



Accessibility of the Built and Urban Environment for All

Dostopnost grajenega in urbanega okolja za vse

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Cities are where transformation becomes tangible

Social, environmental and technological change converges in the spaces of everyday life.

Accessibility is more than a technical requirement or a legal obligation.

It is an expression of social justice, respect for human dignity, and a precondition for equal participation in society.

Dignity

Equality

Participation



Put people at the centre

Design, architecture, urban planning, technology and public policy must work together.



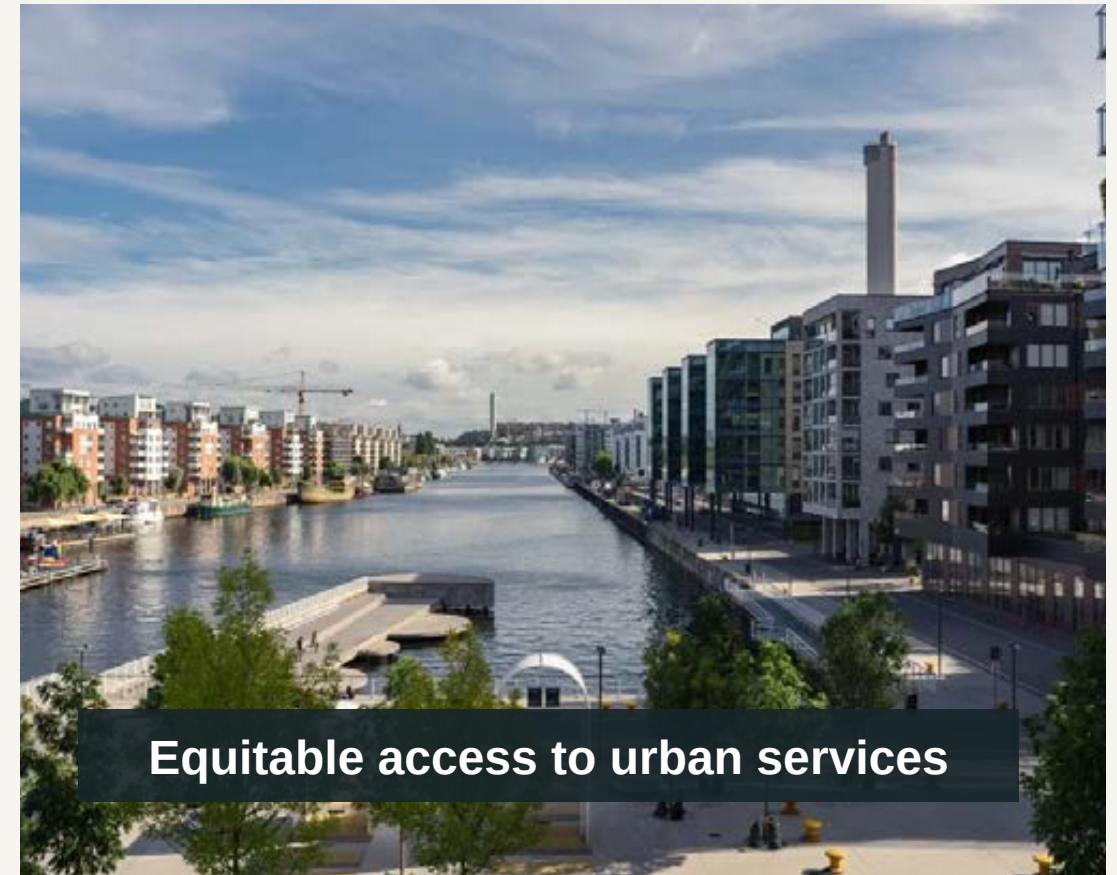
“Environments should enable independence, safety, belonging and quality of life.”

The conference creates space for critical reflection and interdisciplinary exchange - grounded in the diversity of human experience.

Accessibility goes beyond physical barriers

The built environment is experienced through many dimensions at once.

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| 01 | Physical | Movement, reach, orientation |
| 02 | Sensory | Seeing, hearing, perceiving |
| 03 | Cognitive | Understanding, predictability, ease |
| 04 | Social & cultural | Belonging, safety, participation |
| 05 | Digital | Information, services, interfaces |



A new paradigm of design

Universal design + user involvement + responsibility for the future.



Universal design

Design for the widest range of people from the outset.

Co-creation

Include users and lived experience in decisions.

Future responsibility Connect inclusion with resilience and sustainability.

Diversity is not a problem to manage - it is a source of innovation, creativity and social progress.

Universities are active co-creators of the future

Research and education gain impact through collaboration with communities, industry and policymakers.

RESEARCH

new knowledge

EDUCATION

new capabilities

COMMUNITIES

lived experience

INDUSTRY

implementation

POLICY

systemic change



Evidence-based governance

Inclusion, sustainability and quality of life belong together

The goal is not simply to remove obstacles, but to create places that expand human potential.



Environments that foster

dignity
creativity
social connection
meaningful inclusion

The URS presentation similarly links urban well-being with healthy environments, equitable access, social cohesion, sustainable development and evidence-based governance.

