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**this is us**







To me, Ljubljana is the most beautiful city in the world. You almost certainly already know this, and I believe that many of you feel the same way, because it is really nice to live and work in such a green, healthy, orderly, safe and open city, full of events where everyone can develop their talents and fulfil personal and career goals, where we know how to and want to live together, and at the same time respect each other's differences.

The book in front of you is a continuation of the book titled: "Ljubljana. For you. (2007–2017)", in which we presented our work and achievements in the first decade of management, according to the principles of sustainable development. This time, we are highlighting the projects implemented in the 2018–2022 period, with which we have further strengthened the quality of life in the city in all areas of living and activity. The acquired experience, knowledge, and good relationships with stakeholders has enabled us to increase our pace of work since 2018, which is evidenced by many new acquisitions and renovations of communal and transport infrastructure, new urban apartments, additional high-quality green and public spaces; new and renovated, energy-efficient, and earthquake-proof kindergartens and schools, as well as sports, cultural, medical, and other social infrastructure. We are developing the city steadily along the planned path. In sixteen years, we have planned, implemented and put into use a total of more than 2,400 projects.

In 2020, in the midst of a successful investment drive, the Covid-19 epidemic struck, practically bringing the entire world to a halt. We didn't give up. In times of the greatest uncertainty and fear, we once again proved that words like solidarity, camaraderie, tolerance and mutual respect are not only written on paper, but are actually our modus operandi. In the big city family, we carried out our tasks responsibly, and did not stop the planned investments, but rather strengthened and accelerated them. Many of our colleagues also volunteered and helped the most vulnerable groups of citizens.

And when it seemed that life after the epidemic was getting back on track, we were faced with a new, challenging reality. A war raging practically in the middle of Europe and other crisis hotspots

around the world have caused an energy crisis, an increase in the cost of raw materials, and a general increase in prices, while at the same time climate change is intensifying extremely quickly, which we feel more and more frequently and intensely. In the sustainable development of the city, which we have been committed to since 2007, we tackle challenges proactively and responsibly, and above all with concrete solutions for the well-being of our citizens and for a healthy and bright future for the generations yet to come.

With professional and dedicated work from the best team of colleagues and external partners, we are able to achieve excellent results, something that I am extremely proud of. I thank you all for your cooperation, ideas, and effort. Even in the hardest times, we know how to come together. All of the projects that have been successfully implemented so far, represent our commitment to the future. We have new goals ahead of us, and the focus of our attention is always on people, so that they can live a high-quality and full life in all areas and stages.

I am happy that the residents of Ljubljana are successfully taking care of our beautiful city together, and at the same time, our achievements also resonate internationally, where Ljubljana is often presented as an exemplary city. In 2021, we thus ranked at the top of the list of the Best Green Capitals of Europe, which is an exceptional honour, and in 2022 we became the holders of the prestigious title of the Best Destination in Europe, as voted by travellers from all over the world. Proud of the work we have already done, we look to the future and the new projects that have been planned in order to further increase the quality of life in our beautiful Ljubljana, a green jewel in the middle of Europe.

I wish you happy reading,

**Zoran Janković, Mayor**





Leaders of the big city family (June 2022)

## We Love to Work Here

In total, there are more than 12 thousand employees in the big city family, which consists of the City Administration, Public Holding Ljubljana, the Public Housing Fund of the City of Ljubljana, public institutions in the fields of culture, education, social care and health, sports, protection and rescue, and tourism, the Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, Technology Park Ljubljana, and the Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region. Together we join our efforts in implementing the vision we set. Over the past 16 years, we have performed more than 2,400 projects for a higher quality of life. Currently there are a further 127 being carried out.



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## The leaders of the big city family\*

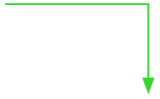
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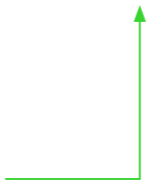
**more, better, and superior quality**



Once a degraded and illegal small garden area in the immediate vicinity of the Plečnik's Žale, today it is the green and lively Šmartinski park, with the first water playground in Slovenia.



In 2012, we connected two streets: Njegoševa cesta and Roška cesta with the two-level Fabiani bridge between the two buildings of Cukrarna, a disused sugar factory, thus creating an inner ring road accessible to all road users.



## There are a Lot of Realised Projects

In the past 16 years, we have successfully carried out the most changes for the sustainable development of the city and a higher quality of life for citizens and visitors, which has also resulted in Ljubljana receiving **the highest possible recognition for cities – the title of European Green Capital 2016.**

When planning new projects, we successfully combine preservation and green development: we preserve the natural features and intensely green character of Ljubljana, and at the same time we actively change areas that were not green until a long time ago.

Today, we are pleased to see how Ljubljana has transformed into a green city, with a high quality of life **and optimistic and satisfied citizens, who are our first and most important stakeholders;** therefore we actively involve them in the co-design

of projects, and together create a more beautiful and friendlier city.

**The more than 2,400 implemented projects as of today provide a pleasant living environment, excellent conditions for quality education and schooling, and numerous opportunities that enable and encourage the realisation of goals and dreams.**



## More notable projects, through which we increased the quality of life in Ljubljana 2006–2018

The most attention was certainly attracted by the area that has been closed to motor traffic in the city centre, where the change is visible to all. Instead of cars, today there are pedestrians and cyclists on these almost 17 hectares, many events, and a lively pulse along the Ljubljanica river, underground waste collection points, the free electric vehicles Kavalir, the BicikeLJ bike-sharing system, renovated and new bridges which further shorten distances, additional urban green areas, etc.



In 2010, in a public-private partnership, we built a football stadium for 16,000 spectators and a sports hall for 12,000 spectators in a once-abandoned and degraded area, which enables the largest sports competitions in Ljubljana, offers excellent conditions for training, and the organisation of many concerts, congresses, and other cultural and entertainment events.



In 2015, we renovated Gruber canal and made it possible to moor twelve river boats. Thus, sailing with tourist boats has also become popular. The Ljubljanica river was also revived at the port of Špica, where, among other things, we have been organising guided exercises with a charitable touch.





The refreshed image of the city is evidenced by the many renovated areas that used to be degraded areas, illegal landfills, or illegal small gardens. This is also the path directly along the Sava river, a total of more than 80 hectares of land for quality leisure time and relaxation in nature.



In 2015, we completely renovated Kolezija, the dilapidated and non-functioning Ljubljana swimming pool, and dedicated it to sports, recreation, and socialising.

Ten years after Mitja Petkovšek and Aljaž Pegan took gold at the World Championships in Melbourne, in 2017 Slovenian gymnasts finally got the gymnastics centre that had been promised for many years. The modern Olympic and National Gymnastics Centre Ljubljana facilitates the development of gymnastic sports, provides excellent conditions for training and the possibility of organising competitions at the highest international and national level.



Before the renovation, Švicarija (The Swiss House) was overgrown, abandoned, and overbuilt, and some of its sections were damp and on the verge of collapse. Today, this completely renovated building in the heart of nature is a modern art centre with studios, artists' residences, and space for exhibitions, events, and educational programmes.





The first family centre in Ljubljana, Mala ulica, which we established in 2013, welcomes parents, expectant mothers, and children who want to play and socialise with their peers.



Many streets and roads have been renovated or rebuilt. In 2010, among others, we completed the construction of Štajerska cesta from the Tomačevo roundabout to the Žale roundabout, which shortened distances and brought many parts of the city closer together. Perhaps not so visible at first glance, but extremely important for the quality of life, is the newly built utility infrastructure in many parts of the city.



In 2017, through a public-private partnership in Črnuče, we acquired the first hall with heated sand in Slovenia (Ludus).



In 2015, the Ljubljana Regional Center for Waste Management (RCERO Ljubljana); a new, state-of-the-art facility for sustainable waste processing, became an exceptional asset for the city.





*Plečnik's House, the recipient of the European Union's prestigious award for cultural heritage, Europa Nostra 2018, has become a cultural and touristic gem through renovation, and a starting point for learning about Plečnik's Ljubljana.*



*The Zalog Centre, built in 2016, is an important acquisition that brings additional development potential to this part of Ljubljana with its new contents, and enables residents to have easier access to local public services and a quality shopping environment.*



*We renovated Congress Square in 2011 and emptied it of cars by building an underground garage with 720 parking spaces. With this renovation, the square became one of the central event and social venues in the city.*



*One of the most visible measures for introducing a high-quality public space in the city centre is the rearrangement of part of the main traffic axis – Slovenska cesta – into an area dedicated to pedestrians, cyclists, and city bus users. By preventing access to private motor vehicles to its main part in 2015, we reduced black carbon concentrations by 70% during background measurements (in the same period the air quality in the surrounding streets did not decrease but has remained the same). This proves that the right measures can strongly impact local air quality improvement. Furthermore, the noise previously caused by private vehicles has been reduced by around 6dB.*





## Here We are Rewarded for Our Work

Numerous prestigious titles and recognitions, with which we are strengthening the city's brand and visibility in the international environment, are a confirmation of the successful realisation of the set vision for the development of Ljubljana, and the effective work of the employees of the City of Ljubljana.

- **As part of the European Capital of Smart Tourism project, based on the decision of independent experts, representatives of the European Commission, and the European Parliament, we received the award for the best European city in the field of sustainable development.**
- The European Network of Healthy Cities, which operates within the framework of the World Health Organization, recognised Ljubljana as one of the leading cities in for ensuring a healthy living environment.
- At the tourist exchange in Berlin, Slovenia, and its two golden destinations from the green tourism scheme, Ljubljana and Podčetrtek, received the awards for the best sustainable destinations Europe award.
- As part of the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, we received the Global Active City certificate, which, in addition to Ljubljana was awarded to only five other cities in the world.
- At the My Country - Beautiful and Hospitable event we received the award for the nicest city centre.
- For the seventh year in a row, we received the title of Earth-Friendly Municipality at the Nature – Health Fair.
- According to the readers of the internet portal dedicated for dog lovers, Ljubljana was awarded the title of the Most Dog-Friendly City.
- The Society for Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease gave Ljubljana the award for Best Public Toilet 2018 - we took second place in the municipality category.
- As part of the 10th Conventa business fair, we received the Conventa Best Event Award in 2017 for the organisation of the EUROCITIES Conference. Ljubljana also received the Meeting Star Award.
- **Mayor Zoran Jankovič received from the hands of the legendary mayor and governor of Vienna, Michael Häupl, Ph.D., the Great Gold Honorary Award for Merit of the Federal State of Vienna.**
- **At the all-Slovenian commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Union of the Associations for the Values of the National Liberation Movement of Slovenia, Mayor Zoran Jankovič received the Association's jubilee award for dedicated preservation and protection of the values of the national liberation struggle.**
- **The Deputy Mayor Tjaša Ficko received the prestigious award for Woman of the Decade in Public Life at the global conference of the Women's Economic Forum in New Delhi for managing the Ljubljana, European Green Capital 2016 project.**
- **The director of the Young Dragons Institute, Ksenja Perko, received a state award for high-quality and successful work in the youth sector over an extended period.**
- **The manager and artistic director of the Ljubljana Festival, Darko Brlek, received a prestigious state award – the Order of Merit.**
- The Regional Development Agency of the Ljubljana Urban Region received an award for the best good practice from the International Association of Regional Development Agencies (EURADA) for its Regional Center of Creative Economy.
- **For the renovation of Plečnik House we received the European Union's prestigious Cultural Heritage Award/Europa Nostra.**
- For the Plečnikova Ljubljana campaign, Ljubljana Tourism received Emerging Europe's Tourism Campaign of the Year award in 2018.
- **The Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning of Slovenia awarded the new unit of the Pedenjped Kindergarten in Kašelj, Pedenjcarstvo with the Golden Pencil award for excellent performance. Maruša Zorec, who also participated in the renovation of Plečnik's house and Švicarija (The Swiss House), received the Platinum Pencil award for her opus and outstanding achievements.**
- As part of the annual EUROCITIES Conference in Scotland, prizes were awarded for outstanding achievements in the field of activities that improve the quality of life of citizens. In the Innovation category, the award went to the RogLab Project Centre for Creativity and Innovation.
- At the 27th Days of Comedy Festival, the Municipal Theatre of Ljubljana received all the Noble awards (the Noble Comedy 2018: the musical TRAC by Gašper Tič and Davor Herceg, the Noble Comedian 2018: Uroš Smolej, the Noble Lady Comedian 2018: Iva Krajnc Bagola, the Noble Director 2018: Eduard Miler).
- At the Annual Conference of the Network of European Museum Organizations in Malta, the Puppet Museum at Ljubljana Castle received a special prize from the jury.
- **The MENT Ljubljana festival received two awards as part of the largest European showcase festival, Eurosonic Noorderslag, namely for being the best small festival and the best club festival in Europe.**
- Ljubljana Tourism received the Pink Dragon Award for its contribution to the development of niche tourism and the introduction of excellent practices in respecting diversity.
- The Nove Jarše primary school choir named Rock Punks received an Apple of Inspiration award from the President of the Republic of Slovenia for their valuable contribution to strengthening philanthropy and charity.

- **We were included in the list of Global TOP 100 Sustainable Destinations and thus retained the title of one of the hundred best sustainable destinations in the world; at the same time, we are the only destination in the world that has received this title for the fifth time.**
- On the CNtraveler portal, Ljubljana was ranked among the 20 most beautiful cities in Europe.
- **As part of the European Capital of Smart Tourism project, we received the prestigious award for the best European city in the field of digital solutions.**
- At the En.občina & En.management 2019 Conference, we were selected as the most energy-progressive municipality in the category of urban municipalities.
- **We received several awards at the Emerging Europe Awards 2019 international competition in London. For the LGBT-Friendly certificate, we received the first prize for the best equality-friendly initiative. In the category of business-friendly cities, together with Prague, we share first place in the Quality of Life subcategory.**
- For the organisation of the Volkswagen Ljubljana Marathon, we received the golden badge of the IAAF (International Athletics Federation), which ranks us among the best organisers of marathons.
- **For the project of energy renovation of buildings in the City of Ljubljana, we received an energy award from the newspaper "Finance". The fact that we won this award in both the reader's choice category and the expert committee's choice, gives it a special meaning.**
- As part of the 10th international conference Days of Corporate Security we received the Slovenian Grand Security Award for the third time in the »Safest City 2018« category.
- **For the innovatively-designed kindergarten Pedenjcarstvo, we received the OHS AWARD, dedicated to the best facilities and spatial arrangements according to the opinion of the general public.**
- As part of the WTM London tourist exchange, for the Green Supply Chain Project, we received special recognition: the ITTA Best Food Destination Highly Commended special award for the best culinary destination in the world.
- Prestigious awards were given to the best destinations from the Global Top 100 Sustainable Destinations list at the ITB Berlin Tourist Exchange. Ljubljana won in the city category and received the award for best practice for the implementation of the Local Food Exchange.
- For the second time, we have received the prestigious Slovenia Green Destination Gold mark, which is awarded by the Slovenian Tourism Organization.
- **For the third time in a row, Ljubljana has been ranked among the 20 most cyclist-friendly cities in the world by The Copenhagenize Index, coming 14th on the list.**
- **The Beekeeping Association of Slovenia awarded us a gold award and the title of the most bee-friendly municipality in 2019.**
- At the meeting of the members of the Slovenian Association of Corporate Security, we received an award from the Institute for Corporate Security Studies for the implementation of the international project, PERICLES.
- **We received the European Energy Service Award 2019 for the first part of the Energy Advanced project.**
- For the eighth year in a row, we received the title of Earth-Friendly Municipality at the Nature – Health Fair.
- In the framework of the 3rd conference on e-mobility in municipalities, Ljubljana was declared city with the best e-mobility in Slovenia.
- The Society for Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease gave Ljubljana the award for Best Public Toilet 2019 – we took first place in the municipality category.
- As part of the 11th Conventa Exchange, we received two prestigious certificates:
- The Meeting Star Award for congress destinations (for up to 2,000 participants) and the certificate for being one of the best congress destinations in New Europe.
- **Deputy mayor prof. Janez Koželj is the recipient of the Big SEE Architectural Visionary 2019 award.**
- **Amir Crnojevič, president of the Council of the Posavje Quarter Community and an employee of the Institute for Home Care in Ljubljana, received the award for Best Mentor of Volunteers in the Republic of Slovenia for 2018.**
- **The association of European city, tourist, and congress offices and marketing organisations, European Cities Marketing (ECM), elected Petra Stušek, MA, Director of Ljubljana Tourism, as its president at the annual general meeting in Ljubljana.**
- **The President of the Republic of Slovenia awarded the Ljubljana Community Health Centre the Silver Order of Merit for fifty successful years of operation and provision of medical care in Ljubljana and its surroundings.**
- **Mladinsko Theatre's performance of the play Our Violence and Your Violence was chosen as the best performance in the competition programme at the 32nd Bar Yearbook festival in Montenegro.**
- Mladinsko Theatre's play Still No Title won the Šeligo award for staging and the audience award at the 49th Week of Slovenian Drama in Kranj.
- The International Graphic Arts Centre (MGLC) received an award for openness and attention to visitors at the Živa 2019 awards ceremony in Bar, Montenegro.
- **At the 10th Biennale of Slovenian Puppet Makers, the Ljubljana Puppet Theatre won nine awards for four productions. The performance Somewhere Elsewhere was declared the grand prix of the festival.**
- The Ljubljana Puppet Theatre received the award for the best performance of the festival at the 52nd PIF International Puppet Festival in Zagreb for the performance Goodbye, directed by Jasna Vastl. The grand prix and the award for top performance was received by the actor and animator play Brane Vižintin.
- The unit of the Ljubljana Šentvid City Library took a high 4th place in the Green Library Award international competition.
- **At the 21st conference of the International Europa Cinemas Network in Lisbon, Kinodvor received the prestigious Europa Cinemas Award for the best programme of 2019.**
- Kinodvor received the Netko 2019 award for its website in the category of Best Project in Tourism and Leisure.
- **At the 5th International Congress of Historic Cities in Solin, Croatia, Ljubljana Castle received recognition for the best cultural tourism product, with Ljubljana Castle for You.**
- **Hostel Celica has once again acquired the prestigious environmental mark, the Gold Travelife Certificate. Since June 2016, when it received the Gold Travelife certificate for the first time, Celica has been the first certified, sustainability-oriented hostel in Slovenia and the world.**
- During the days of Slovenian Tourism event we received the Snovalec 2019 plaque for Ljubljana Tourism's Let's Meet at the Market Experience and Tour of the Ljubljana Market with Breakfast.
- The Brko Tour and the offer Ljubljana Castle for You are among the first recipients of the Slovenia Unique Experiences label, which is awarded by the Slovenian Tourist Board for five-star experiences.
- Based on 1.5 million reviews of hotels, restaurants, and attractions around the world, the experts awarded twenty attractions, ten restaurants, and 41 accommodation facilities in Ljubljana with the Expert's Choice and Best of Ljubljana awards.
- For the campaign »Park your excuses elsewhere! Not on the places reserved for the disabled.« we received the Prizma award for communication excellence.
- The kindergarten Vodmat, together with KUD Mreža, received the second prize for the children's animated film Mavrica ("Rainbow") at the VAFI & RAFI international festival, which takes place in Varaždin and Rijeka, Croatia.



- **The prestigious magazine Monocle ranked Ljubljana among the 25th best small cities in the world (Small City Index).**
- For the sixth year in a row, Ljubljana has been included in the list of Global TOP 100 Sustainable Destinations and thus retained its title as one of the hundred most sustainable destinations in the world.
- **In the international competition for the Carshare City Award, Ljubljana became the second most carsharing-friendly city in the world in the category of up to 750,000 inhabitants.**
- In the framework of the 2nd conference on e-mobility in municipalities, Ljubljana was declared the best e-mobility city in Slovenia.
- **The Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) recognised Ljubljana for the first time as a »city of trees« as part of the »Tree Cities of the World« programme.**
- The iconic luxury lifestyle and travel magazine Conde Nast Traveler has ranked Slovenia and Ljubljana as the number one vacation destination worth visiting in 2021.
- The Society for Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease gave Ljubljana the award for Best Public Toilet 2020 – we took the first place in the municipality category.
- On the 12th Conventa Business Exchange, we received the prestigious Meeting Star Award for congress destinations in the category of cities that can host events for up to 2,000 participants.
- **Memorial Decorations of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for dedication in the fight against Covid-19 were received by the most self-sacrificing individuals or groups, which in the City of Ljubljana unselfishly helped to prevent the spread of the epidemic in the spring period. These individuals are Roman Fortuna, Head of the Municipal Warden Services; Sania Huskić Hočevar, Head of the Public Relations Section; and Bojan Povše, who is employed at the City of Ljubljana as a driver. The groups receiving the Memorial Decorations are: Public Company Ljubljanski potniški promet, Public Institute Sport Ljubljana and Ljubljana Castle Public Institute.**
- The Drama actress, Jette Ostan Vejrup, a member of the Ljubljana City Theatre, received the 2020 Stane Sever Fund award for top acting performances in the past two seasons.
- Branka D. Jurišič, Ph.D., the head of the PIKA Educational Centre, and Jožica Frigelj, MA, teacher at the Kette and Murn Primary School,, received the highest awards of the Republic of Slovenia in the field of education.
- **Tatjana Polajnar, the director of Public Institute Sport Ljubljana, received the Marjan Rožanc Award for long-term work in the professional and organisational field.**
- Asja Kahrimanović Babnik, actress at the Ljubljana Puppet Theatre, received an award as part of the Zlata Iskra International Puppet Festival for her acting performance in the play Somewhere Elsewhere, directed by Tin Grabnar.
- Friderik, the Lovely Castle Rat Souvenir Shop or Own Brand and Gift Shop at Ljubljana Castle, in the competitive programme of the Slovenian Advertising Festival in the categories of Design – Graphic design and brand management – Brand Launch or Renewal, received both the gold and silver award.
- For the project of transformation of a decommissioned city bus into the Ljuba and Drago mobile youth centre, we received the BIG SEE Interior Design Award 2020.
- Ljubljana's website, the finalist for the title of the European Capital of Culture 2025, won the 3rd Award of WEBSI champions in the category of online public and non-governmental organisations.
- The Rihard Jakopič Primary School was the recipient of the Golden Award and the title of the Most Athletic School in the spring of 2020, which they received at the award competition of the Planica Institute of Sports of the Republic of Slovenia. It also received the title of Cultural School for the 2020–2024 period.
- For 2020, the Dragomelj Primary School received the Apple of Quality award in the field of general school education, while Črnuče Kindergarten was awarded with recognition from the Institute of Education of the Republic of Slovenia. for its significant professional contribution.
- According to the readers of Ona magazine, the winner of the Best School Teacher 2019/2020 campaign was Tanja Janković, a teacher at the Danila Kumer Primary School.
- Blažka Tana Logar from Ljubljana, on the initiative of the Young Dragons Institute, received the title of the best volunteer of 2019 in the age group of 20–29 years.

