

## Engineers' Day in the Republic of Croatia 2023

On March 2, 2023, the Croatian Engineering Association celebrated Engineers' Day of the Republic of Croatia in the Old Town Hall. The event was organized in cooperation with the Croatian Academy of Engineering, and under the auspices of the Ministry of Construction, Spatial Planning and State Property of the Republic of Croatia. The theme of this year's Engineers' Day in the Republic of Croatia was "Urban Planning and Architecture – Drivers of Sustainable Development in Croatia" in an effort to draw public attention to contemporary issues. The meeting was attended by scientists and experts from universities, academies, institutes, representatives of chambers, industries and entrepreneurs. Exchange of experience and implementation of engineering solutions in the form of lectures is the most effective way to transfer new knowledge, new ideas and technologies in the service of engineering and the development of economy.

"In the year that marks 145 years since the establishment of the then association, which is now the Croatian Engineering Association, our attention is focused on space as a national asset that requires special care in its use and development planning, but unfortunately it is not systematically implemented. The profession of architecture and urban planning has a duty and obligation to ensure its preservation and improvement", said Mr. Zdravko Jurcec, President of the Croatian Engineering Association. "Today we officially have 16 areas of science and technology, covering all technical disciplines in education, science and economy. However, in today's complex world, it is necessary to develop as much as possible, particularly in education and science, multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary, so that our engineers can monitor and develop all areas of human activity," said Mr. Vladimir Androcec, Member of the Governing Board of the Croatian Academy of Engineering.

The attendees were also addressed by the president of the Croatian Academy of Engineering, Mr. Vedran Mornar, rector of the University of Zagreb, Mr. Stjepan Lakušić, delegate of the President of the City Assembly of the City of Zagreb, city representative Mr. Robert Faber, Deputy Mayor of the City of Zagreb, Mr. Luka Korlaet, envoy of Minister Nina Obuljen Koržinek, Mr. Davor Trupković, Chief Conservator of the Ministry of Culture and Media, and the representative of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Minister Branko Bačić, Mr. Željko Uhlir, State Secretary of the Ministry of Construction, Spatial Planning and State Property.



The Croatian Engineering Association expressed its acknowledgement and gratitude.

This year, HIS presented the Certificate of Acknowledgement for Financial Support from the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia, which was received by the president of the *Croatian Association of Nature and Environmental Experts* Mr. Nenad Mikulić and the Acknowledgement for financial support to the Ministry of Culture and Media which was received by the envoy of the Minister Nina Obuljen Koržinek, Mr Davor Trupković, Chief Conservator of the Ministry of Culture and Media.

The following lectures on the conference topic "Urban Planning and Architecture - Driving Forces of Sustainable Development in Croatia" were delivered as part of the Engineers' Day 2023.

Prof. Emeritus Tihomir Jukić, PhD: "Why urbanism and how to proceed?"

Nikša Božić, Bachelor of Architecture: "Existing legal framework and its adaptation"

Assistant Professor Lea Pelivan, Bachelor of Architecture: “Sustainability and Circular Economy”

Prof. Sanja Gasparovic, PhD: „Towards the Challenges of the City of the Future”

The lectures emphasized that space, as a national asset, needs particular attention in its use and planning development. The profession of architecture and urban planning has a duty and obligation to ensure its preservation and improvement”.



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