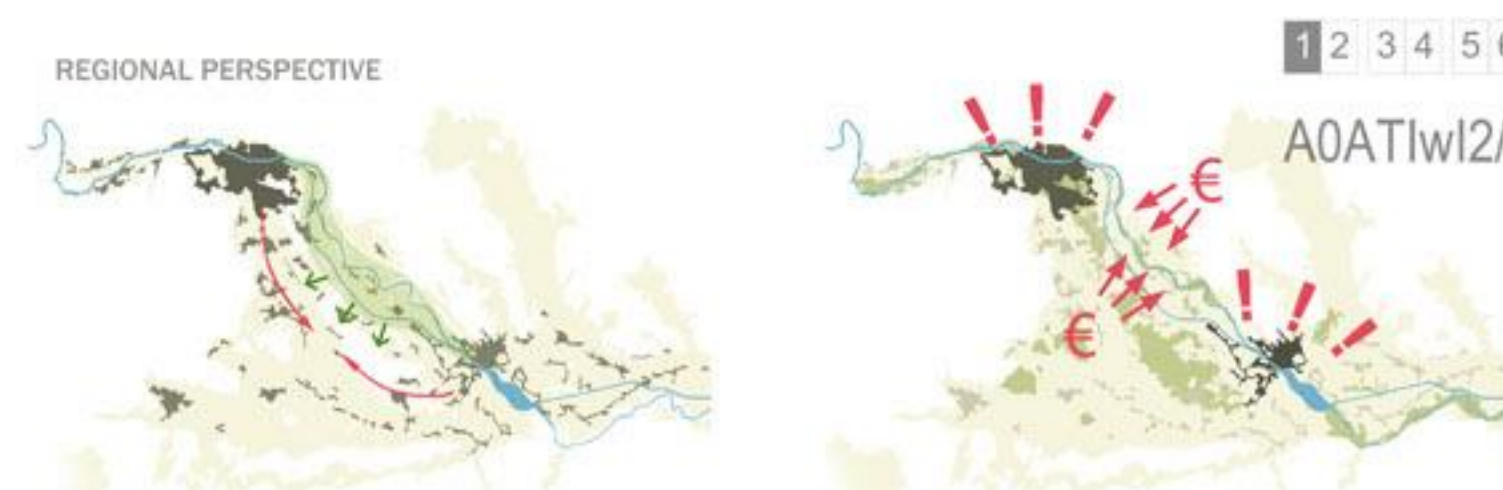


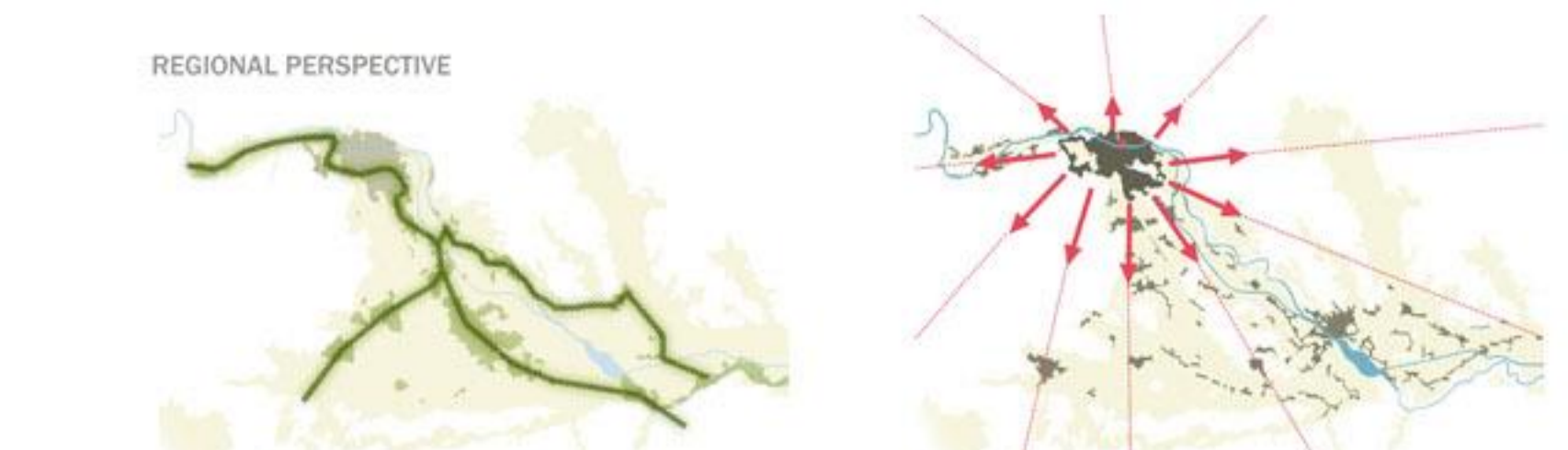


- Green Metropolitan Ring
- Drava River
- Water Streams
- Regional Bike Routes
- Metropolitan Railway Park (Underground station)
- Maribor Opera House
- New Business Center
- Rehabilitation of the Drava's Riverside Industrial Areas
- Main Streets and Avenues
- Railway
- Metallurgical city