- **Ljubljana ranked first in the list of the twenty best green capitals of Europe, created by European Best Destinations.**
- As part of the MoverDB study, Ljubljana was included in the list of cities worth moving to due to its high quality of life.
- **Time magazine included Ljubljana in this year's list of the 100 best tourist destinations in the world. Time called it a culinary capital, and Cukrarna Gallery was also mentioned in its assessment.**
- For the seventh year in a row, Ljubljana has been included in the list of Global TOP 100 Sustainable Destinations and thus retained the title of one of the hundred most sustainable destinations in the world.
- **Lonely Planet ranked Ljubljana among the eight most sustainable cities in the world, mainly because of its cleanliness and greenery.**
- The Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) recognised Ljubljana for the second time as a »city of trees« as part of the »Tree Cities of the World« programme.
- Ljubljana made it to the final selection for the Eurocities 2021 award with the project of high-quality renovation of the central part of Slovenska cesta in the category of: Planning of Public Spaces – Presentation of Innovative Solutions.
- **Mayor Zoran Janković became an honorary citizen of Sarajevo.**
- **Mayor Zoran Janković received the Gold Medal of the Islamic Community in the Republic of Slovenia for his outstanding contribution to the construction of the Muslim Cultural Centre in Ljubljana.**
- **The Community Health Centre Ljubljana is the first and only medical institution to receive the CAF Starter Award as a new user of the Joint Assessment Framework. This model is recognised at the European level as a tool for introducing improvements in public administration.**
- Tjaša Železnik, drama actress and member of the City Theatre of Ljubljana, received Dnevnik's award for outstanding artistic achievement in the production Ta obraz in Slamnik ("This Face" and the "Italian Straw Hat").
- As many as four Ljubljana projects were recognised as good practices of sustainable urban development in the Mesta Mestom: 1. Skupno Zeleno – environmentally -friendly public procurement of office paper and toilet paper products in the Javni Holding Ljubljana company. 2. Kavalir electric vehicles of the Public Company Ljubljanski potniški promet. 3. The transformation of an old city bus into a mobile youth centre – Ljuba and Drago, Young Dragons Institute and Public Company Ljubljanski potniški promet 4. Action "We will mow when the bees' bellies are full".
- Turizem Ljubljana was included in the list of the most innovative organisations in the field of tourism 2021, which are successfully remedying the consequences of the Covid-19 epidemic and are looking for new approaches for a faster recovery, and tourism that is friendlier to the environment and society.
- The promotional campaign "Tourism Makes Ljubljana", with which we presented the positive impacts of tourism to citizens, was included by the international jury in the final selection in the City Nation Place Awards 2021, in the category of Campaigns for the Inclusion of Citizens.
- The Green Supply Chains were selected as the winner in the first stage of the selection for the Energy Globe Awards 2021 among eight of the projects submitted from all over Slovenia.
- The culinary experience "Let's Meet at the Square" has received the Unique Experiences of Slovenia mark – Recommended by the STO.
- At the closing ceremony of the 56th Festival Borštnik Meeting, Jette Ostan Vejrup, a member of the acting ensemble of the City Theatre of Ljubljana, received the Borštnik Ring for 2021. Award winners also include members of the City Theatre of Ljubljana, Matej Puc and Blaž Gracar; and Gašper Malnar, member of the Mladinsko Theatre.
- The Ljubljana Puppet Theatre received the award for innovation in puppetry for the performance of Duck, Death and Tulip at the international puppet festival HIP Fest.
- The Mladinsko Theatre was awarded as "Outstanding" in the Information and Awareness category.
- The website of Ljubljana Castle received the WEBSI 2021 online champion title in the Public and Non-Governmental Organisations category.
- Jožko Lango, Ph.D., a teacher at Majda Vrhovnik Primary School, received the award of the Republic of Slovenia for outstanding achievements in the field of primary education.

- **Ljubljana became the winner of the 13th edition of the »European Best Destinations« project and was declared the best destination in Europe 2022.**
- We were included in the list of the Global TOP 100 Sustainable Destinations and thus retained the title of one of the hundred best sustainable destinations in the world; at the same time, we are the only destination in the world that has received this title for the eighth time.
- Ljubljana received the Slovenia Green Destination PLATINUM label, awarded by the Slovenian Tourist Board.
- **Ljubljana was selected as one of 100 climate-neutral and smart cities. It is a call from the European Commission within the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities mission.**
- In the framework of the 4th conference on e-mobility in municipalities, Ljubljana was declared the best e-mobility city in Slovenia. We won based on the sum of the evaluation of the expert committee and the votes collected in the online survey.
- The Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) recognised Ljubljana for the third time as a »city of trees« as part of the »Tree Cities of the World« programme.
- **Mayor Zoran Jankovič received a state award from the Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić at a ceremony on Statehood Day of the Republic of Serbia.**
- **Mayor Zoran Jankovič received a gold medal from the Association of Veterans of the War for Slovenia 90–91 of the City of Ljubljana and former Ljubljana Municipalities, for his merits in nurturing traditions arising from the War for Slovenia 90–91, and for his selfless support of the organisation.**
- **For the renovation of Cukrarna Gallery, we were declared joint winner of the Baumit Life Challenge architectural competition in Valencia, and we also received the Plečnik medal for architectural realisation. In addition to the Cukrarna project, the renovation project of the Comunity Health Centre Ljubljana, unit Bežigrad was also given an award.**
- The Cukrarna renovation project won first prize in the architecture category at the 5th Balkan Architecture Biennale.
- **Pionirski dom – Centre for Youth Culture in Ljubljana received a sign of gratitude from the President of the Republic at the the celebration of its 60th anniversary.**
- The editor-in-chief of the Ljubljana newsletter, Nenad Senić, was ranked among the five best editors in 2021 by the jury of the British Association for Content Marketing – The International Content Marketing Awards 2021.

# granting awards and prizes





Ljubljana Castle plays host to the ceremonial meeting of the City Council of the Municipality of Ljubljana – City Hero.



### Respect is Valued Here

Together with the citizens we are proudly building a creative, diverse, open, progressive, tolerant, warm Ljubljana in which we live together, respect our differences and where everyone is welcome. Individuals and organisations that create opportunities and inspire change, are awarded plaques and prizes annually in the City of Ljubljana. During the Ljubljana City Holiday Celebration on May 9, we solemnly and respectfully pay tribute to two individuals who, through their life's work and efforts, significantly impacted Ljubljana and influenced its reputation locally and abroad. Accordingly, we award them the most prestigious title: Gentleman Honorary citizen and Lady Honorary Citizen.

9 May, City Holiday, is celebrated with a ceremonial meeting of the City Council of the Municipality of Ljubljana. During this meeting, Mayor Zoran Janković awards the City of Ljubljana's highest accolades.

The Župančič Award is the highest honour given in the Field of Art. The Marjan Rožanc Award is the highest recognition in the Field of Sport. Annually, we give awards for special achievements in the Field of Protection from natural and other disasters.



## Recipients of The Title of Honorary Citizen

- 2018: Anita Ogulin, Janez Kocijančič, Ph.D.
- 2019: Ivanka Mežan, Franc Sever Franta
- 2020: prof. Gabi Čačinovič Vogrinčič, Ph.D., prof. Jože Mencinger, Ph.D. h.c.
- 2021: Spomenka Hribar, Ph.D., Peter Čeferin, Ph.D.
- 2022: prof. Renata Salecl, Ph.D., Jurij Souček

Anita Ogulin



Janez Kocijančič, Ph.D.



prof. Gabi Čačinovič Vogrinčič, Ph.D.



prof. Jože Mencinger, Ph.D. h.c.



prof. Renata Salecl, Ph.D.



Ivanka Mežan



Franc Sever Franta



Spomenka Hribar, Ph.D.



Peter Čeferin, Ph.D.



Jurij Souček

## Župančič Lifetime Achievement Award in Art

- 2018: Karpo Godina
- 2019: Marlenka Stupica
- 2020: Stanko Kristl
- 2021: Meta Hočevar
- 2022: Matjaž Počivavšek

## Marjan Rožanc Award for Outstanding Achievements in Sports

- 2018: Simon Oven
- 2019: Tadej Pogačar
- 2020: Luka Dončić, Žan Kranjec
- 2021: Maruša Mišmaš Zrimšek
- 2022: Ajda Novak

**internationally renowned**





Meeting with the Mayor of Cetinje, Aleksandar Kaščelan and the Mayor of Podgorica, Ivan Vuković (2018)



Reception of the Mayor of Belgrade, Prof. Zoran Radojičić, Ph.D. (2018)



Reception of UEFA President, Aleksandar Čeferin and members of the UEFA Executive Committee (2019)



## Strengthening Ljubljana's Reputation Here and Abroad

Due to the international recognition and reputation of Ljubljana, we attract many distinguished guests to the capital. Additionally, when we travel abroad, we are warmly welcomed and valued interlocutors. During the pandemic, international cooperation was somewhat curtailed; despite this, we actively and successfully maintained and strengthened international ties with many cities and organisations.



## Prominent receptions and visits by the mayor and deputy mayors 2018–2022

- Reception of UEFA President, Aleksandar Čeferin and members of the UEFA Executive Committee
- Meeting with the President of Paris Saint Germain (PSG) Football Club Nasser al Khelaifi
- Reception of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate of the year 2003 Shirin Ebadi, Ph.D.
- Reception of the ambassadors from London together with the Slovenian ambassador Tadej Rupel, MA
- Reception of the African Heads of State Group
- Reception of the Mayor of Belgrade, Prof. Zoran Radojičić, Ph.D.
- Meeting with the Mayor of Cetinje, Alexander Kaščelan and Mayor of Podgorica, Ivan Vuković
- Reception of the Mayor of Dubrovnik, Mato Franković, and related delegation
- Reception of the President of the European Volleyball Federation Aleksandar Boričić
- Reception of the President of Catalonia, Quim Torre
- Reception of the Mayor of Banja Luka, Igor Radojičić
- Reception of Jean-François Decaux, Director of JCDecaux
- Reception of the First Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans
- Reception of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, Rumen Radev
- Reception of the newly appointed Nuncio, H.E. archbishop Jean-Marie Speich
- Meeting with the President of Paris Saint Germain (PSG) Football Club Nasser al Khelaif
- Reception of the Mayor of Mariupol, Boichenko Vadim, and related delegation
- Reception of Mirko Tomassoni, former Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino
- Reception of the highest representatives from six European universities which are members of the EUTOPIA alliance
- Reception of the President of Greece, Katerina Sakellariopoulou
- Reception of the former Mufti Nedžad Grabus, Ph.D.
- Reception of a group of ambassadors of EU member states accredited in Brussels
- Reception of the Mayor of Chemnitz, Sven Schulze
- Reception of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Catalonia, Victoria Alsina Burgues
- Plenary session with the mayors of Banja Luka, Novi Sad, Sarajevo and Dubrovnik at the world cycling conference Velo-city 2022 in Ljubljana
- Presentation of the incinerator project in Ljubljana and an introduction to the public debate on this topic with the guests of the Mayor and Regional Governor of Vienna, Michael Ludwig, Ph.D., and other director of the company Wien Energie, Karl Gruber, B.Eng.



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Reception of the First Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans (2019)



Reception of the newly appointed nuncio, his excellency archbishop Jean-Marie Speich (2019)



Reception of the former mufti Nedžad Grabus, Ph.D. (2021)



Reception of the Mayor of Chemnitz, Sven Schulze (2021)



Meeting with the President of Paris Saint Germain (PSG) Football Club Nasser al Khelaïf (2022)



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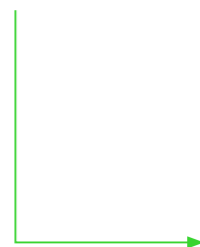
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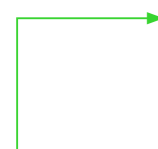
Mayor Zoran Janković became an honorary citizen of Sarajevo (2021). Mayor Zoran Janković and Mayor of Sarajevo, Benjamina Karić, Ph.D., also signed the Sister Cities agreement between Sarajevo and the City of Ljubljana (2022).



Mayor Zoran Janković received Serbia's state award from the Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić in Belgrade (2022).



Mayor Zoran Janković and the Mayor and Regional Governor of Vienna, Michael Ludwig signed an agreement on cooperation between the two cities for the next four years in Vienna (2022).





### Meetings with top Slovenian athletes 2018–2022

- Gymnast Sašo Bertoncelj, European runner-up in the pommel horse event
- Professional Basketball player Goran Dragić
- Professional Basketball player Luka Dončić



Reception of gymnast Sašo Bertoncelj, European runner-up on pommel horse (2018)



Meeting with Basketball player Goran Dragić (2018)



Top Slovenian athletes are remarkable ambassadors of Ljubljana and Slovenia abroad.

Opening of the renovated basketball courts in the Savsko naselje Sports Park, where Luka Dončić gained his first basketball experience (2021).





## Receptions for excellent Slovenian athletes 2018–2022

- Reception for top cyclists Primož Roglič, Jan Polanc and Tadej Pogačar
- Reception for members of the volleyball team who won the silver medal at the European Championship
- Reception for Slovenian Olympians who were exceptionally successful at the Olympic Games in Tokyo

*Reception for Slovenian Olympians who were exceptionally successful at the Olympic Games in Tokyo (2021). Climber Janja Garnbret, canoeist Benjamin Savšek, and cyclist Primož Roglič won gold medals. Judoka Tina Trstenjak won silver, and cyclist Tadej Pogačar took home bronze. Climber Janja Garnbret and Mayor Zoran Janković announced to fans that a new climbing centre will be built in Ljubljana.*



*Reception for top cyclists Primož Roglič, Jan Polanc, and Tadej Pogačar in front of the City Hall (2019)*



# planning ljubljana with vision





*Ljubljana is the European Best Destination 2022*



*View of the Gruber Canal with port*



## Here, the Quality of Life is Getting Better Every Day

In the City of Ljubljana, we have been focusing on spatial development since 2007, based on the Vision of Ljubljana 2025, and the strategic part of the Municipal Spatial Plan adopted in 2010. For a decade and a half, we have been following three fundamental directions, which are “Sustainable City”, “Ideal City” and “All-Slovenian Metropolis”.

At the same time, we actively respond to development needs and conservation restrictions in the area through spatial implementation acts: the implementation part of the Municipal Spatial Plan (OPN MOL ID) and its continuous changes and additions, as well as detailed municipal spatial plans (OPPN), and after 2018, location checks.

In 2022, we adopted the fourth amendment to the OPN MOL ID, which is the basic spatial act and determines the conditions for changes in land use for the entire municipality.

The orderliness of the environment is also one of the most important goals of the City of Ljubljana.

By organising public areas and renovating building shells as part of the »Ljubljana – My City« project, we are improving the city’s public image and raising its quality of life. The city’s orderly and attractive appearance allows for more comprehensive economic development, reflected in an increased number of tourists, a growing number of conventions, and its attractiveness as a business destination. Spatial planning will continue to be increasingly sustainable, respectful of natural resources, and topological qualities. We ensure that Ljubljana is planned and managed with vision so that it is increasingly resilient, adaptable to climate change, self-sustaining, and green. Additionally, we guarantee that the city will be infrastructurally sound, accessible, and shaped by preserving its history while creating a modern identity.



## Building shells renovated as part of the programme "Ljubljana – My City" 2018–2022

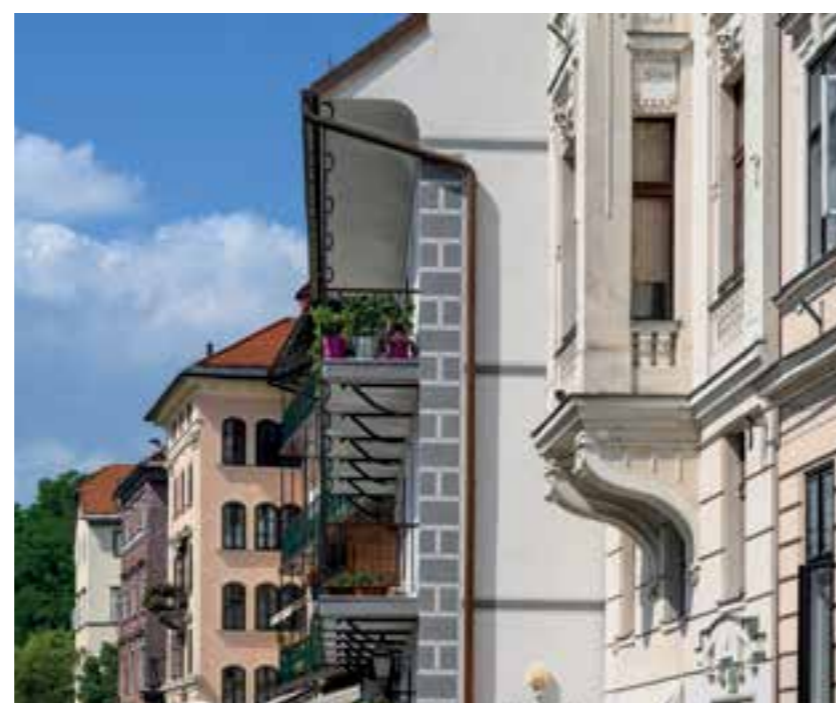
- Beethovnova ulica 7
- Cankarjeva ulica 7
- Čevljarska ulica 2
- Čopova ulica 5
- Gornji trg 44
- Gornji trg 9
- Gosposvetska cesta 10
- Gregorčičeva ulica 8
- Igriška 3 (The Little Skyscraper)
- Jurčičev trg 1 – Čevljarska ulica 1 (Zlata ladjica)
- Karlovška cesta 9
- Križevniška ulica 3
- Njegoševa 6 (Meksika – Atrium)
- Poljanska cesta 11
- Poljanska cesta 8
- Prečna ulica 6
- Resljeva 16
- Rimska 12,14,16 (Ferant garden)
- Slomškova ulica 3
- Slovenska 11 – Gradišče 6,8 (German house)
- Slovenska cesta 10
- Slovenska cesta 55, 55 a, b, c – restoration of mosaics
- Stari trg 20
- Stari trg 4
- Stari trg 6
- Stari trg 9
- Štefanova ulica 9–11
- Stiška ulica 1 – Levstikov trg 9 – Gallusovo nabrežje 35
- Streliška ulica 22
- Streliška ulica 6
- Študentovska ulica 11 – Krekov trg 4
- Trg francoske revolucije 7
- Ulica Janeza Pavla II. 7
- Ulica talcev 5
- Vegova 5 – Gosposka 8
- Vegova ulica 2
- Vrhovčeva ulica 3
- Zemljemerska ulica 11
- Židovska ulica 4

A view of the Jurčičev trg and the restored building »Zlata ladjica«



Trg francoske revolucije 7

The total value of the building shell renovations carried out as part of the »Ljubljana – My City« program in 2018–2022 amounts to 6,315,376 euros, of which 2,744,033 euros originated from the City of Ljubljana budget.



Restored building shells along the Gallus Embankment



Vegova 5



View of Gallus Embankment



Gosposka 8



Gallusovo nabrežje 35





The view of Koseški bajer (Koseze marshes) was landscaped and architecturally arranged in 2010. In 2018, the platform next to it was renovated due to wear and tear. Today, Koseški bajer is a popular urban area that offers recreation and relaxation for all generations.



BicikeLJ station on Breg



60.3% of the City of Ljubljana population lives less than 800m from the nearest station of the BicikeLJ system.



Tivoli is the largest park in Ljubljana and extends into the very centre of the city.

99.2% of the City of Ljubljana population lives less than 2,000m from the forest.

87.4% of the City of Ljubljana population lives less than 800m from the nearest children's playground.



Children's playground in Zajčja dobrava

88.4% of the City of Ljubljana population lives less than 800m from the nearest park.

77.7% of the City of Ljubljana population lives less than 400m from the nearest park.



95.7% of the City of Ljubljana population lives less than 800m from the nearest sports facility.

98.8% of the City of Ljubljana residents are less than 800 metres from the nearest public transport stop.

95.4% of the City of Ljubljana residents are less than 500 metres from the nearest public transport stop.

In the City of Ljubljana, we are actively increasing the proportion of outdoor recreational and sports areas. This is to encourage Ljubljana citizens to spend their free time being active in nature.



The bus stop at Bavarski dvor was renovated as part of the renovation of Slovenska cesta.



## We Never Stop Working

We will direct **spatial development in the area of the City of Ljubljana**, while simultaneously protecting the area's quality.

### We highlight:

- mixed-use development area of Nova Stanežiče with the construction of a new residential neighbourhood and a new technology park (after completion of the C0 project),
- construction of apartments in three locations along Cesta dveh cesarjev,
- mitigating the effects of climate change through appropriate measures affecting the sustainable development of cities and their quality of life (greening, urban trees, afforestation, sustainable mobility, sustainable use of energy and resources and food self-sufficiency, etc.).

We will continue to **actively participate** in state and private projects crucial for the well-being of the capital city's citizens and all citizens of Slovenia.

### Some of which include:

- Ljubljana passenger center with a new bus and train station,
- the Ljubljana railway junction with the complex tunnelling of the freight railway on the route through the city centre,
- Jože Plečnik Stadium,
- commercial part of the Stožice Sports Park,
- National University Library 2,
- planning and construction of a regional railway network with a connection to the city's public transport (new stops, transfer points on the public transport system, P+R and BicikeLJ bike-sharing system).







As part of the renovation of Drenikova Cesta, pavements have been widened to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists. This renovation was co-financed by the Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) scheme. At the same time, we also renovated the hot water and gas pipelines, and for even greater safety, especially for pedestrians and cyclists, we renovated the intersection of Drenikova-Celovška-Na Jami. The photo shows the intersection of Drenikova, Samova, Parmova and Podmilščakova ulica.



To improve quality of life, we have also completely renovated the area of Cesta španskih borcev, also with the European Union Funds.



Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund, we have provided adequate cycling and walking surfaces on Tržaška, Dunajska, Poljanska, Vodnikova and Drenikova cesta, thus promoting non-motorised transport in the area of the Municipality of Ljubljana. The photo shows the intersection of Tržaška and Bleiweisova cesta.



