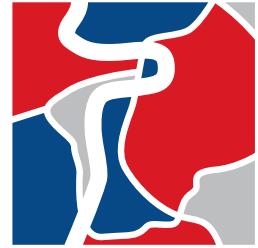


**Prague Institute  
of Planning  
and Development  
at European Habitat**



**EUROPEAN  
HABITAT**

**March 16 – 18 / 2016  
Prague Congress Centre**



# About the Conference

From March 16 to 18, Prague will host the United Nations International Conference “European Habitat”. Its main theme is „Housing in Liveable Cities“. The conference is one of several preparatory regional meetings that will culminate at the global Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador organized in Autumn this year.

Experience will be shared, for example, by **David Ortega, a Mexican architect** and co-author of the Mexico City master plan, or professor **Jan Gehl**, a Danish architect and co-founder of the Gehl Architects – Urban Quality Consultants, Professor Emeritus of urbanism at the School of Architecture of the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen. Professor Gehl mainly deals with liveability of cities and their effect on people.

During the three days, **a total of 86 lectures and debates and a rich accompanying programme** will take place at the Prague Congress Centre.

# Events by IPR Prague

## **Prague Institute of Planning and Development**

Every day there will be several guided walks aimed to familiarize the participants with the urban development of Prague. At the Congress Centre, participants can also visit the Exhibition “Do You Know Prague?” presenting interesting information about Prague in an engaging way using maps and infographics. Additionally, our urban planners and architects will speak at various lectures, panel discussions and other parallel events on topics ranging from improving public spaces, ethics in land use planning, creating effective public-private partnership to battling homelessness in urban regions.



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# Wednesday / March 16

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## Ending Homelessness in Cities, and the Prospects of Social Housing

Panel discussion. Organized by the Institute for Politics and Society, Platform for Social Housing and IPR Prague.

CZ with EN translation.

12.30 – 14.00 / Meeting Hall 1

Speakers:

**Michal Němec** – Strategies and Policy Section, IPR Prague

**Vít Lesák** – Center for Social Services, Brno

**Štěpán Ripka** – Platform for Social Housing, Brno

**Linda Sokačová** – Department for Social Housing and Social Inclusion, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Moderated by **Marie Bílková** from the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic

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## Do You Know Prague? The city in maps, graphs, and figures

Guided exhibition tour in English.  
Organized by IPR Prague.

12.30 – 13.30 / Foyer

Homelessness is a global phenomenon - more than one billion people live in inadequate housing and over 100 million of people are completely homeless in urban areas. The event aims to share **experience with innovative approaches to ending homelessness from the perspective of two largest Czech cities**. Brno and Prague will present their strategical documents and together with state representatives will look for possibilities how this local initiatives could be supported through national legislation.

Prague Institute of Planning and Development collects, maps and evaluates a wide range of data on various aspects of the life of the capital. **The exhibition Do You Know Prague? showcases a wide range of information about the city using maps, graphs and figures**. A guided commentary in English will be provided by Eliška Bradová from the Spatial Information Section at IPR Prague.

## Urban Walk – Vyšehrad and the Development of Historical Prague

Guided urban walk with comments in English. Organized by IPR Prague.

The meeting point is in front of the main entrance to the Congress Centre.

12.30 – 14.00 / 16.00 – 17.30 / 17.30 – 19.00

Walk around Vyšehrad focusing on urbanistic development of historical Prague from forming of Middle Age towns until the start of the 19th century. The walk will feature presentations of historical town plans, unique 3D model of the city housed within the Brick Gate and the guide will provide interesting commentary of some of the most spectacular prospects over the city. Presentations will include talk about the New Town established by Charles IV. In 1348, which represents one of the often omitted urbanistic phenomena in Europe in the Middle Ages. Petr Kučera, architect by profession, will be the guide for this walk.

## How to govern land use in metropolitan areas?

Panel discussion.  
Organized by OECD.

12.30 – 14.00 / E Club

Speakers:

**Jaromír Hainc** – Metropolitan Plan Office, IPR Prague

**Rüdiger Ahrend** – Urban Unit, OECD

**Enrique Silva** – Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, USA

**Carsten Jahn Hansen** – Aalborg University, Denmark

Participants of the panel discussion organized by the OECD will discuss options for cooperation between different levels of land use governance in different cities or metropolitan areas. In this context, **Jaromír Hainc from the IPR Prague Metropolitan Plan Office will present experience of cooperation between Prague and Central Bohemia Region in urban planning.** In the upcoming months, Prague will take part in the OECD study on governance and operation of Metropolitan Areas.