**DRAVA AND RIVERBANK PRESERVATION**  
Like many other cities, the main river has been a guideline for the expansion process of urban areas. We propose to enhance the Drava as a complex ecological system that goes far beyond its immediate surroundings and permeates every aspect of future development in the region. The city should grow around the river not just.

**INVESTMENT IN NATURE = ECONOMIC PROFIT**  
This model has proven itself worthy in other European cities. The river will be perceived not only as a joint investment between cities and settlements along the Drava. Sustainable tourism has a beneficial impact on the city's economy. It is time for a PURE ENERGY model that has a positive feedback on the city and its inhabitants.



**INTEGRAL ECOLOGICAL STRUCTURE**  
The river is not an isolated surroundings; its structure is composed of urban rivers and small streams, forests and mountains. They should all be preserved and connected so that an ecological balance is maintained enabling wildlife and fauna to flourish. This structure should complement the urban fabric making Maribor a unique balance between nature and urban life - PURE ENERGY!

**REGIONAL TOURIST CENTRE**  
Maribor is a regional tourism centre because of its strategic location in the European Union. Its natural surroundings, combined with the unique historic city center should be taken into account carefully in the preparation for the 2012 Capital of Culture. Maribor should approach PURE ENERGY in a sustainable model merged with inevitable natural resources that attract an endless number of tourists from all over the world.



**LENT FESTIVAL!**  
The new embankment design allows BIGGER and BETTER Lent Festival with:  
• 8 Large Stages  
• More than 250 Stalls!

**LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE**  
Close to river they are an essential part of the urban environment and urban form along Drava.

**URBAN CONNECTIONS**  
All transport systems are articulated allowing full connectivity between Tabor and Lent with the rest of the city and surrounding natural landscape.

**NEW LENT WALL + BUILDINGS EXISTING AND PROPOSED**

**BIKING ROUTES**  
One of Maribor's most important and attractive forms of transport, the existing routes are articulated with open routes created to encourage and promote this "PURE ENERGY" medium.

**BOULEVARDS AND SQUARES**  
The proposal articulates all existing squares with new ones or strategic ones promoting a continuous sequence of cultural and commercial activities.

**PARKS**  
Close to river they are an essential part of the urban environment and urban form along Drava.

**DRAVA RIVER EMBANKMENT + MARIBOR**

**EPK 2012: MEANS TO AN END...**

The efforts of the Municipality of Maribor in hosting the title of European Capital of Culture 2012 must be seen as means to an end, not the end in itself. We strongly believe that the Drava River embankment recuperation and reinvigoration is but a mere step in transforming and strengthening the entire Slovenian region. Just like the Drava is a geographical unit, the correspondence between city and nature must be carefully planned. We offer a broader view of the potential that this small intervention can actually undertake and eventually transform the region. More important than just improving the embankment, the city must offer strong connections that lead to the different natural resources that enrich the city. Just like the Drava is an affluent of the Danube, pedestrian and bike movements should become "urban affluents" of the Drava, existing forests and mountains: PURE ENERGY!



**1 NATURAL RIVER BANK REINFORCEMENT**  
Protect and restore the natural environment in order to enhance and flourish a sustainable urban environment that complements the urban form.

**12 BARACKS SQUARE**  
Baracks Square will be consolidated as an important part of Lent by linking the square to the riverbank and delivering traffic only. All other quarters buildings in Lent will remain and be restored.

**2 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CIRCUIT**  
A continuous loop between the banks and the bridges intends to provide different scale and landscape experiences along the riverbanks as an offer in helping close together both sides of the city. This circuit is also a part of the regional historic sightseeing routes along natural forest and mountain system.

**3 PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION AXIS**  
The improvement of the "bell-shaped, continuous and dense" routes that connect through the steel bridge allows the construction of a promenade that connects the park at the train station with the sports facilities and mountains to the north.

**6 UGM PUBLIC PLAZA**  
The main open space of the new UGM shall provide a perpendicular relation with the riverbank to reinforce the importance between the mountains, urban river and the Drava.