**With EU funding, we have implemented a number of infrastructure projects in Ljubljana to improve the quality of life in our city.**

## In this Area, We are Successful in Obtaining European Funding

Obtaining European funds is demanding and requires a lot of cross-sector integration, a highly qualified team, competent partners and experts. **The Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region (RRA LUR) plays a crucial role in this. At the same time, excellent cooperation and integration of the Mayors of the Municipalities of the Ljubljana Urban Region are also essential.** We are currently at the intersection of two financial periods. Many projects from the previous period 2014–2020 are still being intensively implemented (up to 2023), while we have already started a new period of 2021–2027. **The Ljubljana Urban Region is part of Western Slovenia's more developed cohesion region, which is an additional challenge in obtaining European funds.**

During the 2014–2020 period, the Western Region

(in addition to the Municipalities of Central Slovenia, including the Municipalities of Gorenjska, Goriška and Obalno-Kraška) was eligible for 874 million euros from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF). During the 2021–2027 period, we will be entitled to slightly fewer European funds due to the higher development of the region. However, negotiations and efforts are still underway to obtain additional national grants, which are absolutely necessary for further successful development.

The additional financial instrument, "Recovery and Resilience Plan", was also brought about by the Covid situation. The Slovenian National Recovery and Resilience Plan, which will be the basis for EU funding for pandemic recovery, has also been endorsed by EU finance ministers. The plan is extremely important for us because, on the one hand, the funds bring additional financial capabilities that we did not know before Covid. On the other, the allocation and the amount of co-financing are independent of the region's level of development.





## Major infrastructure projects, co-financed by the European Union 2018–2022

- The "Clean for You" project: Wastewater collection and treatment in the Ljubljansko Polje aquifer area. It is aimed at increasing the sewer connection rate to 98%
- Cukrarna Gallery
- Expansion of the bicycle path network (Tržaška, Dunajska, Poljanska, Vodnikova and Drenikova cesta)
- Integrated improvement and renovation of streets and roads (Trubarjeva, Zaloška, Erjavčeva, Litijaska, Parmova, Cesta na Brdo...)
- Restoration of Letališka cesta
- Traffic regulation of Črnovaška cesta and Ižanska cesta
- Energy renovations of buildings owned by the City of Ljubljana
- Energy renovations of buildings owned by the Public Housing Fund
- Renovation of the existing settlement along the road Cesta španskih borcev
- Construction of the P+R Stanežiče parking area
- Construction of connecting water pipeline VH Volavljje–VH Janče
- Refurbishment or new construction of 11 LPP bus stops outside the interchange
- Construction of the Zalog Economic and Business Zone

**In the 2018–2022 period, the City of Ljubljana obtained more than 148 million euros in grants for project implementation.**



The comprehensive renovation of the Cukrarna Gallery was co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Republic of Slovenia.

The European Union and the Republic of Slovenia co-financed the investment in energy renovations of buildings owned by the City of Ljubljana during the 2018–2022 period. In the photo, the fully renovated kindergarten Kolezija, Murgle unit.



In addition to the new look, the comprehensive renovation of Trubarjeva cesta also included the renovation and construction of sewerage, water supply, gas supply, heating supply, optical fibre infrastructure and public lighting. As part of the renovation, we also renovated the connecting streets, namely Obrežna steza, Za čreslom and Prečna, Kastelčeva, Znamenjska, Usnjarska and Vidovdanska ulica. The European Union's Cohesion Fund and the Republic of Slovenia partially co-financed the project.



### Major thematic projects co-financed by the European Union 2018–2022

- URBforDAN – management and utilization of urban forests as natural heritage in Danube cities
- Project Applause – from harmful to useful invasive alien plant species with the active involvement of residents
- Project TRIBUTE – with Klinko Kavalir, an electric vehicle, we provide free transportation on-call around the Medical Centre and the Oncology Institute of Ljubljana
- DEAS – digitisation of public services, identification of open data
- PERICLES – finding effective ways to prevent vehicles from driving on pedestrian areas
- Social Inclusion, Education and Urban Policy for Young Children - finding better ways to educate and socially include children in the early childhood education system
- BeePathNet- the bee path in Ljubljana continues with BeePath Net Reloaded
- PSLifestyle – establishing a carbon footprint calculator
- SCUBY – the search for better and innovative approaches to the management and treatment of patients with high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes
- ODEON – promoting the opening up of data in public institutions and market opportunities, with a view of leveraging this data
- OPSI HUB – Slovenia's open data hub
- boDEREC-CE – detection and assessment of the presence of modern pollutants in the water environment
- AMIIGA – integrated groundwater quality management in functional urban areas
- CAMARO-D – stakeholder participation in the implementation of advanced spatial management practices concerning impacts on the water regime in the Danube basin
- PROLINE-CE – improving the protection of drinking water sources and ensuring safety against floods and drought
- PSTE – smart thermal energy systems
- Circular4.0 – support of small and medium-sized companies in the transition to a circular economy through digitisation in the Alpine region
- Smart Space – improving the innovation capacity and competitiveness of the manufacturing sector through digital transformation and promoting the development of smart factories in line with the Smart Specialisation Strategy
- ACSELL – interregional cooperation project to improve the competitiveness policies of small and medium-sized enterprises
- SUSTOURISMO – a sustainable circle around the Ljubljana Marsh
- PoLJUBA – restoration and conservation of wetland habitats in the Ljubljana Marshes
- PONI LUR – an entrepreneurial approach towards the challenges in the Ljubljana urban region
- SmartMOVE – smart solutions for sustainable mobility

The URBforDAN project has improved urban forest management in Ljubljana and seven other European cities. As part of the project, we also installed urban equipment on the hills of Golovec and Šmarna gora.



**In European projects, we are often the leading partner and thus also mentors to other stakeholders participating in projects. With this, Ljubljana's good practice is spreading to other European cities as well.**

As part of the BeePathNet project, we have created a number of facilities and activities that are now regularly offered in Ljubljana including: "Let's help the Bee - Let's beautify the city with flowers" (together with the shopping centre BTC), World Bee Day, Honey Day, as well as an emergency number for collecting bee swarms, API kindergarten and tourist guides along the bee route. The European programme URBACT classified the Bee Path among 94 good practices, and from Ljubljana it spread to five European cities in Portugal, Poland, Italy, Hungary and Greece.



As part of the Applause project, the association Trajna, a partner in the project, used the biomass of the invasive black locust, better known to people as acacia, to create a nesting house with a green roof. The nest box serves as an urban nesting refuge for smaller songbirds, such as titmice.





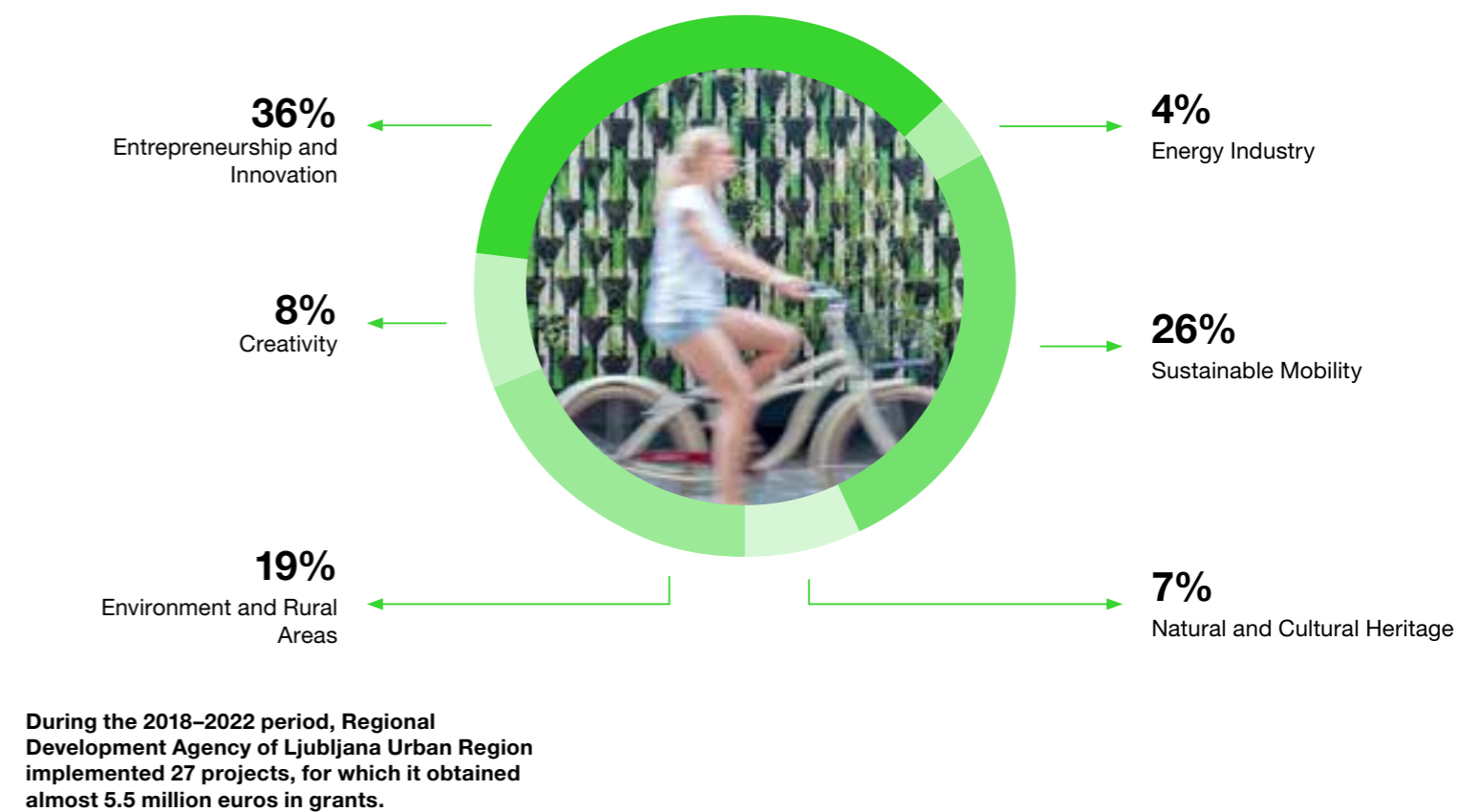
Graph 1: An overview of areas in which the City of Ljubljana projects were implemented.



Graph 2: An overview of areas in which the Technology Park Ljubljana projects were implemented.



Graph 3: An overview of areas in which Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region projects were implemented.





**a higher quality of life in all district authorities**



A view of Ljubljana



Trnovo



Koseški bajer

## I Discover New Things in all Parts of the City

Not only is Ljubljana well developed in the centre, but a lot has been happening in recent years in all parts of the city. The citizens got new infrastructure, kindergartens, schools, libraries, and with them, life also returned to these peaceful settlements.

There are 17 district authorities in the City of Ljubljana, which are the link between residents and the city administration. Their representatives know their immediate surroundings and the people who live there well. They know how to listen to the wishes, ideas, initiatives, and demands of the residents, and forward them to the relevant authorities of the city administration. They advocate for the realisation of these initiatives and participate in making decisions that affect the development of all local communities in Ljubljana. Their tasks include: informing residents about matters that are important to the district authority; organising cultural, sport and other events; implementing various programmes in the fields of sports, culture, social care, planning and

environmental protection; and preparing a plan of small works that is created on the basis of initiatives of citizens and others in the district authority. The plan is drawn up every year, and contains a list of arrangements and maintenance works of public utility infrastructure. The plan is carried out through the competent authorities of the city administration.

**The project, which is common to all Ljubljana district authorities, is focused on new centres, which these neighbourhoods are gradually obtaining in accordance with the plans of the city office for local self-government. In them, we provide spatial conditions for the operation of district authorities and the implementation of their programs, and in addition to the headquarters of those district authorities, we also establish day-care centres for the elderly, neighbourhood youth centres, and other programmes for quality leisure time and socialising for Ljubljana residents.**

District authorities are closely connected to the city administration, their presidents meet with the competent Deputy Mayor monthly and discuss various topical issues for better functioning of said district authority, and the mayor Zoran Janković joins them every three months. Such successful cooperation, with concrete agreements and projects, is proof that we are implementing the principle of participatory budgeting in Ljubljana.

**Since 2018, the district authorities have spent a total of 611,752 euros for the execution of small works.**

**Each quarter, a district authority must spend at least 20% of the assets they are assigned in a given budgetary year for the implementation of tasks.**



## The most frequently proposed and implemented small works by district authorities 2018–2022

- Landscaping, mowing, and tree trimming
- Arrangement of flower beds and planting of additional trees
- Installation of new equipment, or renovation of the existing playground equipment on children's playgrounds
- Room equipment
- Waste bins
- Information boards
- New benches
- Canopies for bicycles or arrangement of shared bicycle sheds
- Placement of gym tools and other elements for outdoor activities
- Installation of nesting boxes for birds and beehives
- Asphaltting of sidewalks
- Paving of surfaces
- Lowering of sidewalk curbs
- Installation of festive spruces as part of the December in Ljubljana project
- Maintenance, renovation, or restoration



*With Best Apartment Building In Ljubljana campaign, we encourage all residents living in multi-apartment buildings to do their best on a daily basis to ensure that their block is a reflection of clean, tidy, and environmentally-friendly coexistence. As part of the campaign, we have already selected the six winning blocks. The Best Apartment Building of 2018 (in the photo) is located at Bilečanska ulica 2 and 5 in the district authority Golovec.*

### District Authority Dravlje

Today, we are happy to drive along Cesta Andreja Bitenca, a completely renovated street which has also acquired all communal infrastructure as part of the Clean for You project. From there, you can also get to the renovated children's playground along Sojerjeva ulica, which offers carefree play with new playground equipment.



*We renovated the children's playground on Sojerjeva ulica as part of the small works project.*



*Cesta Andreja Bitenca*



### District Authority Vič

In addition to the renovated street, Tržaška cesta, the new premises of the Shelter for Abandoned Animals, the new bridge on Rakova Jelša, and the small gardens area on Grba, the comprehensive renovation of the Kolezija Primary School and the Viški Gaj Kindergarten, Zarja unit also contributed to a higher quality of life in this district.

*Kolezija Primary School,  
building at Splitska 13*



*Kindergarten  
Viški Gaj,  
unit Zarja*

*The new canopy at the  
bus stop of line 1 was  
arranged as part of the  
small works project.*





*The level crossing over the Ljubljana Ježica railway track is finally safe.*



### District Authority Posavje

The community is proud of the arrangement of the Pot ob Savi, a once degraded area, which was given a completely new look. The biggest achievement in the District Authority Posavje was the renovated street Dunajska cesta, as well as the lowering of curbs on many streets and roads, which makes it easier for people with disabilities, parents with strollers, and cyclists to move around.

*Lowering of curbs on many streets and roads took place as part of the small works project. This photo shows Slovenčeva Ulica.*



### District Authority Črnuče

A new sports field and sports hall at the Maks Pečar Primary School, the Ludus beach volleyball hall, a renovated kindergarten and primary school, and children's playgrounds have brought a lot of joy to the District Authority Črnuče over the years. An important gain for the area will also be the well-maintained walking paths on the left bank of the Sava River, which will certainly attract many residents and visitors to the city.

*The renovated Črnuški bajer attracts many citizens.*



*We arranged the children's playground near the Maks Pečar Primary School as part of the small works project.*





*The first day of school in the renovated Rihard Jakopič Primary School.*



### District Authority Šiška

At the opening of the Rihard Jakopič Primary School, the proudest students were certainly the students who stepped into the new school year with a renovated school and a new annexed building, while the children from Šiška who have to walk daily from the terraced apartment blocks in Koseze to Podutiška ulica, were happy about the resurfacing and improved arrangement of paths through the settlement.

### District Authority Golovec

Organised municipal infrastructure, new public lighting, bicycle lanes and sidewalks on Litijska and Hruševska cesta are a great asset for the District Authority Golovec.



*As part of the small works initiative, we fixed the area next to the underpass under Litijska cesta, which used to be very overgrown, but today is safer and more pleasant.*



*A well-maintained and asphalted path leads through the settlement in Koseze, which we arranged as part of the small works project.*



*Litijska cesta and Hruševska cesta have been completely renovated and arranged with all the necessary infrastructure, thereby also becoming friendly to pedestrians and cyclists. The photo shows Litijska cesta.*



**District Authority Šmarna gora**

The year 2021 was marked by many changes and new acquisitions in the District Authority Šmarna gora. We have started the construction of sewers, as well as fixing roads and streets, we have installed new fitness equipment, we have completely renovated the school playground at the Šmartno pod Šmarno goro Primary School, and soon there will be a children's playground added also. Residents will also be happy about the ring road, which will relieve traffic congestion in Gameljne.

*The outdoor fitness facility in the Gameljne Sports Park was created as part of the small works project.*



*School playground at the Šmartno pod Šmarno goro Primary School*



**District Authority Polje**

Polje and Zalog have acquired a completely new look in recent years. With the new residential neighbourhoods, the District Authority Polje gained approximately 3,000 residents, we put up new playground equipment, arranged a children's playground, and recently built Industrijska Cesta in Zalog, which will relieve the settlements of trucks.



*Industrijska cesta in Zalog*



*We installed playground equipment in the children's playground in Zajčja dobrava as part of the small works project.*



### District Authority Centre

The renovated Cukrarna building is breathtaking and all of Ljubljana, not only the residents of the centre, are filled with pride. The district authority is also richer for the new sports facility in Park slovenske reformacije, in which mighty trees cool us in the heat.



Cukrarna Gallery

We have set up an interactive playground at the Vič Elementary School as part of the small works project.



### District Authority Rožnik

The construction of the Brdnikova reservoir, the reconstruction of Pot Roberta Blinca and the bridge over the Glinščica River with a new road connection from the Brdo highway junction to Technology Park and Brdnikova cesta have significantly improved the quality of life in the District Authority Rožnik. In the newly built Brdo neighbourhood, a library and a multi-purpose hall will soon find space.

In Ljubljana's Vrhovci area, very close to the recreational trail Path of Remembrance and Comradeship, we built a new residential neighbourhood, Novo Brdo, which provides its residents with an exceptional quality of life.



The sports facility on the children's playground in Slovenske Reformacije Park was created as part of the small works project.





### District Authority Rudnik

In addition to the comprehensive energy renovations of the Galjevica kindergarten, which also has a new playground, and the Oskar Kovačič Primary School with a new piece of equipment on the playground, we expanded the northern part of Rudnik cemetery and arranged new access.

*We put up new equipment on the playground at the Oskar Kovačič Primary School as part of the small works project.*

*Extended cemetery at Rudnik*



### District Authority Jarše

A lot of new things are expected in the District Authority Jarše soon, especially the renovation of major roads and a new residential neighbourhood. Today, we can already relax on the freshly landscaped green areas, have fun on the large sports field at Jože Moškrič Primary School, and dog friends can happily run around in the new dog park.

*Renovated school playground at the Jože Moškrič Primary School*



*The park at the Nove Jarše Primary School, between Clevelandska ulica and Ulica Hermana Potočnika, was arranged as part of the small works project.*



**District Authority Trnovo**

Undoubtedly, the biggest gain for the District Authority Trnovo is the renovation of the Cesta dveh cesarjev, with which we ensured greater traffic safety in this area. Among other things, we also renovated the Trnovo Primary School, built the residential neighbourhood Rakova Jelša I, and installed and renovated children's playgrounds, while the new residential neighbourhoods Rakova Jelša II and Jesihov Štradon will soon attract new life to the district authority.

*We renovated the children's playground on Cesta dveh cesarjev as part of the small works project.*



*The restored Cesta dveh cesarjev*

**District Authority Bežigrad**

Over the years, the District Authority Bežigrad has seen many innovations, from the renovation of roads, new cycle paths, a new bike park, public green areas, and new equipment for outdoor exercise, to the extension of Community Health Center, unit Bežigrad, which enables even more comprehensive care for local residents.



*The new extension of the Community Health Center, unit Bežigrad with the Ljubljana Pharmacy unit.*



*The training equipment on Kardeljeva ploščad was installed as part of the small works project.*



*New extension, playground and comprehensive renovation at the Martin Krpan Primary School*



### District Authority Moste

Walking along the well-kept left bank of the Ljubljanica River, sitting in the Muste family park, attending free workshops in the newly established small gardens area, and driving along the renovated roads or Ljubljana's largest bicycle park are the things that local residents in the District Authority Moste like to do. The comprehensively renovated schools, kindergarten, and the Ljubljana Health Centre are certainly big gains for the area.

*We renovated the playground next to the multi-apartment building on Rusjanov trg as part of the small works project.*



### District Authority Sostro

By building or renovating aqueducts and renovating roads in the District Authority Sostro, we have enabled local residents to have even better access to facilities and high-quality drinking water.



*The Cesta Podlipoglav 1 was renovated as part of the small works project.*



*Installed municipal infrastructure, new sidewalks, and public lighting on Cesta 13. julija*



We renovated the children's playground in Stanežiče as part of the small works project.



### District Authority Šentvid

With the sports hall and accompanying facilities at the Vižmarje-Brod Primary School, we have enabled the residents of this area to organise competitions and events, and these facilities also meet all the needs of the school and the broader local community. In recent years, we have arranged children's playgrounds in the district authority, renovated the Vižmarje-Brod and Franc Rozman Stane primary schools, established a small gardens area and a P+R area in Stanežiče.

The new sports hall and sports field at the Vižmarje-Brod Primary School



Golovec Centre

## We Never Stop Working

We will build new centres in the following districts:

- District Authority Golovec
- District Authority Vič
- District Authority Rudnik at Ižanska cesta
- District Authority Jarše
- District Authority Šmarna gora



**the environment, countryside  
and green areas**





The castle hill, on which the Ljubljana Castle rises above the historic city centre, is criss-crossed with walking paths, and its larger section is covered with a well-kept forest.



When the roads are renovated, we plant new avenues, melliferous species of park trees, and fruit trees. Since 2018, we have planted more than 3,400 new trees that provide shade and mitigate climate change. The photograph shows Gosposvetska cesta.



## This is the Best Green Capital of Europe

Caring for a clean and healthy environment is one of the priorities that we, together with Public Holding Ljubljana and the public companies Energetika Ljubljana, Voka Snaga, Ljubljanski potniški promet, Ljubljanska parkirišča in tržnice and Žale, follow in all areas of operation. With effective measures, we protected our existing green areas and established new ones in previously degraded areas. Green areas are also extremely important from the point of view of adapting to and mitigating climate changes. That is why we are additionally greening the city and giving it a new sense of meaning.

**When the roads are renovated, we plant new avenues, melliferous species of park trees, and fruit trees that provide food for bees. Ljubljana has become a city of urban beekeeping.** Systematic work in recent years has contributed to Ljubljana earning the title of »The Most Bee-Friendly

The Tivoli, Rožnik, and Šišenski hrib Landscape Park is a place with exceptional biodiversity. We have recorded as many as 2,800 different plant and animal species in the park, many of them rare and endangered.