# Thursday / March 17

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## Do You Know Prague? The city in maps, graphs, and figures

Guided exhibition tour in Czech.  
Organized by IPR Prague.

9.00 – 10.00 / Foyer

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## Win-Win: Public-Private Partnerships in the 21st Century

Parallel event of the European Habitat.  
Organized by reSITE and IPR Prague.

12.30 – 19.00 / Panorama Hall

### Speakers:

**Bertrand Lemoine** – The French National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris, France

**Nicolas Buchoud** – Renaissance Urbaine, Paris, France

**Shuprotim Bhaumik** – HR&A Advisors, New York, USA

**Mark Johnson** – CIVITAS, Denver, USA

**Petr Hlaváček** – director, IPR Prague

Moderated by **Martin Barry** from reSITE.

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## Social and Economic Responsibility in Master Planning

Panel discussion. Organized by the Association for Real Estate Market Development.

CZ with EN translation

12.30 – 14.00 / Terrace II

### Speakers:

**Jan Čížinský** – mayor of Prague 7

**Emil Flegel** – Czech Construction Law Society

**Petr Hlaváček** – director, IPR Prague

**Urban development in Central and Eastern Europe is at a crossroads.** It is safe to say that it is similar everywhere. It is time to reTHINK how we build the city. **Who builds the city? How can the public benefit?**

**The public sector and the private sector must work together with the civic sector in order to drive a sustainable and livable future.** Several leading cities in Europe and the US have set very positive examples for private-public cooperation for building public space and infrastructure.

Three sessions with presentations and panel discussions will examine those examples and **identify opportunities and constraints to implementing new housing, public space and urban development strategies for the benefit of the public, private and civic sector.**

Sessions will be held between **12:30 – 14:20** (Problem Mapping: Challenges and Paths to Improve the Context), **14:50 – 16:40** (Economic Benefits of Public-Private Partnerships) and **17:10 – 19:00** (Win-Win City: Design for the Future Environment).

The panel discussion „Social and Economic Responsibility in Master Planning“ is organized by the Association for Real Estate Market Development.

The event will focus on **social responsibility, economic sustainability and ethics in land use planning.** Guests will share their views on **current development of Prague and other Czech cities, as well as on the cooperation between public and private sector.** In the discussion we will focus on the question of rules and transparency.

**Petr Klápště** – urban planner

**Ivo Oberstein** – architect, urban planner

Moderated by **Adam Gebrian.**

# Thursday / March 17

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## Towards Decarbonised and Resilient cities: the Covenant of Mayors on Climate and Energy

Panel discussion. Organized by the Covenant of Mayors on Climate and Energy and by EUROCITIES.

12.30 – 13.00 / Club E

The panel discussion on sustainable urban development is organized by the Covenant of Mayors on Climate and Energy in cooperation with EUROCITIES. **How can cities respond to possible impacts of climate changes in cities, trigger and develop the process to prepare city adaptation strategies, design and evaluate appropriate adaptation measures** in selected urban areas. In recent weeks Prague City Council approved Prague joining the Mayors Adapt Initiative. The Covenant of Mayors on Climate and Energy adopted the 2030 EU targets together with an integrated approach to mitigate climate changes and adapt to them. IPR Prague will be represented by Mária Kazmuková.

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## Urban Walk – Královské Vinohrady and the Development of Prague in the 19th Century

Guided urban walk with comments in English.  
The meeting point is in front of the main entrance to the Congress Centre.

9.00 – 11.30 / 15.30 – 18.00

**A walk focused on the urban development of the city in the 19th century using as an example the block development of Královské Vinohrady neighbourhood.** During the walk we will do a sightseeing tour of Náměstí Míru Square and local representative buildings, we will speak about local blocks of flats and housing transformation in the second half of the 19th century. We will also visit Rieger Park, offering views of the city. Guided by architect Petr Kučera.

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## Urban Walk – Vybíralka and the Revitalization of a Housing Estate

Guided urban walk with comments in English.  
The meeting point is in front of the main entrance to the Congress Centre.

