



**Second edition of the competition
“Problems and Solutions in Urban Design”, 2025**

03 – 09 November 2025
Varna, Bulgaria

PARTICIPATION TERMS

I. PURPOSE AND VISION OF THE COMPETITION:

The main goal of the Second edition of the competition “Problems and Solutions in Urban Design” is to promote and encourage the creation of innovative solutions to problems in the urban environment.

II. ORGANIZATION

1. The organizers of the Second edition of the competition “Problems and Solutions in Urban Design” are Design Hub Varna with the financial support of the Culture Fund of the Municipality of Varna.
2. The selection of works for the exhibition, as well as the awarding of prizes, are carried out by a jury, which is selected by Design Hub Varna and will be announced after the deadline for submitting participating projects.
3. The second edition of the competition “Problems and Solutions in Urban Environment Design” is held in the exhibition halls of “House of the Architect”, Varna, in the period **03 – 09 November 2025**
4. The working languages of the exhibition are Bulgarian and English.

III. THEME OF THE COMPETITION:

The theme of the competition is “Problems and Solutions in Urban Environment Design”. This includes the design of:

- benches;
- outdoor hangout spaces;
- bus stops;
- city fountains;
- city sanitary facilities;
- exhibition facilities;
- trash cans;
- temporary stages.

We encourage the integration of natural, recycled and recyclable materials, renewable energy sources, modular systems in your projects. The examples are not limited to those described

above. Solutions to urban environment problems that are not included in the list are also **allowed**. Projects can be both realized and conceptual.

IV. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION

1. The right to participate is open to students, undergraduates, professionals from the country and abroad who accept the terms of these regulations.
2. Each author may participate with no more than 3 (three) current author's projects.
3. Each participant, signing the registration form, consents to his/her works being used by the organizers for advertising purposes of the exhibition.

V. PARTICIPATION FEE:

The participation fee for students is 20 BGN/10.22 EUR;

The participation fee for professionals is 50 BGN/25.54 EUR.

(1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN)

The fees are paid by bank transfer to the account of Design Hub Varna:

UBB Bank

IBAN: BG83UBBS80021044061950

BIC/SWIFT: UBBSBGSF

Account holder: Svilen Georgiev Gamolov

Currency: BGN

Reason for payment: Payment of competition fee.

In the application form, there is a mandatory field to be filled in, where a payment slip/proof of payment of the participation fee is attached.

VI. AWARDS:

The awards are distributed in the following categories:

1. Students (School):
 - 1st place – 150 BGN, statuette and diploma;
 - 2nd place – statuette and diploma;
 - 3rd place – statuette and diploma.
2. Students (University):
 - 1st place – 250 BGN, statuette and diploma;
 - 2nd place – statuette and diploma;
 - 3rd place – statuette and diploma.
3. Professionals:
 - 1st place – 400 BGN, statuette and diploma;
 - 2nd place – statuette and diploma;
 - 3rd place – statuette and diploma.

VII. DEADLINES:

20.10.2025 – Deadline for submitting projects;

31.10.2025 – Selection of works for exhibition and determination of approved authors;

03.11.2025 – Opening of the exhibition;

09.11.2025 – Closing of the exhibition and awarding.

VIII. REQUIREMENTS:

- The competition is open to professionals - manufacturers, designers, architects, students and high school students, divided into separate categories (individually or as a team from vocational high schools or universities).
- You can participate with a single piece of furniture or a set of furniture - serial production or individual project.
- Competing projects are allowed to have participated in other competitions, events and exhibitions in the last 5 years.
- Projects that have won awards from previous editions of the competition are not allowed to participate.
- Participants in the competition must fill out a declaration of originality of the product and authorship.

IX. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Printing of projects:
"Design Hub Varna" takes care of the printing and display of the materials within the exhibition.
2. Graphic design:
 - The works that are allowed to participate are in the form of graphic content, consisting of: sketches, drawings, 3D visualizations and models in scale: 1:10, 1:20, 1:25, 1:50 and 1:100 - for large objects in the urban environment.
 - Please place each of your projects in a size of 500 x 700 mm, vertically oriented. In case you have a different layout, please comply with the given dimensions. If any problems arise, we will contact you.
 - The resolution of the projects must be at least 200 ppi.
 - The file format of the projects can be Adobe PDF, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop.
 - For complete urban planning solutions and architectural situations, please submit models in scale: 1:200, 1:500 or 1:1000. Send photos of your models in advance. Models printed on a 3D printer are also allowed.
 - Each author or team of authors should mention the name of the project, year of creation, a description of what problems are solved by this project and the name of the author or team of authors.

3. Selection:

The submitted works will be selected for participation in the exhibition by experts, members of the professional organizations of architects and designers in Bulgaria and representatives of the administrative bodies of the Municipality of Varna.

After the selection is completed, you will be notified by email about your participation. Please send us a short presentation of yourself, as well as a link to your profile/portfolio, with which we can present you, your work and the event on social media.

Design Hub Varna is responsible for the presented materials - panels and models during the exhibition, but is not responsible for them after it has ended. If you wish to have them back, please request it when submitting the project and contact us.

Design Hub Varna reserves the right to make changes to these regulations, notifying all participants in a timely manner.

Deadline for submitting projects and models for participation: 20.10.2025, 17:30

Apply by filling out the following form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwpwdpuUQWJ5_phiCGgJEcs86TuwCAnJj9ngTyV6zn3APKgQ/viewform?usp=dialog

If you have any difficulties, questions or wish to upload materials in another way, please use our contacts:

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