Municipality« twice, and we are also an example for many European cities that transfer our beekeeping vision to their environments. Today, the city boasts many urban beehives on the roofs of buildings within the ring road, and the honey they produce is of exceptional quality.

**In accordance with the ambitious goals contained in the Rural Development and Urban Agriculture Strategy in the City of Ljubljana 2021–2027, we are already working today to establish the conditions for increasing self-sufficiency with healthy, locally-produced food.** We have 882 agricultural holdings in the Ljubljana countryside, to which we offer professional assistance and co-finance their investments in organic and integrated agriculture and complementary activities. We connect suppliers of locally-produced food and enable direct contact with schools and kindergartens, as well as hoteliers and restaurateurs.

**In Ljubljana, the internationally recognised Tree City, we have been selecting the “Tree of the Year” since 2019. The trees are proposed by the citizens, the expert committee selects the finalists, and the decision on the winner is again left to the citizens of Ljubljana.**



Self-care is also encouraged in households through the option of leasing small gardens in organised small gardens areas. In total, we rent just under 1,100 small gardens, where users can acquire all the necessary gardening skills for organic gardening through educational gardens and year-round training. We have issued a publication of providers of locally-produced food, markets and market spaces, as well as other options for purchasing locally produced food – Guide to Ljubljana's Local Supply.

**We are extremely successful with energy retrofit of the buildings we own. All energy retrofits are carried out at a high level of quality, and at the same time, if necessary, we also take care of other measures, such as static renovations, ensuring fire safety, renovating the interior of buildings, and replacing worn-out equipment.**

The added value of the project is the establishment of the central control system (CNS) on all renovated facilities, which creates even more savings, as we can monitor the parameters of the facilities at any time, and adjust the operation of the systems accordingly. In addition to greater safety and comfort for our users, we are also dedicated to reducing the consumption of heat and electricity, as well as greenhouse gas emissions. At the very beginning of the project (in 2013), energy retrofits were carried out through public tenders and by using all available financial incentives. In 2017, we entered into a public-private partnership with the consortium comprised of Petrol d.d. and Resalta d.o.o. for the first set of energy retrofits EOL1 (Energy Retrofit of Ljubljana). A year later we concluded a new public-private partnership with the consortium comprised of Petrol d.d., Resalta d.o.o. and Javna razsvetljava d.d. (EOL2), and again in 2020 a public-private partnership with Petrol d.d. and Resalta d.o.o. for the third part of the energy retrofit project (EOL3). For all three lots, we also obtained funds from the Cohesion Fund.

**We are also very proud of our inclusion in the Mission of 100 European Carbon-Neutral Cities by 2030.** Joining the Mission is a great recognition of Ljubljana's work in the field of sustainable development, and at the same time a great commitment for the future.

*There are nine small-gardens areas in our city with 1,071 public small gardens, and 14 of them are adapted for people with disabilities in the newly arranged small-gardens area in Vižmarje-Brod. Everyone is interested in renting a small garden in Ljubljana – from students to retirees, from gardening beginners to those who have been cultivating land for many years.*



Our task is to implement and build on planned projects, to realise ambitious goals, and to encourage other stakeholders and every individual to do the same. When we talk about the decarbonisation of the city, we also mean the transition to a circular economy. That is why in 2021 we prepared the first strategic document titled: **“Ljubljana’s Circular Potentials 2021–2027 with a Perspective on Ljubljana, Circular City 2045”**. At the City of Ljubljana, we constantly monitor the quality of environmental elements (air, underground and surface water, noise, soil, etc.) and transparently report on these topics to the public. This is also why we have been successful holders of the ISO 14001:2015 certificate for many years, and are the first and only public institution in Slovenia that is included in the EMAS scheme.





## New acquisitions 2018–2022

- Large cohesion project Wastewater Drainage and Treatment of the Ljubljansko polje Aquifer Area
- Energy retrofit of 82 buildings owned by the City of Ljubljana
- Ljubljana Shelter for Abandoned Animals in Gmajnice
- Beach by the Sava River
- Small gardens and a family park at the Grba location
- Muste Family Park and Public Orchard
- Arrangement of the left embankment and Muste beach
- Arrangement of the right embankment and the Muste dog park
- Arrangement of the small gardens area in Muste
- Arrangement of a new small gardens area Vižmarje–Brod
- Arrangement of Črnuški bajer
- New dog park in Šmartinski park
- New dog park next to the square Beblerjev trg
- The Renovated Boy with the Bowl Fountain in Tivoli
- The renovated fountain by the sports fields in Tivoli
- The renovated Frog Fountain in Tivoli

Grba small gardens area



Family park with a children's playground in the Grba small gardens area

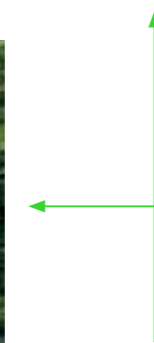
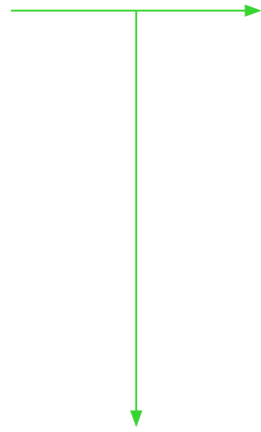


*With public, rentable small gardens, we encourage local self-sufficiency, while at the same time ensuring a healthy and maintained landscape. All gardeners, including those with their own gardens, are welcome at the free workshops, which also take place in the small gardens area of Grba, where mentors pass on their knowledge of environmentally-friendly gardening techniques and the successful cultivation of various species.*





*The Muste family park is an important green asset in Ljubljana. The park has, among other facilities, a playground for all age groups of children, including children with impaired mobility, and an urban public orchard with 64 old varieties of fruit trees.*



*On the banks of the Ljubljanica River, between Štepanjsko naselje and Fužine, we completed the arrangement of the right bank along the entire park area, and thus established a new public space with a walking path, benches, and a dog park.*





*Within the framework of the European project for the Management and Utilisation of Urban Forests as Natural Heritage in Danube Cities' – URBforDAN, we prepared the Strategy for the Development of Urban Forests of Ljubljana 2020–2045 in cooperation with the Forestry Institute, with which we set guidelines for even more careful restoration and maintenance of forests. We are already implementing the strategy in the Golovec and Šmarna gora forests.*

*With the renovated Črnuški bajer, there is a new green area in Ljubljana, intended for quality leisure time. With this, we revived yet another once-degraded area.*





## New drinking water fountains 2018–2022

- Slomškova ulica
- Prekmurski trg
- Eipprova ulica
- Hribarjevo nabrežje along the Pločnik coffee bar
- Trubarjeva ulica
- Vidovdanska ulica
- Preglov trg
- Ulica Staneta Severja
- Miklošičev park
- Šlajmerjeva ulica
- Cesta španskih borcev
- Gosposka ulica
- Cesta v Gorice
- Grba Family Park
- Tivoli near the golf course
- Trg mladinskih delovnih brigad
- Ljubljanski grad – parking
- Ljubljanski grad – yard
- The Puppet Theatre
- Under the Butcher's Bridge
- Janče
- Javor

In Ljubljana, people can quench their thirst and refresh themselves at 52 drinking fountains and 5 special fountains.



We installed a well-crafted drinking fountain on the completely renovated Trg MDB square.



The drinking fountain on Trg MDB square was designed by the sculptor M.Sc. Primož Pugelj, Acad., who explained that its circular shape symbolises the historically significant path connecting Trieste and Vienna. At that location there used to be a road that connected these two towns.

A new drinking fountain at the renovated children's playground in the Tivoli Park





As part of the the “Clean for You” project in 2023, we will finish renovating the sewage system in 261 streets within the City of Ljubljana. The public sewerage system will have more than 22,000 residents newly connected to it.

Prior to 2007, only 68% of premises were connected to the sewage system; however the number increased to 88% by the end of 2018. By 2024, we will increase connection to sewerage in the area of the City of Ljubljana to as much as 98%. With this project, we are abolishing 6,400 septic tanks, from which waste water flows uncontrolled into the environment and groundwater, of which 1,900 are in Medvode and Vodice.

*As part of the largest cohesion project in the field of environmental protection in the country, Wastewater Drainage and Treatment of the Ljubljansko polje Aquifer Area, we are significantly improving the quality of life of the citizens of the City of Ljubljana and residents of the municipalities of Medvode and Vodice. This photo shows the Ljubljana Central Sewage Treatment Plant (CČNL) in Zalog, which represents the completion of the Ljubljana's central sewage system.*



*Ljubljana is the first and only European capital in the zero-waste programme. This photo shows the system of underground collection points in the city center.*

In the City of Ljubljana, we empty around 2,300 street bins, 118,000 containers, 850 ecological islands and 75 underground collection points. As much as 70.5% of waste is sorted separately.

We are the capital with the highest share of separately collected household waste.

In 2021, citizens ordered the removal of more than 3,000 tons of bulky waste, and another 4,000 tons were brought to collection centres by citizens themselves.

After processing in RCERO Ljubljana, only about a tenth of the waste is sent to the landfill, the rest is used for recycling or energy use.

We produce electricity, heat and compost of the highest quality from separately collected biological waste.

Collected waste paper reduces the average monthly waste management bill by approximately one euro.



## New or renovated playgrounds 2018–2022

- Tivoli
- Park Muste
- Dravlje
- Cesta dveh cesarjev 32
- Kašelj
- Galjevec
- Grba
- Multi-generational playground at Kašelj
- Vižmarje–Brod
- Kvedrova
- Cesta španskih borcev
- Prule Špica
- Zajčja dobrava
- Blažev grič
- Zihherlova
- Sojerjeva
- BS3 Trebinjska
- Samova–Parmova
- Za Pokopališko 11,13
- Osoje
- Brajnikova
- Linhartova–Železna cesta
- Stanežiče
- Fužine 12
- Pržan
- Bonifacija 5
- N. Polje c. IV/64
- Cesta 24. junija I
- Majde Vrhovnik
- Prušnikova 9
- Majaronova
- Ob Ljubljani 82
- Brdo
- Park Kodeljevo
- Dvor
- Ulica 28. Maja
- Kamnogoriška 1
- Kamnogoriška 2
- Roške stolpnice
- Na jami 5–7
- Park Špica
- Selanov trg
- Nove Jarše 9
- Nove Jarše 11
- Zaloška – Policija

**On new children's playgrounds, we are installing high-quality playground equipment and play mats, arranging the surrounding area, installing benches, waste bins and other equipment, and promoting landscaping.**



*When renovating or putting up new playgrounds, we install certified playground items in accordance with the applicable standards for safe children's play. The items are resistant to winter cold and summer heat, and thus useful in all seasons. This photo shows the new children's playground in Tivoli.*

**We maintain more than two hundred public playgrounds in Ljubljana. The playgrounds are arranged to need and priority, for which we allocate around 600,000 euros annually.**



*The Gustinčarjeva Playground in Kašelj*





Between 2017 and 2020, we managed the APPLAUSE project, co-financed by EU funds, within the framework of which we developed as many as 65 methods of processing the biomass of invasive alien plants into useful products and input raw materials for industry.



In 2020, we started the campaign titled: »We Will Mow When the Bees' Bellies are Full« in Ljubljana, which emphasises the importance of late mowing for bees and other pollinators.



Today, the Bee Path in Ljubljana already includes more than 40 members. Under the auspices of URBACT, we transferred the good practices of the Bee Path to 9 European cities.

The density of beehives in Ljubljana is 9.7 beehives per square kilometre, which ranks Ljubljana among the cities with one of the highest densities of beehives in the urban environment.

So far, we have planted melliferous plants on the roofs of 13 city bus stop locations.

As many as 570 citizens actively participated in the Outdoor Project (projekt Zunaj), within the framework of which we also organised the Adventure Playground in Brod. With this project, which was carried out between 2019 and 2021, we encouraged residents to actively maintain public areas, and at the same time supported small local actions, with which the citizens themselves could improve their surroundings and benefit their community. The Outdoor Project was designed as a result of cooperation between the Prostorož Cultural Association, the Institute for Spatial Policies, and the City of Ljubljana.





*With the first phase of the construction of the Shelter for Abandoned Animals in Gmajnice, which we completed in December 2019, we arranged a new modern home for dogs, new premises for the administration with a lecture hall, premises for volunteers, as well as service premises and a warehouse. In the second phase, in July 2020, we completed the facility with a reception and veterinary clinic, and at the end of 2020, we completed the construction of a cat shelter.*



## New acquisitions in the Ljubljana Zoo 2018–2022

- New lion enclosure
- The renovated Frog Jump playground
- The new reindeer enclosure
- Renovation of the sea lion's swimming pool
- New flying areas for owls
- Complete renovation of the lower part of the Zoo (utility infrastructure, replanting, renovated bridge)



*Upon the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Ljubljana Zoo, we opened a new enclosure for lions, in which Maksimus and Čaja reign supreme.*



*Combined cycle gas turbine CHP unit will replace 2 coal-fired units in the TE-TOL unit, thereby reducing coal consumption by as much as 70%. Coal-fired unit 3, which was converted in 2008 to facilitate simultaneous usage of coal and wood chips, will remain operational to allow the use of different primary fuels.*

## We Never Stop Working

- We are finishing the construction of the combined cycle gas turbine CHP unit.
- We will build an incineration facility to produce fuel from waste. The facility will be built using the best available techniques, which ensure the protection of human health as well as the environment, lower heat prices for citizens and lower waste-management costs.
- Renovation of the existing locks and three hydroelectric power plants in the Ljubljanica river to provide for the sustainable production of electricity, while simultaneously establishing a circular waterway.
- We will organise a new park along Kavčičeva ulica.



**mobility and infrastructure**





Cycling is more comfortable and safer on our renovated streets and roads.



Gospodsvetska cesta was completely renovated in 2018.



## Great Progress is Seen Here Every Day

In the City of Ljubljana, when renovating streets and roads, we pay special attention to providing safer and more comfortable areas for pedestrians, cyclists, and users of public passenger transport, and at the same time we plant new trees and shrubs in public areas.

**The pedestrian area in the city centre today already covers around 17 ha, and we plan to expand it further.**

We are also continuing to organise and improve our cycling infrastructure. We have arranged new bicycle surfaces on several roads and streets, expanded bicycle lanes, installed new bicycle racks, improved bicycle traffic signals, opened the first covered public bicycle garage, and marked the first bicycle street. The extremely successful bike-sharing system, BicikeLJ, contributed much to the growth of bicycle traffic in Ljubljana. To encourage cycling

from neighbouring municipalities to Ljubljana, we are upgrading the municipal cycling infrastructure and connecting it with intercity cycling routes. To make it easier to cover longer distances by bike, an electric bike rental system has also been available in Ljubljana since June 2022.

We are proud that, for the third time in a row, Ljubljana has been included in the Copenhagenize Index ranking of the 20 most cyclist-friendly cities in the world. Our progress in the field of everyday cycling, which increases the quality of life in cities and contributes greatly to their sustainable transformation, was also recognised by the international professional public, and our city was chosen as the host of the world cycling congress, Velo-city 2022.



We have also contributed to the reduction of the number of cars in the city by building new P+R parking areas. Thus, in 2020, we opened the sixth P+R parking area in Stanežiče, which, together with the others, enables the user to reach important points on the outskirts of the city or the main city entrances with a personal vehicle, and to continue the journey into the city using the BicikeLJ bike-sharing system or by public transportation.

Public company Ljubljanski potniški promet (Ljubljana Passenger Transport) is also continuing with the strategy of environmentally and user-friendly passenger transport by updating their vehicle fleet. The latest buses are powered by compressed methane, and are additionally equipped with a hybrid powertrain, which significantly reduces fuel consumption. For the first time, our buses are equipped with a start-stop system which automatically turns off their engines at stops and before traffic lights. The

buses are thus even quieter and emit no pollutants. Despite changes in the prices of oil derivatives, and fluctuations in the number of passengers in the last two years due to Covid 19, we actively follow the strategy of environmentally and passenger-friendly public transport, which we are particularly proud of. Nowadays, it is difficult to completely avoid motorized traffic, so we always make sure that it is more environmentally friendly, and we encourage the shared use of electric vehicles. Avant2Go car sharing model has 110 service locations in public and private areas, allowing citizens to lower their mobility costs by renting instead of owning, travel without harmful emissions, and reduce traffic noise. In 2021, with the help of European funds, we introduced a pilot project for on-call transport with the Klinko Kavalir electric vehicle, which makes it easier for the elderly and the physically challenged to move between the clinics of the University Medical Centre Ljubljana, and the Ljubljana Oncology Institute. Eight Kavalir electric vehicles are already available free of charge to visitors of the city centre. The team consists of 20 friendly drivers, who also received an award from the City of Ljubljana on the occasion of the City Holiday in 2022.



*In the renovated Miklošič Park, we fixed the pavements, green areas and public lighting, and installed new street equipment.*



*One of the most important improvements to the road and municipal infrastructure within the Clean for You project is the comprehensive renovation of the Cesta dveh cesarjev from Cesta V Mestni Log to Barjanska cesta, which includes a new roundabout. On both sides of the road, we arranged a sidewalk and a bicycle lane, and for greater traffic safety, we also implemented several traffic calming measures with speed bumps, centred islands, and stationary speed meters.*

## New acquisitions and major renovations 2018–2022

- The dry water reservoir, Brdnikova
- P + R Stanežiče
- The establishment of a new P+R parking area along Letališka cesta
- Establishment of the regional cycling link Kamnik–Mengeš–Trzin–Ljubljana
- Arrangement of the Trg mladinskih delovnih brigad (MDB Square)
- Podutik Overpass
- The bridge on Rakova Jelša over the Lah Canal
- The arrangement of Miklošič Park and areas in front of the Court
- Arrangement of the Hribarjevo nabrežje embankment and Jurčičev trg with their surroundings
- The Volavljje-Janče connecting water supply
- The Podutik dry water reservoir
- The north parking lot at Žale cemetery
- Prekmurski trg
- Renovation of public space in the Koseze marketplace.
- Renovation of the water distribution system at Javor
- Renovation of the water distribution system and the road at Dolgo Brdo
- Renovation of the Janče-Gabrje water distribution system
- The renovation of the wooden platforms at Koseški bajer
- The renovation of the Plava Laguna escalator
- The arrangement of the first covered public bicycle shed in the underground car garage on Kongresni trg
- Establishment of access for SUP practitioners on Špica





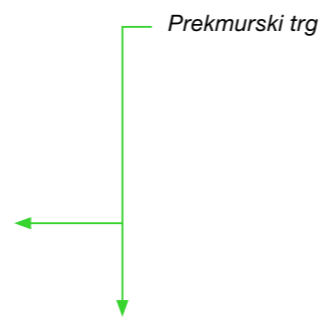
Trg mladinskih delovnih brigad

As part of the renovation of the square, we erected a monument to the Defenders of the City of Ljubljana of 1991, marking the 30th anniversary of Slovenia independence, and the Ten-Day War. Sculptors Lada Sedlaček and Metka Zupanič won the public competition for the selection of the best artistic solution.

With the reconstruction of the Trg mladinskih delovnih brigad, paved and green areas were newly arranged, 18 new trees were planted, and street furniture and lighting were installed. We implemented safer and more connected areas for pedestrians and cyclists. By arranging paved surfaces between the individual parts in the same plane and with low curbs, we have made it possible for people with disabilities to move around the square comfortably. We installed new bike racks next to the BicikeLJ system station.

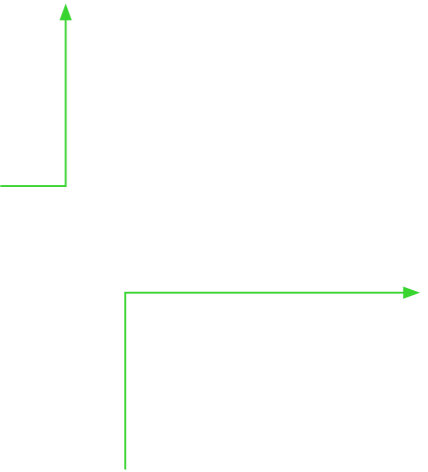






With Prekmurski trg, Ljubljana got another high-quality public space intended for socialising and outdoor events.

On the 100th anniversary of the annexation of Prekmurje and the unification of the Prekmurje Slovenians with their mother nation, we opened Prekmurski trg at the intersection of Poljanska ulica, Rozmanova ulica, and Poljanski nasip.

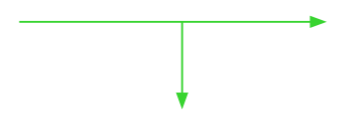


On the 100th anniversary of the annexation, we also erected a monument on the square, consisting of 340 pottery forms. The monument is the work of sculptor Zoran Srdić Janežič, and co-author Cveto Kunešević.

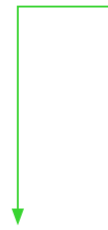




*At the newly arranged P+R Stanežiče, we have one of the best-equipped parking lots for cyclists. The transfer point is complemented by 20 bicycle racks which house 40 bicycles under a canopy, a charging station for electric bicycles, 16 lockers for storing bicycles, 100 racks for 200 bicycles, and two racks for bicycle repair.*



*There are 392 parking spaces at P+R Stanežiče, of which 20 are intended for people with disabilities, and 6 are for parking and charging electric vehicles. We also arranged 15 parking spaces for motorhomes, 4 stops for buses and 2 stops for tourist buses.*





## Major interventions in the 2018– 2022 period were implemented on the following roads and streets:

- Arničeva ulica
- Barjanska cesta (section)
- Brdnikova ulica (section)
- Cesta dveh cesarjev (section)
- Cesta španskih borcev
- Črnovaška cesta
- Dalmatinova ulica
- Dunajska cesta
- Drenikova ulica
- Erjavčeva ulica
- Gosposvetska cesta
- Grablovičeva ulica
- Groharjeva cesta
- Hotimirova ulica
- Hrdeckega cesta
- Industrijska cesta in Zalog
- Kajuhova ulica
- Kamniška ulica
- Korytkova ulica
- Malo Trebeljevo
- Medvedova cesta
- Kotnikova ulica
- Kolodvorska ulica
- Letališka cesta
- Njegoševa cesta
- Novo Polje, cesta I
- Novo Polje, cesta X
- Parmova ulica
- Pesarska cesta
- Prešernova cesta
- Podutik overpass and its surroundings
- Poljanska cesta
- Pod topoli
- Pot Roberta Blinca
- Rakuševa cesta and the roundabout at the Aleja Mall
- Samova ulica
- Šestova ulica
- Tavčarjeva ulica
- Trstenjakova ulica
- Trubarjeva cesta
- Tržaška cesta
- Ulica 4. julija
- Ulica Angelce Ocepkove
- Ulica Bežigrad
- Ulica Jožeta Jame
- Ulica talcev
- V Murglah
- Volavlje–Janče
- Vodnikova cesta
- Zaloška cesta and the new roundabout in Kašelj
- Zdešarjeva cesta

Pot Roberta Blinca has been renovated and is friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists.



