

# MOSTAR 2004

Workshop & Symposium

Mostar, July 7-22, 2004

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## M2004 overview

Mostar's destruction and its subsequent post-war revitalization to date prove that historic places are of the utmost importance to the security, identity, and health of destabilized communities. As survivors of a vicious civil war and ten years of donor-driven post-conflict reconstruction, the citizens of Mostar still face an uphill battle if they intend to return to normal life. From the outsider's point of view, the case of Mostar's destruction and partial rehabilitation since 1994 is extraordinary in two important ways: there has not been a more emblematic example of urban partition along ethnic lines in recent memory, and there is no better example of the successes and failures of reconstruction efforts led by NGOs. Since Mostar is in the process of coping with the same economic, political and demographic changes that confront all the war-torn historic cities, its successes, failures, and strategic lessons are of far-reaching importance.

The summer of 2004 is a juncture of unprecedented importance and potential for Mostar as well as for those outside onlookers with a stake in the issues related to its successful development. This year, with the ongoing help of international community, Mostar is concluding its first major phase of urban rehabilitation designed to preserve its character and simultaneously meet the complex needs of its residents. The completion of this phase is to be punctuated with formal inauguration and dedication of the new Old Bridge on July 23rd. This event will attract high-profile politicians, dignitaries, donors, and institutional leaders from around the world, many of whom have provided substantial funding for the realization of the bridge reconstruction process. But the rededication of the Old Bridge represents a bittersweet passage for Mostar. Inter-ethnic tensions remain despite the enormous progress of physical reconstruction efforts and aggressive efforts on the part of the High Representative to unify municipal government. The completion of the new Old Bridge signifies both the end of a major phase of post-conflict rehabilitation and the beginning of a new one. Because many of the foreign guests in the city this July will gladly presume that recovery in Mostar is complete, the successful articulation of lessons learned by 300+ Mostar 2004 participants over the last decade is tied somewhat directly to the city's prospects for continued recovery.

The post-war reconstruction of Mostar has been continuous since the end of hostilities in 1994. Throughout this process, the annual Mostar 2004 gathering has emerged as the preeminent regional professional forum where scholars, students, and professionals can meet, exchange ideas, and coordinate the development of new practical proposals; the solutions developed here are applicable to many other historic urban centers, and the ideas which underlie the solutions have wide relevance to the field of architecture, planning, and urban development.

### M2004 first session: Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina

Existing economic resources that are compatible for coming integration of BH in Europe (water energy, agriculture, aluminum) are not sufficient for sustainable state. They should be completed with new technologies and other economic components. A solid foreign investment is needed. It is clear that any serious investment asking for suitable legislation framework, supportive tax policy, low cooperative taxes, support to small flexible companies, optimization of the state administration, and educated manpower. Here, we like to focus on research, preservation, promotion and development of authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina values: rich natural and cultural heritage combined with climate, and natural food production, as a great economic potential of the state.

### M2004 second session: Urban rehabilitation

Discussion will take into consideration consequences of the recent war, current economic, social and demographic situation, quality of local and state infrastructure, organization of the city and its position in the state and federation, existing political situation, communal infrastructure, economic resources, tourism, education, and citizens' participation.

- Current plans for economic and social development will be reviewed, and new proposal will be collected.

- Focus will be on natural and building heritage of the city

- Sites: Banja Luka, Bihać, Jajce, Mostar, Travnik and Trebinje

- Analyses and proposals.

- Demographic movements are showing that population will keeping same number with changing of national structure.

- Which needs has a city with 100,000 inhabitants. Which structures is possible to reuse or rehabilitate which new structures Mostar needs.

- What is position of Mostar in the state, especially related to the construction of Vc motorway corridor.

- Role of the Old Town in the future development of Mostar.

- The economic future of Mostar could lie in the educational sector. How to use education as a path towards economic vitality? What resources are needed in order to develop this potential in an appropriate way? Mostar campus city

- Bosnia and Herzegovina is in the transition period of its history with many unsolved consequences of the recent war.

- Section through current political situation, future steps to approach Europe; role of media; position of young generation.

### M2004 third session: Lessons learned in Mostar

Session 1: The first ten years in the context of long-term rehabilitation

Session 2: The next phase of urban rehabilitation

Session 3: The Mostar 2004 global network: resource for successful long-term recovery

Session 4: Mostar's future development challenges and evolving needs

Session 5: Mostar in a global context

Session 6: Major findings of the Mostar 2004 Workshops & Symposia, 1994-2004

### M2004 fourth session: Parallel workshops

Simultaneously with the main program will be organized three workshops, considering different aspects of heritage.

- *Children and Heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, in organization of Step by Step Sarajevo.

Work of participants will be exhibited between July 21 and 25, 2004 in Mostar.

- *Picturing Bosnia and Herzegovina*, in organization of photograph Gary Otte from Vancouver. Work of participants will be exhibited between July 21 and 25, 2004 in Mostar.

