



Urbanscapes 2026, Ostrava

3rd International Conference – Transformation as an Opportunity

Date: 21–23 April 2026

Venue: Ostrava, Dolní Vítkovice complex – Gong Hall

Organiser: **Czech Association for Landscape Architecture (ČAKA, a section of SZKT)** – a non-profit professional organisation and a member of the European Federation IFLA Europe

ČAKA promotes sustainable landscape development, high-quality public spaces, and responsible land management. ČAKA focuses on cities, regions, policymakers, economic leaders, professionals across disciplines, and the wider public. It organises international and national conferences, workshops, and public awareness activities.

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International Federation of Landscape Architects – Europe (IFLA Europe)

Czech Chamber of Architects

Faculty of Architecture, Czech Technical University in Prague

Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic



Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic

Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

Summary

How can we develop sustainably highly urbanised, post-industrial landscapes in the 21st century?

How can we work with the identity and cultural richness of areas undergoing significant socio-economic and (associated?) environmental change? How can strategies, planning, design, and landscape stewardship help strengthen their resilience, prosperity, and natural qualities—while supporting a superior quality of life for their inhabitants? How can these efforts contribute to economic development?

These are the central questions addressed by **Urbanscapes 2026 Ostrava**, an international conference organised by the **Czech Association for Landscape Architecture**.

The conference will focus on the regeneration and development of landscape diversity – environmental, social and cultural. It will highlight the transformative potential of landscape architecture and architecture as fundamental tools in shaping and managing both urban and rural environments. Through inspiring case studies and appropriately innovative approaches, it will demonstrate how considered design can enhance ecological stability, social cohesion, and appeal for investors, developers, and other stakeholders.

Themes of urban and landscape planning, the restoration of close-to-nature ecosystems, and economic development will be explored through the lens of liveability and the strengthening of local identity – across both degraded and everyday landscapes.

Experts from a range of disciplines will present their visions, strategies, and methodologies—from systemic solutions and participatory projects to artistic and experimental interventions. The conference will showcase best practices from the Czech Republic and abroad, including post-industrial regions in Germany, Ireland, the UK, Poland, and the USA.

A key theme of Urbanscapes 2026 is finding a balance between conservation and development—unlocking new opportunities for spatial transformation and fostering long-term, sustainable growth with tangible benefits for the local environment, communities, municipalities, developers, and investors alike.



Links

www.caka.cz, www.szkt.cz

<https://szkt.cz/aktuality/urbanscapes-praha-2024>

www.urbanscapes2019.cz

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