In 2022, as part of the renovation of Letališka cesta, we arranged new bicycle and pedestrian paths. In 2021, the reconstruction of the Letališka cesta connection to the Ljubljana ring road (DARS) was also carried out, and a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the ring road was also built.



## Reconstructions of roads or changes in the traffic regime in the 2018–2022 period were implemented on the following roads and streets:

- Anžurjeva ulica
- Bohoričeva ulica
- Bratislavská cesta
- Cesta na Janče
- Cigaletova ulica
- Detelova ulica
- Dvorakova ulica
- Gramozna pot
- Gabrje–Janče
- Javor–Ravno Brdo
- Jakšičeva ulica
- Karlovška cesta
- Kersnikova ulica
- The intersection of Samova–Vodovodna
- Livarska ulica
- Lončarska steza
- Novo Brdo
- Pot na Grad (Na Stolbi)
- Regional road Šentjakob–Domžale
- Robbova ulica
- Ulica borcev za severno mejo
- Ulica Reber
- Ulica Jana Husa
- Valjahunova ulica
- Vojkova cesta
- Vošnjakova ulica

With the renovation of Vodnikova cesta, pedestrians and cyclists gained larger and safer traffic areas.



On Barjanska cesta, by reconstructing the section of road from the intersection of Gradaška ulica and Finžgarjeva ulica to the intersection with Slovenska cesta, we arranged the missing bicycle surfaces, provided more space, and established better-quality surfaces for cyclists, separated from pedestrians.





We measure bicycle traffic with automatic counters at four locations in both directions of travel, namely along Drenikova cesta, Celovška cesta, Dunajska cesta and Kajuhova cesta, and in the direction towards the centre on Šmartinska cesta, Poljanska cesta, Celovška cesta and Tržaška cesta. From the end of 2021, we have also been monitoring bicycle traffic on Parmova ulica and at an additional location on Tržaška cesta.

In 2020, bicycle counters along Drenikova cesta, Celovška cesta, Dunajska cesta and Kajuhova cesta recorded a total of **3,414,831** cyclist rides, and in 2021 as many as **3,439,913**.



By renovating Dunajska cesta from Nemška cesta to the intersection with Vilharjeva cesta, we established new, safer, and more comfortable bicycle lanes and pedestrian areas, as well as renovated bus stops. To increase the safety of cyclists, we separated the carriageway from the mixed surfaces on the section between Ruski car and the Ježica turnpike, and arranged a wide cycle path between Kržičeva ulica and Topniška cesta. We improved the growing conditions of the existing trees and planted 79 new ones. The project was co-financed by the Republic of Slovenia and the European Union.

Instead of parking spaces in front of the Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, we established a yellow belt, which is primarily intended to encourage public transport traffic. The change reduces traffic jams, which were otherwise caused by drivers in cars searching for a free parking space at the location.







*On Tržaška cesta, we renovated the utility infrastructure, arranged connected, more pleasant and safer areas for pedestrians and cyclists, and renovated the bus stops.*

*The renovation project of Tržaška cesta was co-financed by the European Union and the Republic of Slovenia.*

*We established a high-quality public space on the renovated Tržaška cesta and provided additional greenery with 249 new trees.*





We renovated Erjavčeva cesta, from the intersection with Prešernova cesta in the west to the intersection with Slovenska cesta in the east. As part of the project, we also renovated Ulica Josipine Turnograjske (renovation of paving, and landscaping for further tree growth), and archaeological research was also carried out.



The renovated Gosposvetska cesta partially follows the appearance of Slovenska cesta, with more space for pedestrians and cyclists. As part of this renovation, we also renovated Dalmatinova ulica. The arrangement of the area has made the living conditions of the surrounding residents more pleasant, and we have enabled greater visibility for merchants and service providers in a friendlier environment.



The renovated Trubarjeva ulica



We improved Tavčarjeva ulica and Miklošič park, including the intersections of Tavčarjeva ulica with Miklošičeva cesta and Cigaletova ulica. The project especially brings improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and users of public transport. We renovated the platform in front of the courthouse and made it greener. An important part of the arrangement is the roundabout, which replaces the triangular intersection between the streets Dalmatinova, Komenskega, Kolodvorska and Tavčarjeva ulica, and above all ensures the safe crossing of cyclists and pedestrians. We arranged tactile paths for the visually-impaired and partially-sighted, and made it more accessible for people with disabilities. We installed 68 new bike racks and arranged parking spaces for electric vehicles. In Miklošič park, we improved the pavements, green areas, and public lighting, and installed new street equipment.





We arranged a part of the Ljubljana embankment from Novi trg to Dvorni trg, and restored Plečnik's arrangement of Jurčičev trg. We renovated the sewer and gas pipeline and laid new pavement to make the surface more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists.



The tactile guidance system on the street enables visually-impaired and partially-sighted people to move around the city more easily and safely.



**A shared space has been established on Slovenska cesta, Poljanska cesta, Rakovniška ulica, and in the area of the Galjevica kindergarten.**

*Parmova ulica has been completely reconstructed by adapting the carriageway, cycle lane, and pavement to the existing urban layout and the existing access points to the individual streets and buildings that connect to Parmova ulica. We renovated the entire infrastructure. The project was co-financed by the Republic of Slovenia and the European Union.*





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### Area 1: Stožice Implemented

- Stoženska ulica
  - Ulica Stožice
- ### In planning
- Pavlovčeva ulica

### Area 2: Šmartinska cesta Ongoing

- Šmartinska cesta

### Area 3: Polje Implemented

- Zadobrovska cesta (partially)
- Vevška cesta
- Milčetova pot
- Polje, Cesta XVI
- Polje, Cesta XXVIII
- Polje, Cesta XXX
- Polje, Cesta XXXII
- Polje, Cesta XXXVI
- Polje, Cesta XXXVIII
- Polje, Cesta XLVI
- Polje, Cesta XXII (partially)
- Polje, cesta XLIV

### Ongoing

- Zaloška cesta
- Zadobrovska cesta
- Polje
- Polje, Cesta XXII (partially)
- Polje, Cesta XXIV
- Polje, Cesta XXXIV
- Polje, Cesta XXXVIII
- Polje, Cesta XVIII

### In planning

- Polje, cesta XXVI
- Polje, cesta XXII (partially)

### Area 4: Hrušica and Litijska Implemented

- Hruševska cesta (partially)
  - Trpinčeva ulica
  - the route between Litijska cesta and Hruševska cesta
  - Litijska cesta (partially)
  - Gramozna pot
- ### In planning
- Litijska cesta
  - Privškova ulica
  - Hruševska cesta
  - Krožna pot

### Area 5: Zalog Implemented

- Agrokombinatska cesta (partially)
  - Pot v Zeleni gaj
- ### In planning
- Agrokombinatska cesta

### Area 6: Gornji Rudnik Implemented

- Dolenjska cesta
  - Gornji Rudnik I
  - Gornji Rudnik II (partially)
- ### Ongoing
- Gornji Rudnik III (partially)
- ### In planning
- Gornji Rudnik II
  - Gornji Rudnik III (partially)
  - Gornji Rudnik IV

### Area 7: Glince and Dolnice Implemented

- Zakrajškova ulica
  - Cesta Andreja Bitenca (partially)
  - Zalaznikova ulica
  - Galičeva ulica
  - Vagajeva ulica
  - Ulica Nade Čamernikove
  - Jarčeva ulica
- ### In planning
- Glince
  - Blažičeva ulica
  - Cesta Andreja Bitenca (partially)

### Area 8: Zaloška – Studenec Implemented

- Studenec

### Area 9: Kašelj Ongoing

- Trtnikova ulica
- Kriva pot
- Ravna pot
- Vaška pot
- Kašeljska cesta
- Lovšetova ulica

### Area 10: Slape Implemented

- V Zalar
- V Toplice

The total project consists of three parts:

• **PART 1:** Construction of the C0 connecting channel in the City of Ljubljana, and the upgrading of municipal waste-water drainage in the municipalities of Medvode and Vodice,

• **PART 2:** Construction of the 3rd phase of the Ljubljana Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

• **PART 3:** Sewerage upgrade in agglomerations over 2000 PE in the City of Ljubljana.

### Area 11: Vevče Implemented

- Ob studencu
- Kašeljska cesta
- Anžurjeva ulica
- Vevška cesta (partially)
- Cimermanova ulica (partially)
- V Sige

### Ongoing

- Cimermanova ulica (partially)

### Slape

### In planning

- Vevška cesta

### Area 12: Ilovica and Ižanska north In planning

- Ižanska cesta
- Malova ulica
- Dolgi breg
- Peruzzijeva ulica
- Ilovški štradon
- Volarjev štradon
- Uršičev štradon
- Lahova pot

### Area 13: Rakova jelša Ongoing

- Pot na Rakovo jelšo (partially)
  - Ob Barjanski cesti
- ### In planning
- Ulica Jožeta Mirtiča
  - Pot na Rakovo jelšo
  - Makucova ulica
  - Kermaunerjeva ulica
  - Delakova ulica
  - Ulica Andreja Kumarja
  - Cesta na Mesarico
  - Koleševa ulica
  - Ulica Lovre Klemenčiča
  - Čanžekova ulica
  - Travniška ulica
  - Bistriška ulica
  - Metliška ulica
  - Razdevškova ulica
  - Preserska ulica
  - Borovniška ulica
  - Ulica Lojzke Štebijeve
  - Vulčeva ulica

### Area 14: Sibirija Implemented

- Cesta dveh cesarjev (partially)

### Ongoing

- Sibirija
  - Mokriška ulica
- ### In planning
- Cesta dveh cesarjev
  - Ulica Ernesta Kramerja
  - Cesta v Zeleni log
  - Juvanova ulica
  - Levarjeva ulica

### Area 15: Galjevica In planning

- Jurčkova cesta
- Ulica Mirke Kerinove
- Ob dolenjski železnici
- Jurčkova cesta
- Krošljeva ulica
- Knezov štradon
- Peruzzijeva ulica
- Orlova ulica
- Ulica Marije Drakslerjeve
- Babičeva ulica
- Ižanska cesta
- Dolenjska cesta
- Ulica Bena Zupančiča
- Ulica Marka Štajmerja
- Pri mostiščarjih
- Jalnova ulica

### Area 16: Kozarje In planning

- Pot čez gmajno
- Tomčeva ulica
- Lazarjeva ulica
- Setnikarjeva ulica
- Pot v Boršt
- Trinkova ulica
- Tiranova ulica
- Ulica Jožeta Japlja
- Kozarska cesta
- Švarova ulica
- Alongside the highway between Dolgi most and Kozarska cesta
- Under the highway on Dolgi most
- Španova pot
- Under the highway of Španova pot to Vidičeva ulica
- Cesta Dolomitskega odreda
- Vidičeva ulica



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#### **Area 17: Tržaška cesta**

##### **Ongoing**

- Tržaška cesta
- Mikuževa ulica
- Ulica Vladimirija Trampuža

#### **Area 18: Zadobrova**

##### **Implemented**

- Sončna pot
- Cesta na Ježah
- Cesta na Kope

##### **In planning**

- Zadobrovska cesta

#### **Area 19: Kamnogoriška cesta**

##### **Ongoing**

- Cesta Andreja Bitenca
- Plešičeva ulica
- Kamnogoriška cesta
- Zapuška cesta
- Jerajeva ulica
- Under the highway parallel with Kamnogoriška cesta

#### **Area 20 :Tacen**

##### **Ongoing**

- Pot na goro
- Tacenska cesta
- Grobeljca (partially)
- Ulica bratov Novak
- Cesta vstaje
- Cesta Cirila Kosmača
- Molekova ulica

##### **In planning**

- Grško
- Ulica Ivica Pirjevčeve
- Ulica Lizike Jančarjeve
- Na Palcah
- Vipotnikova ulica
- Cesta Cirila Kosmača (partially)
- Grobeljca

#### **Area 21: Šmartno pod**

##### **Šmarno goro**

##### **Implemented**

- Pšatnik
- Šmarnogorska pot
- Šmartno (partially)
- Gustinčičeva ulica
- Ulica Jožeta Štruklja

##### **In planning**

- Šmartno

#### **Area 22: Gameljne**

##### **In planning**

- Spodnje Gameljne
- Srednje Gameljne
- Zgornje Gameljne

#### **Area 23: Sostro**

##### **Ongoing**

- Sostrska cesta (partially)
- Sadinja vas (partially)
- V Češnjico (partially)
- Zavoglje
- Pot na most
- Pot v Podgorje
- Aličeva ulica
- Litijska cesta (partially)

##### **In planning**

- V Češnjico
- Sadinja vas (partially)
- Sostrska cesta
- Litijska cesta

#### **Area 24: Žabja vas**

##### **Implemented**

- Cesta 13. julija
- Cesta II. grupe odredov (partially)

#### **Area 25: Dobrunje**

##### **Ongoing**

- Cesta II. grupe odredov
- Cesta na Urh
- Litijska cesta

##### **In planning**

- Novo naselje
- Govekarjeva ulica

#### **Area 26: Ižanska cesta – south**

##### **In planning**

- Ižanska cesta
- Črna vas

#### **Area 27: Cesta dveh cesarjev**

##### **Implemented**

- Cesta dveh cesarjev

#### **Area 28: Kalinova ulica**

##### **Ongoing**

- Kalinova ulica
- Ulica Juša Kozaka
- The area between Kalinova ulica and Ulica Juša Kozaka

#### **Area 29 :Cesta Andreja**

##### **Bitenca**

##### **Implemented**

- Cesta Andreja Bitenca
- Area 30 Na Trati

##### **Implemented**

- Na Trati
- Arharjeva cesta

#### **Area 31: Novo Polje**

##### **Implemented**

- Novo Polje, cesta XII
- Novo Polje, cesta XVI
- Novo Polje, cesta XXI
- Novo Polje, cesta XXIII
- Cesta v Zajčjo dobrovo

#### **Area 32: Ježica**

##### **Implemented**

- Dunajska cesta
- Udvančeva ulica

##### **In planning**

- Stara Ježica

#### **Area 33: Kleče**

##### **Implemented**

- Cesta Urške Zatlerjeve

#### **Area 34: Medveščkova ulica**

##### **Implemented**

- Pipanova pot
- Medveščkova ulica

#### **Area 35: Ogrinčeva cesta**

##### **Implemented**

- Kočenska ulica
- Ogrinčeva ulica

#### **Area 36: Mire Miheličeve**

##### **Implemented**

- Ulica Mire Miheličeve

#### **Area 37: Pod Debnim vrhom**

##### **In planning**

- Pod Debnim vrhom
- Cesta v Kresnice

#### **Area 38: Brdo west**

##### **Ongoing**

- Dobrajčeva ulica
- Škofova ulica
- Snojeva ulica

##### **In planning**

- Vregova ulica

#### **Area 39: Brdo east**

##### **Implemented**

- Brdnikova ulica

**The Clean for You project is crucial to the quality of life of the citizens of the City of Ljubljana. It will also leave a healthy and clean environment to our descendants.**



## Since 2018, we have set up 27 new stations in the BicikeLJ bike-sharing system

- Povšetova – Grablovičeva
- Lidl – Bežigrad
- Mercator – Celovška
- Rakovnik
- Aleja – Celovška
- Swimming Pool Complex Kolezija
- Viško polje
- Koseški bajer
- Dravlje
- Črnuče
- Studenec
- Polje
- Zalog
- Lidl – Rudnik
- Ikea
- Prušnikova
- Povšetova – Kajuhova
- The Novo Brdo neighbourhood
- Technological Park
- Vojkova – fire brigade
- Gerbičeva – Svoboda Sports Park
- Dolenjska R. – Shooting range
- Roška – Streliška
- Voka Snaga – Slovenčeva
- Supernova Ljubljana, Rudnik
- Lek – Verovškova
- Hofer – Polje



*In 2021, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the BicikeLJ bike-sharing system. Its popularity is constantly growing, and so we are expanding the network of stations and bicycles.*

Users of the BicikeLJ bike-sharing system already have 84 stations and 840 bicycles on dispose. There are currently almost 254,000 registered users in the BicikeLJ system.



*The number of active users of the BicikeLJ bike-sharing system increased by 26.8% in 2021 compared to 2020, which represents more than 21% of the population of Ljubljana.*

The biggest recognition for the city administration is the increase in the number of trips made with BicikeLJ bikes, which is confirmed by as many as 8.78 million rentals at the end of 2021, and the fact that, on average, each bike is used as many as eight times a day.

Since the introduction of the BicikeLJ system, the number of users has been constantly increasing. At the end of 2021, we counted a total of 235,344 registered users, in addition to the already active 63,823 users at that time (with an active annual subscription), which is the highest number ever recorded.





As of 2022, approximately **10,000** bicycles can be chained to racks placed in public areas in Ljubljana. In 2021 and 2022, we installed almost 300 new bicycle racks.

In Ljubljana, there are more than **306km** of organized cycling areas in the form of cycle lanes on the pavement or carriageway, separate cycle lanes, and shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists.



In the Kongresni trg garage, we arranged the first covered public bicycle shed, which has room for 78 ordinary bikes and 14 electric bikes. Bicycle parking is free, and access is possible with the Urbana card.

Since 2018, Urban, the new electric train has been travelling the streets of Ljubljana, enthraling the citizens and visitors of the city with its circular tourist route. By the end of July 2022, 120,709 passengers had already toured the city with it.



The Urbana card, which we introduced in 2009 and is used by 550,000 users, was included in the integrated public passenger transport system (IJPP) in 2018, and in 2022 we upgraded it to a virtual version.

Since 2018, the fleet of Public company Ljubljanski potniški promet has been updated with 30 new intercity buses and 31 city buses.

More than half of the 25,000 registered users of the Avant2Go electric-vehicle sharing system use vehicles from the system every month, and together they have already driven several million emission-free kilometres.



With the new bus line 16, which we extended to Trnovo in 2022, we made the outskirts of the city even more accessible to citizens.

From 2021, all pensioners, holders of the European benefits card for the disabled, war veterans, and people over the age of 65 who are not in employment, are entitled to a free ticket for all Ljubljana public transport city lines.

As part of the Velo-City cycling conference 2022, we introduced the Nomago Bikes electric bike-sharing system on a test basis. There are 17 stations with 127 bicycle docks in various public areas around the city.



With Klinko Kavalir, we have transported more than 10,000 passengers in the area of the clinics of the University Medical Centre Ljubljana and the Ljubljana Oncology Institute. as part of the European TRIBUTE project. Kavalir drivers receive a huge number of compliments from the townspeople for providing this service.



## Implemented investments for a proper farewell 2018–2022

- Extended cremation section of the Žale cemetery
- Extended cemetery Rudnik
- Extended Polje cemetery with a new farewell chapel
- Renovation of the mortuary halls in Plečnik's Žale
- Canopy in Kerševan's Žale
- Extended cemetery in Sostro with a new farewell chapel

The architectural design of the extended Žale cemetery followed the ancient patterns of arrangement of burial places surrounded by avenues of trees. Trees grow on the roof, the roots of which reach below the limit of life and descend into the elliptical concrete teardrops as a memory of the departed. The powerful entrance takes visitors into a new dimension of stone and concrete sculptures. The cemetery is surrounded by a memorial park for the scattering of remains along with the Grove of Remembrance, the Fountain of Life, and the Green Pyramid. The landscaped area covers almost 9,000m<sup>2</sup> and includes 1,500 new urn niches and 500 urn ground burial fields.



As part of the expansion of the Polje cemetery, we built a new farewell chapel and a platform, arranged a park, and provided 1,560 new burial places with new areas for classic and floor cremation burial, a columbarium, and a space for scattering ashes.



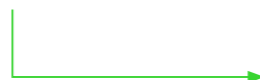
The farewell hall and chapels in the new Žale have been upgraded with a new canopy, with a glass roof and a steel structure, which offers the participants of funeral ceremonies protection from various adverse weather conditions.



With the Vodovodni most bridge, we will connect the Ljubljana Marshes and the settlements on Rakova Jelša.



In Črna vas, we are renovating all municipal and other water systems – water supply, sewerage, gas pipelines, electrical and telecommunications wiring, and public lighting – as well as fixing the sidewalk, bicycle path, and carriageway. This will ensure safer, more comfortable and pleasant areas for all road users, and a higher quality of life for the surrounding residents.



## We Never Stop Working

- With the completion of the Clean for You project (sewer arrangement on 261 streets in the area of the City of Ljubljana), more than 22,000 residents will be newly connected to the public sewer system.
- Establishment of a new P+R Polje.
- Replacement of the bridge on Opekarska cesta.
- Replacement of the Mokrška brv footbridge.
- Replacement of the footbridge near Dolgi Most.
- The new water sculpture on Slovenska cesta.
- Reconstruction of the Vodovodni bridge.
- New Centre for Prevention and Education in Road Traffic.
- The establishment of a service and maintenance centre in the area of the location of Ljubljanski potniški promet, and the construction of a solar power plant on the roof of the building.
- Arrangement of Aleja Žale, which will connect the old and the new parts of the Žale cemetery.
- Establishment of a regional bicycle connection Ljubljana–Polhov Gradec.
- Reconstruction of roads, and arrangement of the area around the planned new passenger centre (Trg Osvobodilne fronte–Masarykova cesta–Šmartinska cesta with widening of the underpass–Vilharjeva cesta–Dunajska cesta).

### Major street and road works

- Čufarjeva ulica
- Section of Hruševska cesta
- The Petkovškovo nabrežje embankment between Resljeva cesta and Rozmanova ulica
- Roads in the area of BTC Shopping Centre and junction to Leskoškova cesta
- Cesta v Gorice – “Črni log”
- Dolenjska cesta
- Linhartova cesta
- Gregorčičeva ulica
- Gameljne Bypass road
- Sostro Bypass road
- Industrijska cesta (from Hladilniška pot to Zaloška cesta)
- Šmartinska cesta (from the underpass to the motorway ring)



**a healthy, open and accessible city**



Since 2018, we have allocated 11 million euros to co-finance the programmes of public institutions and non-governmental organisations in the field of healthcare.

The automated laboratory system for the analysis of blood samples is a high-performance and technologically-advanced system in use in primary healthcare in Slovenia. For healthcare service users, we have significantly shortened the waiting time for diagnostic results, and for healthcare employees, we have made their work easier and ensured greater safety against infections.



