **Design for Transformation, Future perspectives**, NL & BiH
- Tom Frantzen, **Open Architecture, Anticipating Unknown**, Prof. Technical University of Eindhoven, NL
- Lisbeth Plingers, **First circular hospital in Belgium**, AZ Hospital Herentals Belgium
- Adnan Pašić, **President Association of Architects in BiH**

Exhibition –presentation of works

20:15

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Day two

Tuesday 20 October 2026

Green Design

09:00-16:00

Green Design Workshops 14/10 to 21/10

10:30 – 13:00

Town Hall Meeting 1

Transition to the Circular Economy lessons learned from the Netherlands

- Renata Androšević, BiH state of the art
- Erik de Lange, Mosa Netherlands
- Vanjsko trgovinska komora B&H, Privredna komora BiH
- Melika Oruč, QMS Business Consulting, Brick.Block.ba, BiH

18:00 Green Circular Industry

- Reversible ceramic tiling system Moza, The Netherlands
- Circular Facade systems Jansen, Alukhoningstaal, The Netherlands, Austria, Croatia
- Geberit, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brick.Block.ba, Bosnia and Herzegovina

18:40 Green EU Session

- Pasquale Mari, **Horizon Europe Caring Nature project**, Universita Catolica Del Sacro Cuore, Rome, IT
- Erasmus+ APLE project, BiH
- Oscar Vandeberg, Circular construction, HvK the Netherlands

19:00

LECTURES / GREEN CIRCULAIR DESIGN

- Sayo Okada, Japan Renewable Energy Institute, Japan
- Gilli Hobbs, EU Policy and standards for circular design, UK
- Roberta Zarcone, Environmental Rehabilitation of Twentieth-Century Housing: Towards a Decision-Support Methodology, GSA unit research, ENSA Paris Malaquais, PSL University, FR
- Jan Bostrom, How Circular is Digital passports, SW
- Mauro Lugaresi, Sustainable Hospital Buildings, BE

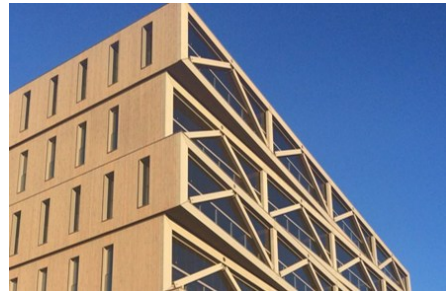
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Day three

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Next Generation of Architecture

09:00-16:00

Green Design Workshops 14/10 to 21/10

10:30 – 13:00

Town Hall Meeting 2

NEB forum

- Green and Circular architecture EU strategies
Mike Burnard, New European Bauhaus
Daniel Fuegenshuh, president of Architects Council of Europe
Selma Harington, Architects Council of Europe

14:00 – 16:30 o'clock

Students workshop (reversible BIOBASED façade mock-up)

Presentation of students' workshop results

18:30 Green Session

- Students, workshop results, Mostar BiH

19:00

LECTURES /

- Selma Harington, **Architects Council of Europe**, New European Bauhaus Forum
- Igor Kuvac, **Actions for the green Vrbas River**, Banja Luka, **BiH**
- Ajla Cavkic **Topographies of Change**, **BiH**
- Darinka Golubović-Matic, Nikola Tesla University Belgrade, **SRB**
- Tijana Tufek-Memisevic, **Regenerative Cities**, DePaul University Chicago, **USA / ISOCARP**,
- Birgul Colakoglu, **Digitalisation and education**, **ITU, TY**
- Gil Paled, **Adaptive reuse**, **IZ**

20:00

CLOSING EVENT

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Day four

Thursday 22 October 2026

Field visit

FIELD VISITS

09:00 – 17:00

Exploring sights and tastes of Bosnia and Herzegovina

13:00 – 14:00

Green Lunch

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