**10 HISTORIC CITY GATE**  
The disappearance of the fortification wall in the historic city center allows the recovery of the historic connection's function and the creation of a single continuous new urban wall that reinforces the historic atmosphere of Lent.

**16 LENT PLAZA - STAGE**  
By making this area public and by removing the parking spaces that currently occupy it we can strengthen LENT square as one of Maribor's main public spaces.

**11 RETURN OF LENT BEACH!**  
Historic documents and photographs testify the existence of a beach that allowed a direct interaction with the Drava. We propose pushing back the Lent limit to create a beach area that improves considerably the quality of life, while attracting intense tourist activity.

**19 NEW TABOR SQUARE**  
The development of the new bridge connecting Tabor and Lent and the integrated bicycle and walking routes make the new Tabor square an important area in Maribor. This square will become a place where bicycle, pedestrian, and ferry users. The new square will provide a suitable space to promote cultural and creative activities.

**18 THE NEW LENT WALL**  
The Lent wall was an element that divided and prevented Lent. Nowadays there are only a few remains of the wall; the walled city's memory has vanished in the historic buildings. The new Lent wall wishes to reinstate the city's cultural and historic heritage in a contemporary manner. As opposed to the old wall the new Lent wall seeks to unite and invite visitors to Lent and its surroundings by providing a continuous urban element from which a series of activities develop.

**21 EASTERN LENT GATE**  
Next to the West river we propose an Eastern threshold to enter the new riverfront in Lent. This new gate marks the beginning of the New Lent Beach and wall.

**23 MULTIPURPOSE PUBLIC SPACE**  
This area has had an important role in Lent's main stage in the annual Lent Festival. Therefore it must maintain its use but with some small changes it will be able to hold more spectators in a more comfortable manner.

**24 NORTH RIVER BANK PARK**  
The green river bank consists of a park that mediates between the city and the river with an underground parking to encourage the use of other means of transport within Lent.

**25 PUBLIC DOCK AND SWIMMING POOLS**  
A new dock shall harness resident swimming areas.

**9 NATURAL FOREST PRESERVATION**  
In order to preserve the natural landscape on this side of the bank we propose a massive and respectful intervention in the landscape that accentuates the biodiversity potential in the forest.

**8 GREEN AREA INCORPORATION**  
The existing green space is incorporated in the riverbank profile providing open flat spaces that harness open and future activities.

**14 CITY-CENTER BLOCKS**  
The center of Maribor's city blocks are currently used as parking lots, yet they have the potential to be integrated to the city's urban dynamic by creating local parks and courtyards.

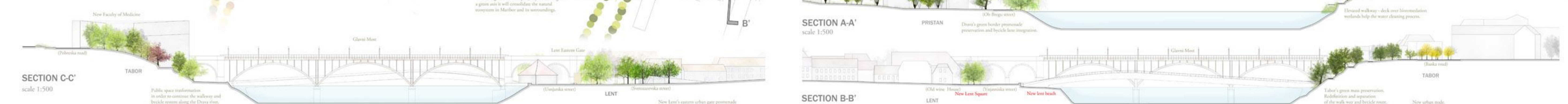
**13 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE CITY'S AND ITS ENVIRONMENT**  
Green spaces along the riverbank side have the potential to connect Maribor's natural parks with its regional counterparts. By activating it as a green area it will consolidate the natural ecosystem in Maribor and its surroundings.

**15 TRG REVOLUCIJE**  
This area is currently used as a parking lot. The proposal of creating a public square and pedestrian zone will improve the urban quality and activate the area.

**20 PUBLIC SPACE PLATFORMS**  
The new facility of platforms will transform the surroundings by activating an otherwise tranquil area. This increase in activity has to be compensated with an increase in quality and quantity of public space. This new park will have the privilege to have Lent and the Drava as a background.

**DEFINITION OF ENERGY**  
Main Energy sources:  
Pneumatization: "veter" pl.  
Function: steam.  
Influenced: Fossil fuel, plant, solar energy.  
Etymology: Last Latin energy, from Greek energos activity, from energeia, from en in a region work - more at WORK.  
Date: 1999.

1. a dynamic quality - narrative energy; b - the capacity of acting or being active - circumstantial energy; c - a usually positive spiritual force also energy flowing through all people;  
2. vigorous exertion of power; EFFORT - exerting time and energy;  
3. a fundamental entity of nature that is transferred between parts of a system in the production of physical change within the system and usually regarded as the capacity for doing work;  
4. usable power (in heat or electricity); also: the resources for producing such power systems are POWER.



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