

We kindly invite you to join and share your ideas at the interactive conference

**NEW IDEAS FOR OLD BUILDINGS –
HOW OLDIES CAN BECOME GOLDIES
1st and 2nd of December 2016, Maribor**

The conference is the 7th and final event of the project “NEW IDEAS FOR OLD BUILDINGS” which gathers seven small and medium sized towns from six countries from the Baltic to the Balkans (Latvia, Germany, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia & Montenegro).

The project partnership dedicated their efforts to improve public property management in towns which are facing economic and social decline by increasing real estate occupancy with public participation. They are motivated to find solutions for revitalising their towns and enhance the quality of life.

At the final conference we will focus on the outcomes of the overall project as well as on the use of modern interactive approaches to boost creation of ideas for future initiatives.

DRAFT PROGRAM:

**Thursday, 1st of December
NGOS – VALUABLE PARTNERS FOR RAISING BARS ON
REPURPOSING OLD BUILDINGS**

14.30	<i>Pekarna management model – public debate by local NGO and public stakeholders on cooperation and Pekarna management model</i>
16.00 - 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 - 18.15	<i>Field visits of NGO initiatives/habitués in Pekarna</i>
18.15 – 19.00	<i>Setting guidelines for Pekarna future potential and development – debate by project partners</i>
19.00	<i>Dinner in Pekarna - Refugee kitchen & College for hospitality and tourism</i>
20.00	<i>Social evening at Cultural Center Pekarna</i>



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Friday, 2nd of December

HOW OLDIES CAN BECOME GOLDIES

In Maribor we are faced with empty industrial spaces on the outskirts and empty commercial and residential spaces in elite streets in the city center. In project New Ideas for Old Buildings we explore the potential of empty industrial buildings and the new contents in the spaces in the heart of the city center. At the final conference we will focus on the outcomes of the overall project as well as on the use of contemporary approaches to boost creation of ideas for future ideas.

The conference will take place on the 2nd of December at the conference hall of BEST WESTERN PLUS Hotel Piramida Maribor with the following program frame:

<i>9.30 – 10.00</i>	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>
<i>10.00 – 11.30</i>	<i>Presentation of NIFOB case studies by project partners</i>
<i>11.30 – 12.00</i>	<i>Q&A session with project partners</i>
<i>12:00 - 12:30</i>	<i>Coffee break / Photo exhibition (to be confirmed)</i>
<i>12:30 - 12:40</i>	<i>Presentation of Guidelines on how to effectively manage public property and NIFOB Commitment</i>
<i>12:40 - 13:40</i>	<i>How to improve the management of empty public property? – Workshop sessions “World Café” with town officials, public and NGOs</i>
<i>13:40 - 14:00</i>	<i>Way forward: a Compendium of good practices, sources of finance, signing of memorandum, expanding the network?</i>
<i>14:00 - 15:30</i>	<i>Farewell lunch</i>
<i>15.30 –</i>	<i>Optional sightseeing activities and networking afternoon</i>

Reserve your place at the conference by registering at <http://newideasforoldbuildings.eu/7-maribor/>. At the same time you will be included in the mailing list to receive all upcoming information. For any additional information please ask roushelena@gmail.com (representative of Maribor project team).



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Why participating:

- At the final event of the “New Ideas for Old Buildings” project partners will present 7 action plans for the repurposing old buildings in towns involved in the project and by sharing ideas as well as with strengthening the partnership help to generate new initiatives in wider network of towns.
- You will have the opportunity to meet potential project partners for future initiatives and get valuable knowledge on how to successfully run projects of this kind.
- You will learn about new ideas for repurposing old buildings which do not require high end budgets.
- As an outcome of the NIFOB project you will be able to learn about the guidelines on how to effectively manage public property.
- You will have the opportunity to meet fresh NGO initiatives of Maribor as well as experience vibrant and relaxed atmosphere in the city with rich winery tradition and the oldest vine in the world as its symbol.

**Therefore, reserve your time and join us, we will make sure that
your Maribor experience will be
pleasurably memorable and full of ideas!**



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About the project

The project aims to increase public involvement in decision-making of public property management and sustainable urban development. Also it identifies concrete solutions to better utilize property and develops a long-term platform for public property management in medium and small European towns.

The project is lead by Municipality of Ajdovščina (Slovenia), which has already successfully tackled the issue of empty public buildings by restructuring old military premises into multifunctional centre. Small and medium sized towns account for a quarter of the European urban population, making the project interesting to wide spectrum of towns to participate in the network and to revitalise similar cities.

Through the exchange of good practice, experience and expertise of involved municipalities and partner NGOs, the project aims to:

- increase involvement of citizens in decision-making of public property management and sustainable urban development.
- identify concrete solutions to better utilize public property in partner cities
- develop a long-term experience-based platform for public property management in medium and small European towns.

Participating cities:

- Ajdovščina and Maribor in Slovenia,
- Pula in Croatia,
- Belgrade in Serbia,
- Nikšić in Montenegro,
- Oberhausen in Germany &
- Liepaja in Latvia

More about the project you can find on <http://newideasforoldbuildings.eu/project/>.



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