16.00 – 18.00

**Housing estate on the periphery, cultural-civic centre and important laboratory showing a new approach to city planning.** Right now at Černý Most, courtyard Vybíralova, there has a pilot project been running that should present the direction in which the Prague housing estates may develop in the future. Currently, IPR Prague, along with local municipality and local civic initiatives and under the auspices of Prague City has been testing **a new approach to the revitalization.** The project combines **participatory planning of public places with a cultural-social programme** that together create a new perception of the place in the form of so-called **Creative Placemaking.** Come and see the housing estate during this guided walk followed with some drinks at a local community centre Plechárna. Guided by the head of IPR Prague Participation Office Milan Brlík.

# Friday / March 18

## Public Spaces – Planning and Management

A parallel event to the European Habitat.  
Organized by the CTU Faculty of Architecture  
and IPR Prague.

9.00 – 12.00 / South Hall

### Speakers:

**Pavla Melková** – Urban Design Section, IPR Prague

**Almut Jirku** – Senate Department for Urban Development,  
City of Berlin

**Filip Tittl** – UNIT architects, Prague

**Dan Jiránek** – Union of Towns and Municipalities of the  
Czech Republic

**Pavel Hnilička** – Czech chamber of Architects

**Michal Kohout** – Faculty of Architecture of CTU, Prague

Moderated by **Petr Návrat** from IPR Prague.

Public space plays an essential role in creating vibrant communities as well as liveable urban environment. But often the systematic approach to public space development on different scales is not well implemented into the local planning and decision making processes.

**What is the role of public space in urban environment?  
What are the planning strategies for quality public  
spaces? What is the role of municipalities  
in management and planning regarding public spaces?**

Successful strategies, processes and tools in developing public spaces from Prague, Vienna and Berlin will be presented to show how global theories about public space development can be implemented to local planning practice to ensure long term and systematic quality of public space.

During the event, an English version of the Guidelines of Public Spaces will be presented.

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## Urban Walk – Karlín and the development of Prague in the 20th Century

Guided urban walk with comments in English.  
The meeting point is in front of the main entrance to the Congress Centre.

9.00 – 11.30 / 15.30 – 18.00

**A walk focused on Prague's oldest industrial suburb and its changes in the course of the 20th century.** During the walk, we will focus on a rental house from the first half of the 19th century, a unique example of classicist urban planning in context of Prague towns that this Karlín neighbourhood represents. We will visit the local church of St. Cyril and Methodius, considered one of the most beautiful churches in Prague. We will also speak about the current development of buildings on Rohan Island and the conversion of industrial buildings. Guided by architect Petr Kučera.

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## Urban Walk – Císařský Ostrov – Natural Enclave in the Middle of the City

Guided urban walk with comments in English.  
The meeting point is in front of the main entrance to the Congress Centre.

13.00 – 15.00

Trojská Basin, where Císařský Ostrov (Imperial Island) is also situated, is **one of the largest and most valuable natural areas** in Prague. Although this largest Prague island and its surroundings are unique because of high concentration of entertainment and sports facilities that attract large numbers of visitors every year, until recently it lacked any concept that would help to coordinate activities in this area. During the walk, results of the competition workshop will be presented, which brought a new perspective on this area and the Prague wastewater treatment plant, which is located here, and its immediate surroundings. Guided by architects Štěpán Špoula and Marek Kundrata.

# What is IPR Prague?

The Prague Institute of Planning and Development (IPR Prague) is the **body in charge of developing the concept behind the city's architecture, urbanism, development and formation**. It is an organisation funded by Prague and represents the city in spatial planning matters.

The institute chiefly **drafts and coordinates documents in the following areas: strategic and spatial planning and development, public space, transport, technical matters, and landscape and economic infrastructure**. Such documents include the recently completed Prague Building Regulations, the Prague Waterfront Concept and the Prague Public Space Design Manual.

Key projects are **creation of a new land use plan for Prague – the “Metropolitan Plan” – and updating of the Prague City Strategic Plan, which is currently underway**.

IPR Prague is also in charge of the important task of **processing geographical data and information, both for applied research and for the creation of supporting documentation that is important for the development of the city** (particularly the Prague Analytical Land Use Documentation).

## More information:

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