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The University of Rijeka and Lürssen Design Centre Kvarner / Maritime Centre of Excellence are proud hosts of the Third European Forum, dedicated to the 'City of Future' theme.

At a time when cities are becoming key global actors – home to more than half of the world's population and drivers of economic development – they are also increasingly facing growing social inequalities. Gentrification, rising housing costs, and the exclusion of vulnerable groups are pressing challenges for the future of urban life. How can a city ensure a sense of belonging for all its residents, despite economic disparities?

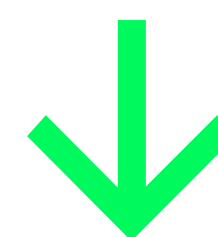
The 'City of Future' theme explores how cities not only shape economic and cultural opportunities but also create inclusive communities where every resident feels like an equal part of society, rather than just a member of narrowly defined local groups.

In line with the modern vision of universities as responsible and engaged actors in fostering social sustainability and well-being, this forum will examine what makes cities attractive and how they can become spaces of equal opportunity. The forum brings together distinguished international and national partners from the fields of higher education, science, and business to collectively explore a key question: What makes a city a city of future?

Now in its third edition, the European Forum continues to promote multilateralism and cross-sector collaboration, emphasizing the role of collective wisdom derived from dialogue between academia and the business sector, a fundamental element of the university of the future.

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TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
9:00–9:30	REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE	
9:30–9:45	OPENING REMARKS	<u>Snježana Prijić Samaržija</u> , Rector, University of Rijeka <u>Peter Lürssen</u> , CEO, Lürssen Group <u>Marko Filipović</u> , Mayor, City of Rijeka <u>Zlatko Komadina</u> , Prefect, Primorsko- goranska County
9:45–11:00	<u>KEYNOTE LECTURE</u> CITY OF EQUALS  Introduced and hosted by: <u>Snježana Prijić Samaržija</u> , Rector, University of Rijeka	<u>Jonathan Wolff</u> , Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford <u>Avner De-Shalit</u> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem
11:00–11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15–12:00	LÜRSEN FOUNDATION AWARDEES  Introduced and hosted by: <u>Teuta Duletić</u> , Managing Director at Lürssen Design Centre Kvarner/Maritime Centre of Excellence <u>Justus Reinke</u> , Managing Director, Fr. Lürssen Werft GmbH & Co. KG	
12:00–12:45	<u>PANEL</u> PUBLIC SPACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  Moderator: <u>Snježana Prijić Samaržija</u> , Rector, University of Rijeka	<u>Jonathan Wolff</u> , Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford <u>Avner De-Shalit</u> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem <u>Elvio Baccarini</u> , Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka <u>Petar Bojanić</u> , Centre for Advanced Studies of South East Europe, University of Rijeka
12:45–13:45	LUNCH BREAK	
13:45–14:45	<u>KEYNOTE LECTURE</u> MEGA TRENDS SHAPING EUROPEAN CITIES  Introduced and hosted by: <u>Teuta Duletić</u> , Managing Director at Lürssen Design Centre Kvarner/Maritime Centre of Excellence	<u>Carsten Beck</u> , Director & Futurist, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies



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14:45–15:00

DISCUSSION  
URBAN WATERWORLD  
FUTURES

Ida Križaj Leko, Deltalab, University of Rijeka; Curator of the Croatian Participation at La Biennale di Venezia 2025

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15:00–16:30

CITY SPOTLIGHT  
CHALLENGES OF URBAN LIFE  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Marko Filipović, Mayor, City of Rijeka  
Tomislav Tomašević, Mayor, City of Zagreb  
Ivica Puljak, Mayor, City of Split  
Filip Zoričić, Mayor, City of Pula

Moderator: Snježana Prijić Samaržija, Rector, University of Rijeka

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