## They Take Good Care of Me and my Health Here

In Ljubljana, we provide a high-quality and comprehensive system of **healthcare at the primary level** with continuous improvements. This includes basic healthcare and pharmacy activities, and is performed as a public service under the same conditions by public health institutions and concessionaires.

Healthcare is provided in the **Ljubljana Health Centre** units (Bežigrad, Center, Moste-Polje, Šiška, Šentvid, Vič-Rudnik), which operate at 11 main locations in the city, and the General Emergency Medical Service Clinic in Ljubljana, which operates 24 hours a day in the Emergency Unit of the Ljubljana University Clinical Centre. In accordance with professional guidelines and in compliance with ethical principles, the Ljubljana Health Centre ensures high-quality, and optimal access to health services, as its units are evenly distributed throughout the city and accessible by public transport. In



addition, the network is further complemented by **over 100 concessionaires** throughout the Municipality.

Efficient and continuous supply of medicines, products, and services for maintaining health is ensured by the public institute **Ljubljana Pharmacy**, which celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2019. The pharmacy network in Ljubljana consists of **29 units of Ljubljana Pharmacy** (54 units and branches of Ljubljana Pharmacy in Slovenia) and **14 concessionaires**. We are constantly updating the public network of pharmacies with renovations, technological solutions (pharmacy robots), and the establishment of new units.

Covid-19 demonstrated how important our public institutions are to the healthcare system. In the Community Health Center Ljubljana, we organised an entry point for for SARS-CoV-2 testing and set up a vaccination center. We also successfully provided remote support to patients with arterial hypertension and type 2 diabetes. Even during this difficult time, Ljubljana Pharmacy ensured a continuous supply of medicines and other products, and offered professional advice to users.



The mobile simulation unit, SIM Mobil, represents the first educational programme of its kind in Slovenia and in this part of Europe, and provides the most modern form of practical training using simulators. It is intended for both medical teams and laypersons. In addition to the simulation area, it also has a room where participants can discuss what they have learned.

With a new, modern extension and a pharmacy equipped with a specialized robot for the dispensing of medicines, we have upgraded our efforts to provide even safer and better treatment of users, and improved working conditions for colleagues at the Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Bežigrad.





Through **numerous social security measures**, services and activities, we strive for social equality and accessibility for all citizens, **while dedicating special attention to vulnerable groups as a city, by encouraging volunteering activities.**

During the pandemic, it was extremely important that all the programmes co-financed by the City of Ljubljana for non-governmental organisations, although in an adapted form, were accessible to users at all times.

**By co-financing programmes and services, we offer citizens help in dealing with various problems (loneliness, mental health problems, problems related to age or disability, excessive use of modern technologies and the Internet, violence, etc.), and guarantee them a better quality of life.**

Comprehensive care at home for the elderly, chronically ill, and disabled in the city is provided by the **Home Care Institute Ljubljana**, which celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2022. It is the largest provider of public home care services in the country, providing assistance to more than 1,500 users annually. In addition to its core activity, the institute introduced free, innovative services through various projects. Since 2009, the concessionaire **Zavod Pristan Institute** has also been providing public home assistance service in the City of Ljubljana.

With the aforementioned activities, programmes, and projects, **we are promoting a healthy, accessible, open and equal social environment in the city, in which we live together and respect all differences.**



*In 2018, together with the SOS Telephone Association and participating partners in the Kresija Gallery, we prepared a very popular exhibition titled: "When he Hit the Door a Second Time, I Pasted a Poster over the Hole", with our Mayor as its honorary patron. The artistic creations showed the life story of individuals who had retreated to a safe house due to violence and carried the message that a way out of violence is possible.*

**Since 2018, we have provided 5.5 million euros to the financially weakest citizens to alleviate their material hardships (lack of resources, school lunches, summer camps, school utensils, lunches for persons older than 65, and financial aid at childbirth).**

*The pharmacy Lekarna Mirje, one of the oldest pharmacies in the city (opened in 1906), has come back to life in all its splendour. By renovating and restoring the original equipment, we have ensured even better and easier access to medicines and other products needed to maintain the health of the citizens of Ljubljana, and we have also preserved a piece of history that is of inestimable value for all future generations.*



*As part of the Energy Advanced project, the Šiška and Moste-Polje units of the Community Health Center Ljubljana received Cohesion-Fund financing and underwent a complete energy renovation. The photo shows the renovated Šiška unit of the Community Health Center Ljubljana.*

**As first in Slovenia, Ljubljana Pharmacy has developed a telepharmacy service, which enables users to consult with a pharmacist remotely, using modern telecommunication technologies.**

**In 2021, six pharmacies became Dementia-friendly points (DPT), in which the joint DPT programme and dementia counselling are implemented according to the protocol developed at Ljubljana Pharmacy.**

## New acquisitions or major renovations 2018–2022

- Extension of Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Bežigrad
- Energy retrofit of the Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Šiška
- Energy retrofit of the Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Moste-Polje
- New automated system for analysing laboratory blood samples
- The first mobile simulation unit: SIM Mobil
- Entry point for the for SARS-CoV-2 testing (drive-in)
- Installation of ramps in the city centre for even better accessibility
- The new Aleja pharmacy
- The new Vilharjeva pharmacy
- Renovated the Mirje pharmacy
- New pharmacy in Grosuplje near the Grosuplje Health Centre
- The new Sončni log pharmacy in Logatec
- New unit of Ljubljana Pharmacy in Cerknica
- New pharmacy at Bežigrajski dvor
- New branch of Ljubljana Pharmacy in Velike Lašče
- New branch of Ljubljana Pharmacy in Zagradec
- New specialised shops of LL Grosist LL Viva in Ljubljana, Postojna, Litija, and Idrija
- New branch of Ljubljana Pharmacy in Podpeč
- New branch of Ljubljana Pharmacy in the Municipality of Dobrepolje
- Energy retrofit of the Viška hiška House and handing over of the premises to the Slovenian Philanthropy organization



During the pandemic, when the city literally came to a standstill, more than 200 Public Company LPP volunteer drivers, using e-urban electric vehicles, selflessly ensured that children and the elderly did not go without a warm meal.



In 2020, together with the Red Cross of Slovenia – Regional Association of Ljubljana, we designed the project titled “Ljubljana, a City of Solidarity”, which encourages good deeds and actions of solidarity between people, creates inter-neighbourhood cohesion, and contributes to a better atmosphere in the city.

**The LGBT-Friendly project was recognised as the Best Equality-Friendly Initiative of 2019 at the Emerging Europe Awards.**

**With the LGBT-Friendly Certificate, which we have already awarded to more than 50 public and private organisations as of 2022, we raise awareness of human rights and contribute to a more inclusive environment for everyone.**

Based on our legislation, we make (an additional) payment for institutional care of Ljubljana citizens in homes for the elderly, and special social institutions for adults, for which we have allocated approximately 36 million euros in the last five years.

Since 2018, we have secured more than 14 million euros dedicated to the area of home care. We subsidise around 80% of the service.

We received the Silver Access City Award 2018 and Bronze Access City Award 2022 from the European Commission, which proves that we are at the very top end of European cities in the field of accessibility for people with disabilities and the elderly; for whom we make everyday-life easier with a variety of services, programmes, and arrangements of public spaces.



At the Home Care Institute Ljubljana, as part of the CrossCare project, we provided users with free occupational therapy, physiotherapy, healthcare, and dietetics. Because of its effectiveness, free occupational therapy was provided with additional budget funds even after the project had ended, and we will also continue with physiotherapy.



By installing ramps, which are entirely made in the wooden workshop of the Voka Snaga public company, we facilitate access to the city-owned premises in the old city centre, and at the same time we also encourage private owners of shops and bars to follow the city's example and adapt the entrances to their buildings as well.





Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Metelkova



Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Jarše

## We Never Stop Working

### We will build:

- Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Jarše
- Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Metelkova (also Centre for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Addicts)
- Community Health Center Ljubljana, unit Rudnik




**care for better living conditions**







The new Brdo II residential neighbourhood with 174 apartments 



## This is my Home

The need for secure and permanent apartment rental is very high in Ljubljana, which is why, in accordance with housing legislation, we are designing various measures to increase the rental stock for public rental. Many young families and individuals have already found their home in non-profit rental apartments, or in new Ljubljana neighbourhoods with public rental apartments.

In the City of Ljubljana, we are one of the few local communities with our own housing fund, to which we allocate additional financial resources. The entire management of housing units owned by the City – rental apartments, including dedicated serviced apartments and housing units for the socially disadvantaged citizens, the elderly and young people, is carried out by the Public Housing Fund of the City of Ljubljana (JSS MOL), which is one of the few public investors that constantly invests in new housing units.

Annually, we issue loans for the renovation of housing units owned by citizens, enable favourable annuity purchases of housing units and the purchase of apartments according to the model of shared ownership as a public-private partnership, and also provide replacement housing units in order to realise development projects in the city.

In the future, we also plan to arrange high-quality housing units and build neighbourhoods tailored to the residents. With these projects, even more families, individuals, and couples who need a roof over their heads will have the option of an affordable, permanent, and safe housing solution.

Since 2018, we have allocated a total of approximately **64 million euros** for the **construction, purchase, and renovation of housing units.**



## New acquisitions and major renovations 2018–2022

- Brdo residential neighbourhood II – 174 apartments
- Rakova Jelša II Residential neighbourhood – 156 apartments
- Polje IV residential business neighbourhood – 64 residential units (16 of those are living units)
- Multi-apartment building on Zaloška – 38 apartments
- Renovated building on Vodnikova cesta to house 12 wards for Dolfke Boštjančič Draga
- Multi-apartment building on Zarnikova ulica – 7 new living units
- Multi-apartment building on Pečinska ulica – 6 apartments
- Building on Kunaverjeva ulica – 3 apartments
- Purchase of an older apartment on Cesta španskih borcev and an older living unit on Fabijanijeva ulica.

Since 2018, through new construction projects, purchases, and major renovations, we have provided an additional 451 housing units, 24 of those being designated to temporarily address the housing needs of the most socially vulnerable persons.

In the period from 2007 to present, we increased our housing stock through construction, renovation/reconstruction, or purchases by more than 1,500 housing units, or 45%. At present, we already manage 4,433 units.

Since 2018, we have published public tenders for the allocation of 750 non-profit rental apartments and for 60 dedicated rental apartments for young people.



With the new unit of the Ljubljana City Library, a multi-purpose hall, and a planned pharmacy, the Polje IV neighbourhood has become an even friendlier living environment, tailored to its residents.

By 2026, we will provide around 1,000 additional housing units through the Public Housing Fund of the City of Ljubljana.





In 2021, the amended law allowed an increase in non-profit rents. Non-profit rent in a newly-built apartment with a size of approximately 50 m<sup>2</sup>, which was 3.52 euros per square metre before the aforementioned change in the legislation, will amount to 5.38 euros per square metre after the final increase comes into force. Beneficiaries will be provided with subsidies.

Multi-apartment building on Zaloška cesta



*In public housing projects, we pay a lot of attention to adapting apartments for people with mobility and sensory disabilities. Thus, in the Brdo II residential neighbourhood, we made sure there are open living areas, provided greenery for them and installed children's playgrounds, and also made sure that all public areas are also accessible to people with disabilities.*



Since 2018, we have increased the stock of housing units for the socially weakest citizens from 426 to 450 units.

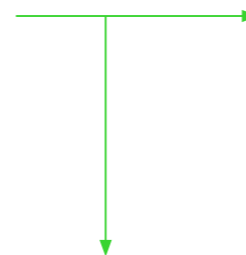
Care for the elderly is also provided in the City of Ljubljana with the option of buying or renting a serviced apartment. The purchase of serviced apartments is provided for by private investors, and the rental of serviced apartments with non-profit rent is provided by the Public Housing Fund of the City of Ljubljana. Currently there are 82 serviced apartments: 60 in Trnovo, 10 in Dravlje, 12 in Murgle.



With the first amendment to the Municipal Spatial Plan in the City of Ljubljana in 2010, we enabled the construction of 40,000 apartments. Four more changes followed, and with each one we enabled the construction of new residential areas and the renovation of the existing ones.

In 2022, private investors are already building 2,000 apartments, and an additional 3,000 are planned based on the previously-adopted municipal spatial plans. New plans are being prepared, which will enable the additional construction of apartments. By creating conditions for the construction of new apartments, we influence the lowering of the price of apartments on the market.

*Next to Povšetova ulica, we plan to build a new residential neighbourhood with 360 rental housing units, an underground garage, and transport and utility infrastructure.*



## We Never Stop Working

### We plan to build:

- the Rakova Jelša I residential neighbourhood– 99 apartments,
- the residential neighbourhood Novi Center on Povšetova – 361 apartments,
- the Litijska-Pesarska residential neighbourhood– 97 apartments,
- the Jesihov štradon residential neighbourhood– 44 apartments,
- the Zvezna ulica residential neighbourhood – 87 apartments,
- apartments on Resljeva cesta – 35 apartments,
- apartments in Zelena jama (purchase from a private investor) – 88 apartments,
- the Rakova Jelša III residential neighbourhood– 156 apartments,
- a new shelter for homeless,
- housing in three locations along Cesta dveh cesarjev.



# education and schooling





Starting in 2019, the June Festival in Ljubljana opens with a concert by the “golden ninth-graders” and their school music groups. The performance on the big stage of Kongresni trg where they present their musical talents, is without a doubt a fantastic experience.



After the complete renovation of the Ljubljana Conservatory of Music and Ballet, a modern concert hall with superb acoustics, three additional classrooms and an outdoor cultural ambience are available to users in a static-safe and earthquake-proof building.



## This is Where I Grow, Learn, and Progress

Ljubljana is a city friendly to children and families. With a wide network of public institutions, we provide quality upbringing and education in: **23 public kindergartens** in 105 locations, **47 public primary schools** in 66 locations, **4 public music schools** in 10 locations, **the public institute Javni zavod Mala ulica – Centre for Children and Families** in Ljubljana, **the Pika Counselling Centre for Children, Adolescents, and Parents**, and **the Public Institute Gene Štupar – Ljubljana Education Centre**.

**For better conditions in the field of upbringing and education, we actively renovate and build new kindergartens and schools, through which we increase the capacities of departments and establish a healthier environment for children and co-workers.** We are renovating kitchens, dining halls, multi-purpose halls for children to socialise, libraries, and specialised classrooms. We build and renovate children's and school playgrounds, dilapidated gymnasiums, and other external surfaces

of schools and kindergartens, replace installations, windows, heating systems, sewage, and sanitary facilities, improve lighting, and reduce noise with acoustic interventions.

In the City of Ljubljana, we make sure that buildings are safe, that they meet the highest statutory earthquake and fire safety standards, and that, in accordance with the City of Ljubljana's sustainable approach, they are highly energy efficient and habitable. It is also important that schools, as well as kindergartens, have sufficient and appropriately organised spatial facilities that meet the needs of a modern, child- and employee-friendly education and training programme. In planning and implementation, we look for technological solutions that comply with legislation and professional guidelines in terms of reliability, efficiency, and health integrity. When placing it in the environment and designing the space, we take into account the peculiarities of the urban environment, the individual needs of children, the needs of kindergartens and schools as communities, as well as providing the possibility of implementing and developing modern, integrated, and inclusive educational approaches.



At the public institute Javni zavod Mala ulica, we bring children closer to nature through forest pedagogy with various programmes that take place in the city's forests, as contact with this environment is absolutely necessary for the healthy, holistic development of children.



Children with special needs receive additional professional help in our regular kindergarten programmes, or are included in kindergartens' developmental groups with an adapted pre-school programme. Thus, **in 2018, we opened the first specialised developmental autistic department in the Pedenjped kindergarten**, and due to the encouraging results of the children and the expressed satisfaction of the parents and employees of the kindergarten, we opened **two more in 2020, in the Vodmat kindergarten and the Miškolin kindergarten**. The project continues, and our long-term goal is to increase the network by opening specialised departments in each district.

Through annual public tenders in the field of pre-school education, we co-finance a number of non-governmental organisations' and public institutions' projects, among which we are particularly proud of the programme to raise awareness of children and youth regarding sustainable development, which has been running since 2018. One special feature of this project is that it is financed from savings resulting from the energy retrofit of the city's public buildings.

**In the City of Ljubljana, investing in knowledge is not seen as a cost, but as a pursuit that enriches life in the city. Almost a third of the entire municipality's budget is allocated to pre-school education.**



*The fully renovated Zarja unit of the Viški gaj kindergarten*

*The fully renovated Jelka kindergarten, Palčki unit*



**In the City of Ljubljana's budget, in the period from 2018-2022, we allocated a total of 536 million euros for the field of pre-school education. Of those, 200 million euros was dedicated to investments in the infrastructure of kindergartens and schools.**

## Investments in kindergartens 2018–2022

### New construction

- Pedenjped kindergarten, Pedenjcarstvo unit – new building

### Complete renovations

- Vodmat kindergarten, unit on Korytkova 26
- Mladi Rod kindergarten, unit Čira Čara
- Galjevica kindergarten, Galjevica unit – premises renovation and construction of a multi-purpose room
- Najdihojca kindergarten, Biba unit – premises renovation including the central kitchen
- Oton Župančič kindergarten, Živ Žav unit
- Jelka kindergarten, Palčki unit
- Miškolin kindergarten, Rjava cesta unit
- Viški Gaj kindergarten, Zarja unit
- Kolezija kindergarten, Murgle unit – renovation of the building with the construction of a multi-purpose room, and renovation of the kitchen
- Ciciban kindergarten, Ajda unit – renovation of the building with the construction of a multi-purpose room
- Trnovo kindergarten, Kolezijska unit
- Viški vrtci kindergarten, Rožna dolina unit – renovation of the building with extension and renovation of the kitchen
- Šentvid kindergarten, Sapramiška unit – renovation of the building with arrangement of the laundry, kitchen, and administration areas
- Pedenjped kindergarten, Učenjak unit – renovation of the building, including the kitchen and the addition of three new departments
- Pedenjped kindergarten, Šlik-Šlak unit

### Energy retrofits

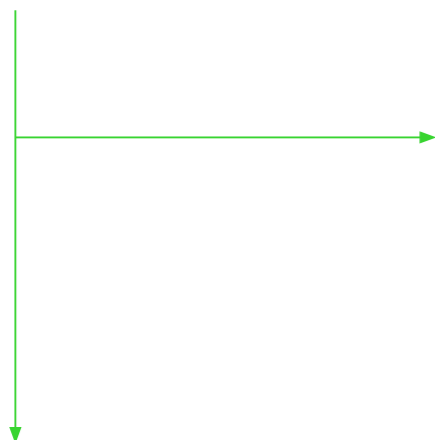
- Jelka kindergarten – Jelka unit
- Najdihojca kindergarten – Čenča unit
- H.C. Andersen kindergarten – Lastovica unit

### New playgrounds

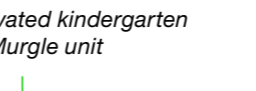
- Galjevica kindergarten, Jurček unit – complete arrangement of the playground



The new unit of the Pedenjped kindergarten in Kašelj, Pedenjcarstvo, was awarded the Golden Pencil 2018, a prestigious architectural award, for its excellent design and construction according to sustainable principles.



Fully renovated kindergarten Kolezija, Murgle unit



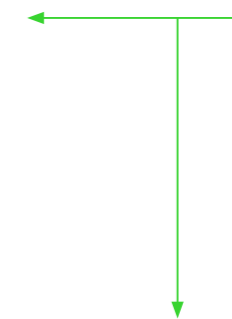
For a higher quality of pre-school education, we provide a premium standard in kindergartens: short camps, winter holidays, summer holidays and other activities in the last year before entering primary school. We also co-finance winter/summer holidays in holiday homes belonging to the City of Ljubljana, and finance their attendants and specialised pedagogues for children with special needs.



*The Najdihojca kindergarten, the Biba unit, was completely statically and energetically renovated, and we also renovated the central kitchen.*



*We completely renovated the Učenjak unit of the Pedenjped Kindergarten, added three sections and renovated the kitchen.*



**The implementation of energy measures, which is co-financed with grants, is carried out in public-private partnerships (Project of Energy Retrofit of Buildings in Ljubljana).**



With the energy retrofit of buildings, we reduce the consumption of energy sources, increase the share of renewable energy sources, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In this way, we saved a total of almost 12 million kWh, which represents a reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 3,800 tons. This amount is absorbed annually by almost 200,000 trees.

The fully renovated kindergarten Miškolin, Rjava cesta unit



The completely renovated Ajda unit of the Ciciban kindergarten, is also accessible to physically-challenged users.



With the new extension of the multi-purpose hall of the Galjevica kindergarten, we significantly enriched education for the 200 children, employees, and parents of children who attend the Galjevica unit.



## Investments in primary schools 2018–2022

### New constructions

- Oskar Kovačič Primary School – a new extension to the main building
- Milan Šuštaršič Primary School – a new extension
- Zadobrova Primary School – a new extension
- Vižmarje Brod Primary School – a new sports hall
- Vič Primary School – a new extension
- Vrhovci Primary School – addition to and rearrangement of part of the building
- Koseze Primary School – a new extension with library
- Miško Kranjec Primary School – a new extension and partial remodelling of the central building

### Complete renovations

- National Hero Maks Pečar Primary School – new sports hall and renovation of the building in Črnuška cesta
- Jože Moškrič Primary School
- Franc Rozman Stane Primary School
- Vodmat Primary School
- Poljane Primary School
- Oskar Kovačič Primary School – Rudnik unit – renovation of the building by rearranging the housekeeper's apartment
- Nove Fužine Primary School

– renovation of the building with an upper structure and renovation of the premises of the school and kindergarten, as well as renovation of the school and sports playground

- Rihard Jakopič Primary School – demolition and new construction of the extension with the gymnasium, and renovation of the central building
- Martin Krpan Primary School – demolition and new construction of the extension, and renovation of the central building
- Livada Primary School – renovation of the building and addition of classrooms
- Kolezija Primary School, Splitska 13 location – renovation of the building with replacement construction and the addition of a gymnasium
- Zalog Primary School – refurbishing of the building with the renovation of the kitchen, arrangement of the library, and the addition of a gymnasium
- Trnovo Primary School

### Energy retrofits

- Danila Kumar Primary School – building II
- Polje Primary School

### New School Sports Facilities and Children Playgrounds

- National Hero Maks Pečar Primary School
- Franc Rozman Stane Primary School
- Miran Jarc Primary School
- Jože Moškrič Primary School
- Šmartno pod Šmarno goro Primary School

### New Kitchens

- Danila Kumar Primary School
- Spodnja Šiška Primary School
- Kolezija Primary School, Cesta v Mestni Log location

**Children in Ljubljana primary schools are provided with superior standards: we co-finance organized morning care for second and third grade pupils, counsellors, librarians, teachers in extended stay wards, and companions of physically-challenged, and chronically-ill children.**



*The National Hero Maks Pečar Primary School has a new gym, outdoor school, and recreation playground and is fully renovated.*

**With smart renovations we provide pupils, teachers, and other employees of primary schools with a high-quality learning environment, and at the same time, with energy retrofits, we save money and protect our environment.**

**In the period between 2018–2022, we allocated 15.5 million euros for high-quality services in primary schools.**





The fully renovated Vodmat Primary School



In addition to energy renovation, the Poljane Primary School was pleased with the renovated school halls.



