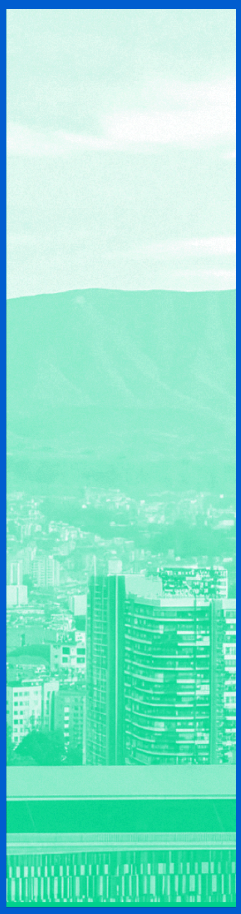
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Forum for Active Built Environment Research

INVITATION

WE HEREBY INVITE YOU TO JOIN FABER 2026 FORUM FOR ACTIVE BUILT ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH

On behalf of the organising committee, we are pleased to invite you to FABER 2026, taking place from 30 October at Xheko Imperial in Tirana.
FABER is an annual international platform dedicated to sharing knowledge and best practices in sustainable urban development. It brings together architects, planners, researchers, policymakers and industry professionals to exchange ideas and examine the future of the built environment.
The fifth edition of FABER is centered on the theme “Legacy.” It asks what we build, what we choose not to build and what we ultimately leave behind. The programme will explore the long-term effects of architecture, urban growth and design decisions on cities, environments and societies.

FABER 2026 unfolds across three curatorial tracks:

- The Unbuilt: Exploring unrealized projects, speculative design and the value of restraint in shaping cities.
- Vertical Urbanism: Examining density, high-rise living and the social, environmental and spatial implications of building upward.
- What About Wood?: Investigating timber and bio-based materials as part of a regenerative, low-carbon construction future.

A special programme dedicated to the legacy of Zaha Hadid will include a keynote address and conversations with colleagues who worked alongside her and have carried her legacy forward over the past decade.
We look forward to welcoming you in Tirana.

Sincerely,
The FABER 2026 Organizing Team

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09:00 - 09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30 - 09:35	**Opening Remarks**  Mrs. Joleza KOKA Executive Director of FABER
09:35 - 09:40	**A Supporter's Note**  Ms. Ana ZHIBAJ Advisor for Sustainable Urban Mobility at GIZ Albania
09:40 - 09:50	**Leadership Address**  Mr. Ervin DEMO Minister of Interior of the Republic of Albania
09:50 - 10:00	**FABER Award Ceremony** *Recognising sustainable public initiatives, emerging architectural studios and exemplary built projects.* *- Most Sustainable Government Initiative* *- Emerging Architectural Studios* *- Most Sustainable Built Project* *- Albanian Architecture Award of 2025*
10:00 - 10:30	**Keynote Address**  Mr. Filippo INNOCENTI Director at ZHA Architects *A reflection on how radical architectural ideas evolve beyond their originators and become a collective legacy.*
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break

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11:00 - 12:00

MODULE 1 - The Unbuilt

Exploring unrealised projects, lost structures and the value of restraint in shaping cities.

Moderator



Mrs. Joleza KOKA
Executive Director, FABER

Speakers



Ms. Arbresha IBRAHIMI
Assistant Professor at IBU Skopje



Ms. Anna KONDI
Architect and Assistant Lecturer at POLIS University



Ms. Ledia LIBOHOVA
Architect and Co-Founder of Libohova Architects

12:00 - 13:00

MODULE 2 - Vertical Urbanism

Examining density, high-rise living and the social, environmental and spatial implications of building upward.

Moderator



Dr. Etleva DOBJANI
Lecturer and Head of the Department of Architecture and Design in UNIBA

Speakers



Ms. Amaia Celaya ALVAREZ
MYAA Resilience and Innovation Director



Ms. Nora CIMILI
Director of Transformation, Municipality of Prishtina



Mr. Marco GUARDINCERRI
Associate, ZHA Architects

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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch & Networking
14:00 - 14:10	**Documentary Screening and Talk**  **Mr. Anupam Yog** Managing Partner at XDG Labs *The Art of Citymaking*
14:10 -15:10	**MODULE 3 - What About Wood?** *Investigating timber and bio-based materials as part of a regenerative, low-carbon construction future.* ***Moderator***  **Ms. Jetmira BELEGU** Architect, Writer and Filmmaker ***Speakers***  **Ms. Benedetta MEA** Partner and Managing & Creative Director for Albania, Settanta7  **Mr. Paul Clemens BART** Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Beta Realities  **Ms. Daria SHEINA** Founder and Principal, Daria Sheina Studio
15:10 - 15:20	**FABER Symposium 2026** **Concluding Remarks**
15:30 - 17:30	**Walking the City** *Pavements and Footprints: Shaping the City We Leave Behind*   **Mr. Ashique MOHAMMAD** **Ms. Jeta KAÇKA** Executive Director, The Third Space *A participatory walkshop exploring the city through the perspectives of children, adults and older residents.*

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17:30 - 19:00

Kids Workshop "Little Urbanists: Designing Tirana's Urban Legacy for the Future"



In cooperation with The Third Space and Shtëpiza e Artit
Facilitated by Ashique Mohammad, Jeta Kaçka and Ana Tafaj

A hands-on workshop where children act as architects and urbanists, learning fundamental design concepts while collaboratively building a neighbourhood model for the future.

Participants will map their own fictional neighbourhood and become familiar with key concepts and vocabulary before working in small teams to assemble and decorate cardboard building models. By negotiating where to place residential, commercial and open spaces on a shared map, the children will co-create a functioning neighbourhood.

The session concludes with a collective reflection, encouraging participants to evaluate their neighbourhood from their own perspective and through the eyes of others. Ultimately, the workshop aims to inspire the next generation of architects, urbanists and designers to actively shape their built environment.