Accessibility is strengthened by the whole urban system

Selected references from the URS presentation connect well-being, services, social cohesion and regeneration.



Healthy urban environments

Bosco Verticale • Milan



Equitable access to services

Hammarby Sjöstad • Stockholm



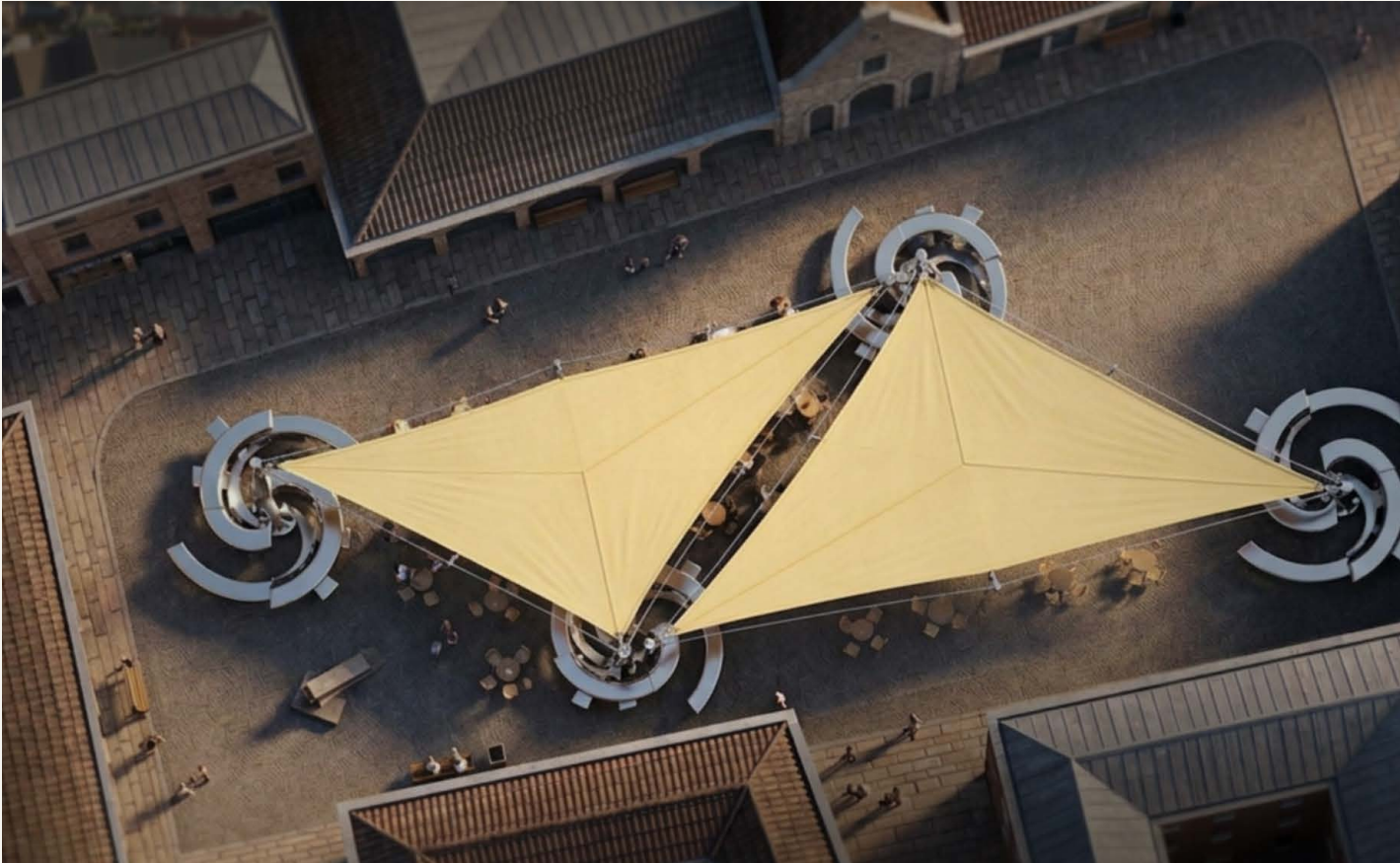
Social cohesion

Superblock • Barcelona

A city becomes inclusive when housing, mobility, public space, nature and services work as one accessible ecosystem.

Design for encounter, rest and participation

Accessible environments support everyday autonomy - and create opportunities to be together.



A useful question for every project:

Who can use this place independently, safely and with dignity - and who is still excluded?

Accessibility is a quality of the entire experience, not a final technical layer.

From dialogue to partnerships

Scientific excellence matters most when it changes how we imagine, design and govern places.

01

Scientific excellence

Evidence that deepens understanding.

02

Interdisciplinary dialogue

Knowledge that crosses professional boundaries.

03

International cooperation

Partnerships that accelerate learning and action.

The ambition: accessibility as an inseparable quality of every environment - never an exception.

THANK YOU

**Let accessibility become
a defining quality
of every environment.**

May this conference inspire new insights, new partnerships
and a more inclusive urban future.

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