



March 21, 2025  
3.00 pm - 5.30 pm  
Online

### Launch of the E18 competition

At the opening event, the German sites of Speichersdorf and Regensburg will present their specific competition tasks. At the same time, experts will delve deeper into the topic of European 18 "Re-Sourcing: Rethinking resources". The central questions of the competition are: How can cities and urban landscapes sustainably develop the built environment? How can a new perspective of the existing be created?

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### **Theme: E18 „Re-Sourcing“ – Rethinking resources**

Large and small cities, just like urban landscapes, are confronted with the challenge of developing the built environment in harmony with natural processes. The European 18 competition invites young architects and planners from all over Europe to try out new design strategies and work with them to create projects that use existing resources wisely - instead of relying on demolition and new construction. Three guiding principles define the E-18 competition:

#### **1. Natural elements as design partners**

Water, air, soil and energy characterise our cities - but often as risks rather than potentials. The aim is to integrate this potential and harmonise it with the existing instead of building against it.

#### **2. New lifestyles, different spaces**

The digital transformation is shaping social coexistence, living and working. What is needed are urban and architectural spaces that relate intimacy, community and solidarity differently - inspired by bioclimatic and permacultural principles that also include non-human actors.

#### **3. building with what is already there**

Buildings and existing infrastructures are material stores. Reduce, reuse, recycle: Instead of always building new structures, we need to transform existing structures and rethink materials locally. This will result in resource-conserving architecture worthy of the name in the future.

The aim of the competition is to develop ideas for neglected, derelict, empty, stigmatized or monofunctional urban spaces that can transform them back into vibrant, integrative and mixed urban spaces. As the built environment is already a source of existing material and space, it is important to develop concepts for the redesign of existing buildings and areas that are based on the strategy of the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

**Reduce:** Reduction of new construction.

**Reuse:** Reuse of already built spaces and materials.

**Recycle:** Use of bio-based materials (earth, stone, fibers), anticipation of deconstruction and reference to local building culture and materials.

In this way, the conservation of natural resources in existing buildings can be promoted.



### **The sites Speichersdorf and Regensburg**

In Speichersdorf, the focus lies on questions of resilience and the prototypical transformation of rural areas. How can existing resources be used to prepare the town for the future? Besides the framework plan, there are three tasks to choose from in the areas of architecture, urban planning and open space/strategy. How can the obsolete festival hall be revitalized and put to further use? What visions can be developed for the old railroad wasteland and the historic train station? And what future roles and uses can the numerous existing open spaces in the city center take on?

The city of Regensburg is growing and urgently needs affordable housing. How can a vibrant district be created that is developed as sustainably and gradually as possible? A district that minimizes land consumption and provides high-quality open spaces for people, animals and plants? The goal is the 15-minute city: in addition to living space with diverse, contemporary forms of housing and building typologies, workplaces, commercial spaces and social infrastructures as well as areas for sport and recreation are to be created.



### **Event schedule**

#### **3.00 pm - 4.50 pm Inputs and presentation of the sites**

3.00 p.m. Welcoming and introduction

Vesta Nele Zareh & Lola Meyer, General Management of Europäisches Deutschland e.V. und Kaye Geipel, Chairman of Europäisches Deutschland e.V.

3.20 p.m. Keynotes on the topic of "Re-sourcing"

Juan Lucas Young

Andrea Klinge

3.40 p.m. Project site Speichersdorf

Input: Frank Schönert

Presentation of the competition task: Mayor Christian Porsch

Response: Dr. Saskia Hebert

4.15 p.m. Project site Regensburg

Input: Anne Femmer

Presentation of the competition task: Florian Plajer, Director of Planning

Response: Tobias Hönig

#### **4.50 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Questions and conclusion**

Questions from participants, discussion

Conclusion: Dr. Iris Reuther & Kaye Geipel