In 2021, the Rihard Jakopič Primary School underwent the most extensive renovation.





**In the past four years we awarded 457 scholarships to talented pupils and students, and allocated almost 3 million euros for them. So far, we have supported a total of 1,728 pupils and students with these scholarships.**

*The Martin Krpan Primary School has been completely renovated.*



*We added two new classrooms to the Livada Primary School.*



**At the Livada Primary School, which is attended by children from 28 different countries, we successfully implement the principle: "We live together and respect all differences".**



*The Jože Moškrič Primary School has been completely renovated, and we have also arranged a new school playground.*



There is more space and modern equipment in the renovated Nove Fužine Primary School.



For even better implementation of the wide range of programmes of the Cene Štupar Centre, which is the largest institution for adult education in Slovenia, we bought and completely renovated the premises on Šmartinska cesta.

Upon the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in Slovenia, we granted all requests for the inclusion of Ukrainian children in Ljubljana primary schools.

During the epidemic, when schools were closed, we provided children from socially weak families with a hot meal every day. In total, we provided more than 30,000 meals.





At the Milan Šuštaršič Primary School, we will build a new gymnasium and partially renovate the central building.



In the period between 2018–2022, we allocated 2.6 million euros to the **Janez Levec Centre Ljubljana** for primary school education and training of children and young people with special needs.

The Janez Levec Centre will be richer for a new extension with educational workshops.



We will completely renovate the Prežihov Voranc Primary School and build a new gymnasium.

## We Never Stop Working

### New constructions

- Trnovo Kindergarten, Karunova unit – demolition and new construction of a building with 12 sections, and creation of a connection with the neighbouring Kolezijska unit
- Galjevica Kindergarten, Galjevica unit – new additional building
- Zelena Jama Kindergarten, Vrba unit – a new extension
- Sostro Primary School (PS) – a new extension
- Janez Levec Centre – a new extension with learning workshops
- Kolezija PS (pre-school education) – new school building
- Milan Šuštaršič PS – demolition and construction of the new gymnasium, and partial remodelling of the central building
- Božidar Jakac PS – demolition and construction of the new gymnasium and a new outdoor playground
- Šentvid PS – new gymnasium
- Vrhovci PS – new playground
- Brdo PS – new facility for pre-school education and primary school education with a new playground (in case of space constraints)

### Complete renovations

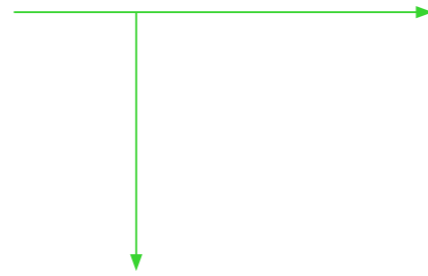
- Oton Župančič kindergarten, Čurimuri unit – renovation of the kindergarten with an extension including a multi-purpose room, as well as expansion and modernisation of playrooms
- Mojca kindergarten, Kekec unit – renovation of the kindergarten
- Savsko naselje PS – renovation, extension of the building with the arrangement of a new multi-purpose hall and a new kitchen
- Prule PS – renovation of the school, demolition and construction of a new gymnasium, and comprehensive arrangement of the playground
- Kette and Murn PS – renovation and extension of the building
- Koseze PS – renovation of the school and construction of a gymnasium
- Spodnja Šiška PS – renovation of the school and a new training area
- Prežihov Voranc PS – renovation of the school, and demolition and new construction of the gymnasium



**a city of youth, for the young**



*We created a new public area in Kašelj, the central point of which is "Borc", an old city bus that we breathed new life into. Its programme is based on three substantive pillars for young people: namely food and socialising, culture and entertainment, and educational support and knowledge.*



## Here I Have a Friend

In Ljubljana, we pay special attention to the development of youth policy and youth work. The City of Ljubljana Youth Office, which has been operating within the Municipality of Ljubljana since 1995, coordinates leisure activities in the field of work with young people, promotes new activities and opportunities for them, and responds to their needs within the city.

Upon the first extension of the title "Youth-Friendly Municipality", we adopted the **Strategy of City of Ljubljana for the Youth 2016–2025**, thereby establishing a comprehensive and sustainable municipal policy in the youth sector that deals with all areas that affect the position and perspective of young people in society. With the second extension, in 2020, we successfully demonstrated that **we are systematically developing the field of youth policy and effectively adopting and implementing measures, especially in the following areas: dealing with youth issues, youth participation, organising, informing, recruiting and educating**

### **young people, housing policy and youth mobility.**

One of the foundations of Ljubljana's youth policy is embodied in **Young Dragons Public Institute**, the purpose of which is to implement programmes that enable young people and adults to spend quality free time together, and provide young people from the Ljubljana municipality and their families from the area the possibility of development and support on the way to independence.

Another foundation is the stable political situation in the city, which enabled us to create a multi-level system of sustainable support for young people in cooperation with youth organisations in the past period, which proved to be resilient, efficient and solid even during the crisis period of the COVID 19 pandemic.

In addition to financing and cooperating with the Young Dragons Public Institute, sustainable support also includes multi-year financing of youth center programs managed by non-governmental organisations and the Social Work Center; as well

**Since 2018, we have allocated 2,688,217 euros for the operation of the Young Dragons Public Institute.**

**During the last four-year period the district youth centers' operation the Young Dragons Public Institute was enhanced by the mobile youth centre Ljuba and Drago, a team of youth street workers, a mobile psychosocial counselling programme, Radio Eter and the community centre "Borc".**



as regular, multi-year financing of projects and programmes for young people implemented by youth and other non-governmental organisations.

In the field of youth work development, our starting point is the European Charter on Local Youth Work, the creation of which we were actively involved in. As part of the international project, Connected Learning Places, we designed the Ljubljana Learning Place online platform, which combines a variety of informal learning opportunities in one location.

In Ljubljana, youth centres operate at 18 permanent locations. They are united as part of the Network of Ljubljana Youth Centers. All these centres use

Logbook, a tool for monitoring and evaluating youth work, which supports the development of quality in their work, and allows the voices of young people to be heard.

One of the fundamental principles of youth work is that it contributes to the personal and social development of young people, so we strive to create an environment for informal learning in which the values of cooperation, respect, equality and solidarity are the guiding principles. In this environment, all young people can discover and develop their talents, strengthen their self-esteem, co-shape their living space, and be heard.



*In 2019, the young people of Črnuče welcomed a completely renovated premises for spending quality free time in the form of informal learning, socialising, excursions, and teaching assistance.*



## New acquisitions 2018–2022

- Renovation of the Črnuče youth centre
- New mobile youth centre Ljuba and Drago
- New community centre BORC at the Cesta španskih borcev location

**For co-financing of youth projects, programmes and networking of youth organisations, funding is increased annually. Since 2018, we have allocated 3,356,779 euros to these projects.**

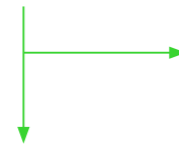
**During the pandemic, Young Dragons Public Institute team moved their operations online and established the first digital youth centre, providing remote psychosocial assistance and conducting digital youth work.**





**In 2021, youth centres carried out 48,000 hours of activities, 25% of which were led by young people themselves, with the support of youth workers. There were more than 119,000 visits noted.**

*As early as 2019, together with young people and colleagues of Ljubljana Passenger Transport, we created the popular mobile youth centre, "Ljuba and Drago" from an old bus. It connects neighbours and neighbourhoods through art and culture, and is a good example of a transition to a circular economy.*



*The renovated Cukrarna Palace will become the main youth centre in Ljubljana. We are collaborating with the Young Dragons Public Institute in its design and construction.*



## **We Never Stop Working**

- We will renovate the Cukrarna palace, which will become a place created by young people, for young people.



**culture in the city**







## I Admire the Vibrant Cultural Pulse Here

The cultural offerings in Ljubljana are extremely rich and diverse: from high-quality artistic productions to quality services in other cultural areas, such as libraries and cultural heritage. **With the additional expansion of our cultural infrastructure, renovations, and the systematic arrangement of public areas, we have expanded our network of cultural facilities and venues, and thus once again proved that culture in Ljubljana is an investment and not an expense.**

Since 2008, all goals in the field of culture have been realised based on four-year strategic documents.

All annual reports have so far been approved by the City Council without a vote against, which is closely related to the fact that we have successfully implemented most of the outlined goals between 2018-2022. All providers of cultural programmes and projects, from public cultural institutes established

by the City of Ljubljana, to non-governmental organisations and self-employed people in culture, proved themselves in particular during the two-year period of the pandemic, when they quickly adapted to the given conditions and successfully implemented the planned programmes and projects, often in the so-called hybrid form, i.e., in both the physical and digital space.

We expanded the scope of financial support to non-governmental organisations by introducing a two-year public call for tenders for the co-financing of festivals, as well as a new public call for tenders for the co-financing of EU projects. Through regular programme and project calls, we opened new areas with the aim of systematic promotion of cultural and artistic education, as well as audience development. As part of the 2020–2023 call for tenders, we have introduced transdisciplinary programmes as a new field, which follows the modern trend of developing artistic creativity, going beyond the traditional division of classical activities.

All eleven public institutes founded by the City of Ljubljana – **Kino Šiška Centre for Urban Culture, Ljubljana Festival, Ljubljana Castle, Ljubljana**

*The renovated Cukrarna is the joint winner of the Baumit Life Challenge architectural competition in Valencia, and it has also received the Plečnik Medal for architectural realisation.*





**Puppet Theatre, the International Graphic Arts Centre, the Ljubljana City Library, the Ljubljana City Theatre, Museum and Galleries of the City of Ljubljana, Kinodvor, Pionirski dom – the Ljubljana Centre for Youth Culture, and the Mladinsko Theatre Ljubljana** – exceeds the local and regional framework of operation and reach.

Even the twelfth public institute, **The Rog Center**, which we founded in May 2021, will bring an additional international dimension to the cultural life of Ljubljana after it opens its doors in 2023.

**In 2015, Ljubljana received the permanent title of a Unesco City of Literature.** At that time, the Valentin Vodnik family home (Vodnikova domačija) became an established

*With the opening of the Cukrarna Gallery, the capital now boasts a new venue for displays of contemporary art, and a place where the processes of articulating thoughts on, production of, and presentation of contemporary art projects are carried out in the field of visual art, as well as intermedia, performance, sound, music, and other forms of art.*



centre of reading, writing, and storytelling, and carried out many connecting projects in the field of literature. Since 2017, Ljubljana has also been awarded the title of a reader-friendly municipality by the Association of Slovenian Public Libraries and the Association of Municipalities of Slovenia. We ensure the accessibility of books and reading with an excellent library network and innovative services.

In the process of preparing the candidacy for ECOC 2025, we have greatly strengthened cooperation with the 25 Municipalities of the Ljubljana Urban Region (LUR) in the field of culture, which unanimously accepted our initiative to prepare a Strategy for the Development of Culture in the LUR until 2027. It is the first document of its kind, created under the auspices of the Regional Development Agency LUR. In this way, we spread top quality cultural and artistic events, and engage the inhabitants of the entire region in cultural life.

We are proud that, as of 2020, **selected works by Plečnik in Ljubljana, which we have renovated in the spirit of this great master, have been included in the Unesco list of world cultural and natural heritage.** The inclusion of Plečnik's Ljubljana in the Unesco World Heritage List is proof that the city has been renovated in the spirit of Plečnik, thus maintaining and appreciating his works and traditions.

**We allocate as much as 11 to 12 percent of the annual budget to the field of culture (around 30 million euros annually). In addition to these programme funds, every year on average we allocate between 6 and 14 million euros for investments in the field of public cultural infrastructure. The funds for the programme and investments in 2021 thus totalled slightly more than 50.5 million euros.**

## New acquisitions and renovations 2018–2022

- Cukrarna Gallery
- The renovated Villa Zlatica
- The new library Polje
- The renovated premises of the former church-assistant's house on Urh
- The renovated Hostel Celica
- The renovated former airport building and control tower in Moste, and the construction of the Archaeological Centre of the Museum and Galleries of the City of Ljubljana in the hangar of the old airport (public-private partnership with the company BTC)
- The reconstructed and upgraded summer theatre and new roof in Križanke
- The renovated Plečnik arcades in the central Ljubljana market
- A new building on Stolba with a renovated staircase on Castle Hill
- The new Strelec wine shop in the castle and the terrace on Bastija
- The renovated Plečnik's Šance
- The puppet trail leading to Ljubljana Castle
- The renovated Castle Coffee Bar and Dragon's Den, which enables integrated programmes for children
- Information centre with the Castle shop and its own brand of items – Friderik
- The new facade of the building of the Španski Borci Cultural Center
- The renovated roof at the Kino Šiška Centre for Urban Culture and the purchase of new, modern technical equipment
- New, more comfortable seats in Kinodvor cinema
- The renovated Plečnik's underpass
- Gallery »S« at Ljubljana Castle and the passage from Gallery »S« to the tract under the Palace Hall and to the Castle courtyard
- The restored medieval city walls along the route of the funicular railway
- The renovation of Kazemat, the most authentic room in the Castle
- The renovated Šentjakob Stage and completely renovated hall, backstage and lobby
- The new facade and elevator in Tivoli Castle
- The renovated Plečnikova trafik (Plečnik's newspaper and tobacco shop)
- Placement of a fish sculpture and a statue of Ekvorna on Gallusovo nabrežje
- Unveiling of the Monument to the Defenders of the City of Ljubljana in 1991
- A new bust of the pioneer of modern surgery in Slovenia and honorary citizen, Edo Šlajmer, Ph.D.
- The restored statue of the Illegal Man in the Slovenian Reformation Park
- Discovery of the remains of the monastery complex of the barefoot Augustinians during the renovation of Slovenska cesta
- Discovery of a blue glass vessel at the Emona burial ground during the renovation of Gosposvetska cesta
- Renovated premises of the old Bukvarna (book shop) on Kongresni trg



In the Kino Šiška Centre for Urban Culture, we renovated the roof, upgraded the stage machinery and purchased technical equipment.



During the pandemic our cultural public institutions took care of the accommodation for health workers, voluntarily spend time on telephone conversations, sent books by post, enabled cultural content online, and performed many other activities that especially helped the most vulnerable to get through the crisis easier.



On Urh, we opened the renovated premises of the former church assistant's residence which now houses a permanent exhibition titled: St. Urh during the Second World War (1941–1945).

After fifteen years of operation and use of Hostel Celica, by exchanging ownership shares, we became its full owner in 2016. We thoroughly renovated it, and in January 2018 handed it over to the management of the Ljubljana Castle Public Institute. When life came to a complete standstill during the pandemic and we had to close our doors to travellers from all over the world, we offered the hostel for use to the Ljubljana University Medical Centre's employees.



Up to 2019, we co-financed 49 four-year programmes of non-governmental organisations, and from 2020 we increased the number of co-financed programmes to 56. In this way, we ensured even more stable conditions for the operation of the non-governmental sector in culture.

*Ljubljana Castle, which has watched over the city for more than 500 years, and in 2021 marked the 10th anniversary of the Ljubljana Castle Public Institute, has been almost completely restored with the latest renovations, and thus represents one of the most important points of presentation for cultural heritage in Slovenia.*



*Medieval walls and new steps next to the railway funicular.*

We increased the number of co-financed projects implemented by smaller non-governmental organisations and self-employed people in culture from 122 in 2019 to 153 in 2022.

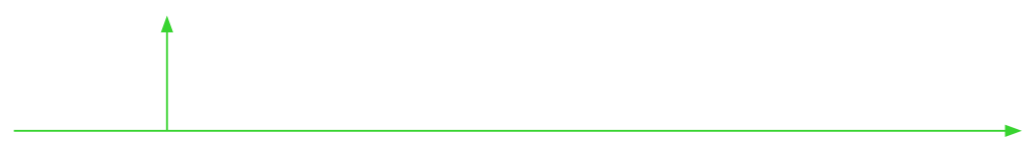


**Since 2018, we have increased funds for the programmes of Ljubljana's public institutions by almost 10% to 7,150,000 euros.**

*In parallel with the construction of the new building, we reconstructed the access road; retaining walls were arranged in this area; and when the road was renovated, new sewage, water, and gas pipelines were also installed. The renovated road is also intended for the emergency intervention of firefighters and rescuers in the event of a cable-car breakdown.*



*Along the route of the funicular railway to Ljubljana Castle, there was an abandoned, partially demolished two-storey building owned by the City of Ljubljana, which was not in use, at Stolba 8. Today, the new building houses the administrative premises of the Ljubljana Castle Public Institute, and rooms for the accommodation of visiting foreign artists who exhibit or perform the most diverse types of art at Ljubljana Castle, or in one of the city's public institutes in the field of culture.*





The renovated  
Plečnik's Šance



The villa of the  
legendary Ljubljana  
mayor, Ivan Hribar,  
is today an open  
public area which  
commemorates Hribar's  
mission through its  
programme: connecting  
communities and  
nations. In addition  
to the permanent  
exhibition on the life of  
Ivan and Zlatica Hribar,  
it houses the Forum of  
Slavic Cultures.





At the beginning of autumn 2019, as the grapes were trying to attract the last warm rays of the sun we opened the Strelec wine shop, and a terrace with the most beautiful view of the city at Ljubljana Castle.



Ekvorna, the goddess of Ljubljana and the Marsh, lives on Gallusovo nabrežje, next to the Music Academy. The casting of the sculpture by the author Frančišek Smerdu was made possible by the academic sculptor Mojca Smerdu, and the installation was donated by the company BTC d.d.



**We provide as many as 241 rooms totalling 17,140 square metres free of charge to individuals and organisations with a status of public interest in the field of culture.**

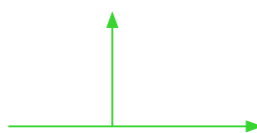


As part of a public-private partnership with the company BTC, we renovated the buildings of the former airport in Moste, which are protected as a cultural monument of local importance. We renovated the former airport building and the control tower; arranged the surroundings, green spaces, and a themed children's playground, and prepared a presentation of aviation in outdoor locations. In the airport building, there is a restaurant with a pastry shop; and in the control tower a cultural and ethnological collection focused on the history of Slovenian aviation and Moste Airport is on display, in cooperation with the Museum and Galleries of the City of Ljubljana. In 2020, we established the Archaeological Centre of the Museum and Galleries of the City of Ljubljana in the hangar of the old airport.





The Ljubljana Festival, which celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2022, enriches and educates society with high-profile events, co-creates a higher cultural awareness, and provides experiences that expand the mind. With the new roof at the Križanke Summer Theatre, we can once again host top domestic and internationally-renowned artists.



As part of the Ljubljana Reads project, from 2018 to 2022, we donated around 45,000 copies of quality books by eight Slovenian authors and illustrators to three-year-olds, first, and fourth graders from Ljubljana. The photo shows the new library in Polje.



With the renovation of the Šentjakob Stage, we provided the Ljubljana Puppet Theatre and the Ljubljana Šentjakob Theatre with modern conditions for the creative process.



**In 2018, we increased the programme and project funds for the non-governmental cultural sector by 380,173 euros compared to the previous year. In the 2018–2022 period, we additionally increased funds for programmes and projects of non-governmental organisations by 6.5% to 3,450,000 euros.**



**More than 14 thousand cultural events take place in Ljubljana every year – 70% are free, and thus accessible to everyone.**



*The June in Ljubljana festival attracts around 20,000 visitors every year, with approximately 40 free events. In 2022, the Bossa de Novo & Hamilton de Holanda concert attracted more than 1,200 visitors.*

*With the festival of cultural and artistic education Bobri, every year we provide free access to high-quality events in all areas of culture and art, while at the same time encouraging the creation of high-quality productions for children. In the last five years, we have distributed 68,000 tickets for 750 events.*



*In 2022, we filled the pavilion in Zvezda Park with music again. In the spring months, we were able to listen to the students of the Ljubljana Music and Ballet Conservatory, and in the summer months, in the shade of the trees, as part of the June in Ljubljana festival, we watched performances for our youngest citizens.*



## We Never Stop Working

- We are establishing Plečnik's Auditorium in Tivoli.
- We are finishing the renovation of the Rog Center – the creative centre of Ljubljana.
- We will build a new city cinema Miniplex with five screens.
- We will renovate Vodnik's birth house.
- We will renovate the Glej Theatre.
- We will renovate Baraga's Seminary and during the renovation of the Plečnik building, we will also complete the construction of the existing half. The renovated building will be handed over to the Mladinsko Theatre and Pionirski dom - Centre for Youth Culture to pursue their own activities, and for non-governmental organisations needs.



*In the spirit of preserving Plečnik's idea and to round off the cultural programme in Tivoli Park, we will revive Plečnik's Auditorium again for outdoor summer cultural events.*



*The Rog Center public institute founded in May 2021, will be a creative meeting place accessible to everyone as of 2023, with programmes that will go beyond the usual distinction between sophisticated, elevated, and popular culture. Almost 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> of new creative space and content will be available to creators and townspeople, as well as a new, 8,000m<sup>2</sup> park intended for daily use and public events.*



# **Ljubljana is sport**





We are happy that in 2022, after two years of pandemic, 23,151 hikers took part in the March along the Barbed Wire event, and 2,670 runners participated in the Three-Member Team Run.



Children from Ljubljana kindergartens are traditionally the first to go on the March along the Barbed Wire.

The Three-Member Team Run is a unique running event that celebrates the camaraderie, solidarity, and mutual support of team members.

## Here I Develop my Talents and Cheer for the Best

Sport is an important human activity and a part of general culture which significantly enriches the life of an individual and the rest of society. With its positive physical effects and the example set by sporting celebrities, it motivates, educates, instils joy in life, teaches participants to endure victory and defeat, gives a sense of respect for oneself and the opponent, respect for rules and discipline, and provides a positive self-image.