### OPENING CEREMONY

TIME	COMPONENT	CONTENT	PARTICIPANTS
Wednesday July 07, 2004	Program opening day	Mostar city tour (before the lunch) Visit to Blagaj (14:00-17:00) Opening ceremony (19:00) <b>EXHIBITION: 24 YEARS OF IRCICA</b>	All participants  Experts involved in the rehabilitation

### STUDIO A: AUTHENTIC BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Thursday July 08, 2004	Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina	Visit to Počitelj and Stolac (9:00-17:00) Lectures delivered by experts	All Participants Experts involved in the rehabilitation
Friday July 09, 2004	Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina	Visit to Sarajevo (Night in Sarajevo)	All Participants Experts involved in the rehabilitation
Saturday July 10, 2004	Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina	Visit to Jajce, Bihać, Banja Luka Lectures delivered by experts (Night in Bihać)	All Participants Experts involved in the rehabilitation
Sunday July 11, 2004	Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina	Visit to Travnik Lecture delivered by experts	All Participants Experts involved in the rehabilitation
Monday July 12, 2004	Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina	Visit to Trebinje and Dubrovnik Lecture delivered by experts	All Participants Experts involved in the rehabilitation
Tuesday July 13, 2004 17:00	Round Table Authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina	Focus on research, preservation, promotion and development of authentic Bosnia and Herzegovina values: rich natural and cultural heritage combined with climate, and natural food production, as a great economic potential of the state <b>EXHIBITION: NATIONAL MONUMENTS</b>	Members of the Commission for Preservation of National monuments of BH Bosnian and foreign experts

### STUDIO B: THE NEXT PHASE OF URBAN REHABILITATION

Wednesday July 14, 2004 Mostar	STUDIO PREPARATION	Organization of the groups Introduction to topics <b>EXHIBITION: MOSTAR PROJECT</b>	All participants and representatives of local authorities
Thursday July 15, till Monday July 19, 2004	STUDIOS	Studios will be held in Mostar, Bihać, Jajce, Travnik and Trebinje in collaboration with local authorities	Participants organized in groups, and local teams
Tuesday July 20, 2004, 10:00	FINAL PRESENTATION	All groups will present their proposals	All participants

### SYMPOSIUM: LESSONS LEARNED IN MOSTAR

TIME	SESSION	CONTENT	PARTICIPANTS
Tuesday July 20, 2004, 18:00	session 1: The next phase of urban rehabilitation	Responding to a broadening array of problems related to social and economic development; Collaborative development strategies; harnessing cultural, social, and economic capital for social development and sound recovery	Bosnian and foreign urban planning scholars to comment on broad development context and planning sequences in similar cities
Wednesday July 21, 2004 10:00	session 2: The first ten years in the context of long-term rehabilitation	Objectives, constraints, and sources of funding that shaped the first decade of post-war redevelopment; Projects completed and new resources for urban development and planning; Impacts of major policy documents and foreign institutional intervention	Personnel active in on-site project implementation and donor representatives
11:30	session 3: The Mostar 2004 global network: resource for successful long-term recovery	Ancillary research and field work; Scope of network and breadth of professional competencies; The value of long-term investment in human capital;	Mostar 2004 alumni from academia, public policy, and non-profit sectors to comment on their experience & involvement
17:00	session 4: Mostar in a global context	Popular assumptions and associations; Relationship to other ethnically partitioned cities and divided cities patterns; Mostar's contribution to best professional practice in the context of post-conflict rehabilitation	Experts from other divided cities and post-conflict rehabilitation scenarios
Thursday July 22, 2004 10:00	session 5: Mostar's future development challenges and evolving needs	Findings from July 2003 symposium; New demographic and political landscape must be surveyed and addressed; Redevelopment presents opportunities for accommodation of recent economic trends in Europe; Recruiting new institutional support & coping with donor fatigue	Experts from non-architectural background to comment on the special challenges of the next decade
11:30	session 6: SUMMARY Major findings of the Mostar 2004 Workshops & Symposia, 1994-2004	critical observations, accomplishments, and insights; the changing face of participants; challenges and methodology; key lessons learned and how to apply them elsewhere; relevance for other cities threatened by violent inter-ethnic conflict	Select alumni and Program Coordinator Amir Pašić

### CLOSING CEREMONY

Thursday July 22, 2004 18:00	Future of B&H in Europe	"If Mostar is a keystone for Bosnia and Herzegovina, can Bosnia and Herzegovina be a bridge for Europe"	Keynote speakers: H.E. Paddy Ashdown, HR
19:00	Program Closing Ceremony	Certificates will be delivered to participants and alumni following the speakers' presentation.	Prof. Dr. E. İhsanoğlu, DG IRCICA H.E. Sulejman Tihic, President of the BiH

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