In Ljubljana, through new acquisitions, we have been enabling **all residents or visitors of Ljubljana to always find sports activities for themselves**. The network of indoor and outdoor public sports facilities, and facilities in the urban environment and nature provide the best conditions for the implementation of sports programmes. **Together with Public Institute Sport Ljubljana**, which celebrated its 10th anniversary of independent operation in 2021, and in cooperation with sports associations, federations, primary schools and kindergartens, we take care of a varied programme of sport in all its forms. The sports facilities are managed by the Public Institute Sport Ljubljana, while school playgrounds are managed by primary schools, and children's playgrounds are managed by the Public Company Voka Snaga. We provide the conditions for the implementation of the annual sports programme for more than 200 practitioners.



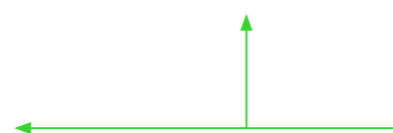
At the finish line of the jubilee 25th Ljubljana Marathon, Mayor Zoran Jankovič high-fived the runners.





Together with the national sports federations, mainly due to new sports infrastructure acquisitions, we were successful in the candidacy and implementation of Eurofutsal 2018, the European Men's Volleyball Championship 2019, the European U21 Football Championship 2021, the Final Tournament of the European Club Volleyball Champions League 2022, the World Volleyball Championship 2022, the European Women's Handball Championship 2022.

In addition to major international sports events, **each year we organise three** traditional, cult, and **the largest mass sports events in the region**. In 2022, the 41st **Marathon Franja Cycling Event** became part of the prestigious series of mass cycling events of the international cycling union (UCI). The **26th Ljubljana Marathon**, boasts the prestigious ELITE mark of the world athletics organisation. At the group event, **March along the Barbed Wire with the Three-Member Team Run**, 30,000 participants practically form a complete circle on a 32.5km long route around the once-occupied Ljubljana.



*The modern Vižmarje Brod sports hall represents a great asset for the school and the entire surrounding area. In addition to the gym, we also arranged a sports field, a platform and a parking lot with 122 parking spaces for private vehicles, including 6 for disabled people, 2 for buses, and an electric charging station.*

By encouraging residents to exercise regularly and prepare for group sports and recreational events, we give Ljubljana a sporting pulse; and at the same time, by organising large international sports events, we successfully strengthen the brand: "Ljubljana is Sport".

## New acquisitions and renovations 2018–2022

- National Hero Maks Pečar Sports Hall in Črnuče
- Sports Hall Vižmarje Brod
- Sports center Baza in Štepanjsko naselje (public-private partnership)
- Football training courses in Stožice
- Skate Park in Stožice
- Energy retrofit of the Tivoli Swimming Pools
- Energy retrofit of the multi-purpose hall, stadium, and swimming pool at Kodeljevo
- Energy retrofit of the Stožice Hall
- Energy retrofit of the Rudnik shooting range
- Energy retrofit of the hockey arena in Tivoli Hall
- Energy retrofit of the Krim Sports Hall
- Vič Park tennis courts
- Bicycle park Kolopark Fužine
- Bicycle park Kolopark Cesta v gorice
- Bicycle park Kolopark Podutik
- Bicycle park Kolopark Štepanjsko naselje
- Bicycle park Kolopark Tbilisijska
- Skate park under the Fabiani Bridge
- Skate Park in Tivoli
- Sports grounds under Tivoli Hall
- 16 sports islands for outdoor workout
- The first smart Goran Dragić basketball court in Tivoli
- Luka Dončić basketball court in Savsko Naselje
- The climbing area in Tivoli



As many as 5,000 cyclists pedalled at the Franja 2022 Marathon, proving once again that cyclists feel comfortable in Ljubljana.



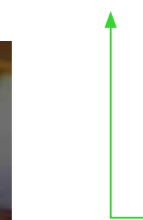
In June 2022, as part of the world cycling congress Velo-City, we organised a cycling festival on Kongresni trg and a massive bike parade through the city streets, which was attended by around 7,000 enthusiasts, both residents of Ljubljana and participants of the cycling congress from all over the world.



*On the 80th anniversary of the National Hero Maks Pečar Primary School students, teachers and other employees of the school welcomed the new, modern, multi-purpose gymnasium and new classrooms. We also ensured a higher-quality learning environment with the energy retrofit of the school, and the renovation of the school sports field.*



*The football pitches next to the Stožice Sports Centre are mainly intended to allow Ljubljana football clubs of all ages to prepare for competitions in all age categories, and offer excellent conditions for training, both in summer and in winter.*



*The Sports Life Centre Baza in Štepanjsko Naselje is a successful example of a public-private partnership between the City of Ljubljana and top footballers Boštjan Cesar, Bojan Jokić, and Saša Abrić.*





Kodeljevo Sports Park

*Kodeljevo Hall and its stadium are the perfect venues for sports and recreation, especially after having been completely renovated in 2018. In 2022, we planted new trees in Kodeljevo Park, namely in the area of the chestnut avenue on Ulica Carla Benza. With this, we re-established and completed the old castle avenue.*







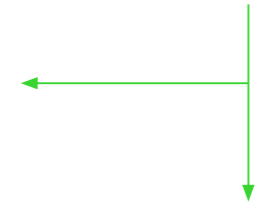
At the initiative of skateboarders, we arranged a skate park under the Fabiani Bridge next to Cukrama.



We have completed the Stožice skate park, and are waiting for the equipment.



We actively encourage the citizens of Ljubljana to do regular exercise and other forms of physical activity in a natural environment. We organise free exercise on sports islands in our districts in cooperation with sports experts.



Every year, we enable free use of space in 150 public sports facilities and allocate almost 300,000 free hours to the participants of the annual sports programme with a total value of 5.5 million euros annually.





With the construction of the Bicycle park Kolopark Fužine, the largest training ground of its kind in Ljubljana, we have given completely new content to a degraded area in the district.



We enable more than 200 stakeholders to implement the annual sports programme.

Each year, we allocate around 6.5 million euros to all stakeholders for the implementation of sports programmes.

In total, we allocate 12 million euros annually for sports programmes alone, without investments.



Together with one of the best Slovenian basketball players of all time, Goran Dragič, we opened the first smart basketball court in Slovenia in Tivoli Park.





Athletes will be able to enjoy significantly better conditions for training at the new Ljubljana Athletics Centre, and thus achieve top results. The new sports centre will also be suitable for the organisation of major sports competitions.



In the multi-purpose Vevče building, we will arrange a covered winter pool and accompanying sports facilities for relaxation and recreation. As part of the outdoor arrangement, we will arrange an Olympic swimming pool, children's pools, slides, a children's playground, and sports fields.



The modern, multi-purpose swimming-sports centre Ilirija, with an indoor Olympic pool and accompanying facilities, will serve not only the city, but also the region and the country. It will provide excellent conditions for high-quality training for all levels of Slovenian national teams and clubs from the city area, as well as the organisation of domestic and international competitions and events in the field of water sports.

## We Never Stop Working

### We are building:

- The Ilirija sports centre, which will feature an Olympic swimming pool, the Stanko Bloudek Museum, an underground garage and areas for other sports activities (a larger hall for recreation, volleyball, and basketball, and a smaller hall for gymnastics, aerobics and fitness, as well as a hall for martial arts),
- The Ljubljana Athletic Centre (Žak),
- Vevče swimming pool with associated infrastructure (outdoor Olympic pool, indoor pool, children's playground, sports fields),
- A hockey and curling hall in Tivoli,
- The Ljubljana climbing centre.

### We will renovate:

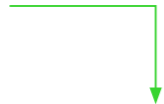
- The Ski jumping tower on Galetova,
- Hippodrome Stožice.



**a safe and resilient city**



*In 2022, the Ljubljana Fire Brigade, the largest and oldest professional fire brigade in Slovenia, is celebrating 100 years of operation. For this occasion, on May 9th 2022, when the city celebrated its annual holiday, they received an award of the City of Ljubljana.*



## I Feel Safe Here

Domestic and international experts and statistics rank Ljubljana as one of the safest capital cities in the world, both in terms of general public safety and extremely low crime rates.

Employees of the city warden services and the inspectorate, together with the state authorities,

ensure that we feel safe in Ljubljana. The Municipal Warden Services ensure traffic safety, protect public property, and maintain public order and peace. For maximum safety, we actively cooperate with the Police Administration of Ljubljana, the Ambulance Station of the Ljubljana University Medical Centre, the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, the Public Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Traffic Safety, the Chamber for the Development of Slovenian Private Security, the Council for the Prevention and Education in Road Traffic of the City of Ljubljana, as well as with kindergartens and schools. Through preventive actions and the raising of awareness, we ensure a safe and stable environment with transparent cooperation, involving all stakeholders in the field of safety, in order to promote tolerance of all social structures and environments, all the while following the highest safety standards.

The Inspectorate greatly contributes order and safety in the city, with a key focus on cooperation, mutual exchange of information, and experience and findings. Therefore, together with state inspections, we carry out controls of taxi transport services and the navigation regime, cooperate with the police in the area of maintaining cleanliness in public areas, and with the public company Voka Snaga in handling municipal waste. In 2021, we played an important role in the removal of illegal small gardens, especially the ones along the Sava River. Together with the public company Voka Snaga, the City of Ljubljana also contributed its share to the cleaning of municipal, construction, and asbestos waste. We also play an important role in cleaning up waste from large, degraded areas, and raising awareness of the importance of picking up dog excrement.

Emergency Management Department, together with the professional Ljubljana Fire Brigade, is dedicated to protection against natural and other disasters. We respond quickly and efficiently to increasingly



*The city of Ljubljana's wardens take care of traffic safety, protect public property, and maintain public order and peace.*





frequent natural disasters. In the case of events such as floods, fires, or earthquakes, we strive for the highest possible level of rescue and intervention services with the shortest possible response time. Our service providers are exceptionally qualified and equipped with high-quality equipment. Equally, it is very important to implement effective preventive measures for greater resilience with key investment projects. Training, informing, and raising awareness among members of the protection, rescue, and aid forces is key to ensuring adequate training for our intervention service providers, and this is carried out continuously in the City of Ljubljana.

Since 2018, we have allocated 135,000 euros for humanitarian aid to cities or countries in need.

The day before the declaration of the pandemic, we established a crisis group in the City of Ljubljana, in which the head of the Emergency Management Department and the head of the Municipal Warden Services also played a key role. Under the leadership of the Mayor, the group constantly adapted to the situation, of course taking into account the instructions of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the National Institute of Public Health. The most important thing for us was to look to the future with optimism and to ensure a sense of safety in Ljubljana.

## New acquisitions 2018–2022

- Four fire engines for the transport of crews and equipment
- A fire engine for management support
- A fire engine for fire extinguishing and rescue service
- A fire truck ladder
- A fire engine for extinguishing fires and providing rescue services in natural environments
- A logistics vehicle with a sanitary trailer
- 2 off-road fire engines
- 2 fire engines for logistics
- 11 other types of fire engines
- Lifebuoys by the Koseški bajer
- Lifebuoys at exit and entry points on the Ljubljanica River
- Additional speedometer housings and speedometers for traffic control
- The new VW eGolf electric vehicle for municipal warden officers
- New uniforms for the municipal warden officers



With the new vehicle for rescue from heights, which significantly contributes to even more successful interventions, we have further increased safety in the City of Ljubljana.

The City of Ljubljana's public fire service, which combines professional firefighters and 35 volunteer fire brigades, has 123 fire engines, 25 trailers and 5 fire boats.

Since 2018, the Ljubljana Fire Brigade has intervened in 9,664 emergency activities, helping people in need during natural and other disasters. Most often, this involved technical assistance, firefighting and traffic accidents.



Since 2018, we have allocated 1,998,672 euros for the purchase of fire protection and rescue equipment (protective clothing, ladders, electrical generators, radio stations, etc.).

Since 2018, we have allocated 3,099,410 euros for the purchase of new fire engines.

## Solidarity Comes First

- We helped mitigate the consequences of the disaster that affected Črnomelj and the surrounding area in 2018.
- We sent humanitarian aid to Albania, which was hit by an earthquake in September 2019.
- After the earthquake in Zagreb in 2020, we sent 32 modular tents to our Croatian neighbours, helping them to cope with the consequences of the disaster. We allocated 100,000 euros of financial assistance from the City of Ljubljana's budget reserve.
- After the earthquake in Croatia in 2021, which severely affected the cities of Petrinja and Glina, we allocated financial aid to both cities from the City of Ljubljana's budget reserve; a total of 30,000 euros.
- In 2021, we provided assistance in extinguishing fires in the natural environment in Northern Macedonia.
- In 2022, we provided help in extinguishing fires in the Karst region, the largest ever fire in the history of Slovenia. In addition to the City of Ljubljana Emergency Management Department, 520 members of the Ljubljana Fire Brigade, 33 volunteer fire brigades from the City of Ljubljana, the management support unit and the logistics unit assisted in the firefighting. We also allocated 35,000 euros in financial aid to the most affected municipalities in the Karst.



## Anti-flood measures 2018–2022

- Construction of the Brdnikova dry water retention basin.
- Renovation of the Podutik dry retention basin
- Renovation of the outflow facility at the retention basin on the Rakovniški potok stream
- Renovation of the western bank of Koseški Bajer
- Rearrangement of Pot Roberta Blinca, the bridge over the Glinščica River with a new connection from the Brdo highway junction to the Technology Park and Brdnikova cesta
- Renovation and cleaning of the barrier above the settlement in Zgornja Hrušica
- Renovation of the large Rakovnik retention basin in cooperation with the Slovenian Water Agency
- Renovation of the banks of the left tributary of the Pržanc stream



*By renovating the Podutik retention basin and reconstructing the outflow facility, we have improved flood safety in the area, and flood conditions downstream are not worsening. Thus, in the future, fewer interventions will be necessary at increasing of the Glinščica river flows.*



**As part of the Earthquake Risks (POTROG) project, a preliminary assessment of the seismic risk of buildings for the purposes of civil protection was made, including school and kindergarten buildings of the City of Ljubljana. With the comprehensive renovation of the Vodmat Primary School, the Jože Moškrič Primary School, the Poljane Primary School and the Trnovo Primary School, we ensured that all school and kindergarten facilities are earthquake-proof.**



*For even greater flood safety for residents, we built the Brdnikova retention basin (including the sluice section).*



Officers of the City of Ljubljana's Municipal Warden Services, in cooperation with police officers of the Ljubljana Police Administration, carry out a number of preventive activities at the beginning of the new school year, the purpose of which is to ensure the safety of all road users, and especially children, who constitute the youngest and most vulnerable road users.



At the City of Ljubljana, we were the first in Slovenia to actively adhere to Vision ZERO of the Zavod Varna Pot institute, with which we fulfil our commitment to do everything possible to reduce the number of dead and seriously injured people on our roads. Mayor Zoran Janković, as the first mayor in Slovenia, also signed the Covenant with public support to the activities of the Vision ZERO initiative.

In addition to the preventive presence of city wardens throughout the city, we also prepare a number of preventive campaigns, presentations, and informational leaflets, with which we strengthen the awareness of residents regarding the importance of traffic safety.

Since 2018, based on inspection decisions, we have removed more than 57,000 cubic metres of waste from black landfills.



In 2021, we played an important role in the removal of illegal small gardens, especially the ones along the Sava River. The photo shows an inspector supervising a small garden.





*With the new branch of the Ljubljana Fire Brigade, we will contribute to even faster and more efficient performance of the Public Fire Service of the City of Ljubljana.*

*During the coronavirus epidemic, we promoted safety on a daily basis, and also called for responsible behaviour towards ourselves and others, especially in the areas of pharmacies, elementary schools, kindergartens, shops, gas stations, playgrounds, facilities, parks, and public recreation and other public areas.*

**Since the Covid 19 pandemic, in March 2020 we have distributed:**

- 823,394 protective masks,
- 1,635 protective overalls,
- 69,370 protective gloves,
- 835 protective glasses and 100 protective visors,
- 4,490 protective aprons,
- 2,000 protective hats,
- 4,013 litres of disinfectant for hands and surfaces,
- 135,650 meals for schoolchildren and socially vulnerable senior citizens.



**During the closure of schools, 45 volunteers provided educational assistance to students, 83 volunteers provided emergency childcare in kindergartens and 52 did so in primary schools. We provided temporary accommodation for healthcare workers (3,700 overnight stays).**

**We Never Stop Working**

- We will build the southern branch of the Ljubljana Fire Brigade. Our aim is to reduce the response time to accidents in the southern part of Ljubljana by at least five minutes.
- In the future, we will strengthen the city's resilience against natural and other disasters, both by increasing the earthquake resistance of buildings, providing flood safety, and by ensuring an adequate time of arrival at the location of an accident, with an adequate equipment and training for rescue services.
- We will continue to implement measures that contribute to greater safety for the weakest participants in road traffic.



# tourism in ljubljana





We decorated the city with 221 flower hangers on 13 streets and squares, and planted 2,500 Ljubljana roses in 60 locations.



## Everyone is Welcome Here

Tourism is an important economic sector that provides many jobs, opens up business opportunities, and generally enriches life in the city. At the same time, it is also a source of dedicated funds, from which many events, projects and infrastructure are financed, which the citizens enjoy as well.

Between 2018 and 2022, we intensively developed tourist products, creating eight new guided tours, on which the citizens and visitors alike can get to know Ljubljana, its stories, and its famous personalities.

In 2018, we established the Consortium of the Ljubljana Congress Office (KUL), which operates within the Ljubljana Tourism, with the aim of strengthening cooperation with all stakeholders who operate in the city in the field of international congresses and business events. 46 partners from the public and private sector are currently

participating, and working together to attract international events to our city as successfully as possible.

The fundamental focus in the past four-year period was sustainability, which permeated all aspects of our operations. We are convinced that a city with happy citizens can also be a vibrant and sustainable tourist destination. That is why we strive to ensure that our projects have a positive impact on the lives of the people of Ljubljana. Sustainability is also at the forefront in the new strategic period from 2021–2027, when we are strengthening the coexistence of the local population and tourists, developing the tourist offer outside the city center emphasising the safety of the destination and the character of the city, as well as the concept of a boutique offer, and expanding our tourist offering.

**The period between 2018 and 2022 was marked by a strong growth and bloom in tourism in the first half, and a large decline in the beginning of the second half due to the coronavirus pandemic. In 2022, tourism triumphantly returned and revived the city.**



*Jože Plečnik, Ivan Cankar and Rihard Jakopič were uniquely bold and wore a moustache in their own way. As great artists, they forever marked Ljubljana and Slovenia. On the Brko tour ("the Moustache Tour") you can learn about their creative power, the secrets of the city, and the peculiarities of the Slovenian character.*

Even during the Covid 19 pandemic, we intensively promoted the destination. In the first half of 2020, due to the Covid 19 situation, most cultural institutions remained closed and their activities moved online for a while. That is why we have established the subpage Culture on the online portal visitljubljana.com. Thus, viewers had the opportunity to watch theatre performances, films, hybrid concerts and virtual exhibitions from the comfort of their own home. We also developed several virtual guided tours, so that people could (virtually) »walk« around Ljubljana from the comfort of their homes.

With the »Tourism Makes Ljubljana« campaign in 2021, we presented and brought to the attention of citizens the positive effects of tourism on the quality of life in the city. Analyses of the attitude of citizens towards tourism between 2016 and 2019 showed that the majority of citizens support tourism, and therefore we strive to keep it that way, as they are the best ambassadors of the destination. Also the youngest. Therefore, in 2021, we asked the children of Ljubljana primary schools to write postcards to their peers in various world languages, which we shared on social networks.



*In 2020, Ljubljana introduced the digitalisation of Plečnik's heritage, which was also in the foreground at the Barcelona Congress of Smart Tourism. As was written in the organising committee of the Congress, due to various smart solutions in the field of digitisation of culture, Ljubljana is an example for many destinations. The city successfully connects culture with technology and visitors, and preserves its cultural heritage.*



**Since 2018, we have registered almost 6 million overnight stays in Ljubljana.**

**Since 2018, we have registered almost a million visitors in the Tourist Information Centre (TIC).**

**Bicycles, 2 electric wheelchairs, and a digital interactive map of the city are available to be rented and used for guided tours by city visitors.**

## Tourist guided tours and experiences 2018–2022

- Brko Tour (the Moustache Tour)
- Let's Meet at the Market
- Master Plečnik
- Ljubljana for Poetry Lovers
- Invader in Ljubljana
- Magical Ljubljana
- Hidden Stories of Old Ljubljana
- Tailor-made Ljubljana
- The Unusual Journey of the Young Dragon



*Ljubljana is famous for its many free outdoor events. These also include outdoor exhibitions, such as those on the Krakovski nasip embankment, the Jakopič Promenade, the Gallusovo nabrežje embankment, in front of the Modern Gallery and on Kongresni trg.*





From the embankment of the Ljubljanica River, a crowd of visitors watched the match between the world's greatest volleyball stars, which took place on a floating court in the middle of the river.



The successful sale of the Ljubljana Tourist Card in 2022 is a good sign for the continuation of the tourist season. Most of the demand was for 48- and 72-hour cards, which indicates the realisation of one of the key strategic goals of Ljubljana tourism: extending the average length of stay of visitors in the city and the rest of the region.

By co-financing events through public tenders for public areas, we help organise more than 1,000 events a year, which are completely free for visitors. Many are well known in Slovenia as well as abroad (Ana Desetnica, Summer Cinema on Kongresni trg, the Dragon Carnival, December in Ljubljana...).



Dancing on Plečnikova ulica in 2022 brightened up the mid-summer evenings at the central Ljubljana market with free dance classes and dance evenings.

By relocating the kiosks and mobile vehicles, we freed up the view under the chestnut avenue, thus allowing visitors to Zmajčkov kotiček an unobstructed view of Plečnik's arcades, while visitors to the restaurants in Plečnik's arcades, which are included on the Unesco list of natural and cultural heritage, can now enjoy the view of the central Ljubljana market.





The Gourmet Ljubljana project connects the diverse events that characterise Ljubljana's culinary bloom. Citizens and visitors alike can get to know the Tastes of Ljubljana, visit recipients of the Ljubljana Quality Mark, socialise with master chefs, get to know the products of Slovenian wine-growing regions, and taste the very best that our city has to offer.



At the end of 2021, we published the first issue of the lifestyle magazine **Gourmet Ljubljana**, making Ljubljana one of the world's capitals that boast magazines entirely dedicated to the city's culinary scene.

In 2022, the culinary market **Odperta kuhna (Open kitchen)** celebrated its tenth anniversary.



In Ljubljana, we also support sustainable trends in the meeting industry, which is why the Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, whose majority owner is the city, became the first Slovenian event centre to join the »Net Zero Carbon Events« initiative, thus committing to achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 at the latest. The photo shows the exhibition venue as part of the Velo-city 2022 Conference.







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