

# GREEN CITIES 2021

## Lecture #7 | Ljubljana

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SPEAKER



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HOST



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The focus of the discussion will be on the challenges of climate neutral transition in the European Union and the development of Ljubljana to become green and resilient. Approximately 3/4 of the City's territory is green area, with urban forests covering 46% of the City, and reaching into the city center. There is 560 square meters of green area per inhabitant, with accessibility to nature enhanced by green corridors and urban gardening. Transformations in mobility have been achieved through radical increases in public transit routes, use of electric vehicles, and bicycle ways.

The **Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU)** is a New York based, not-forprofit organization formed to promote a better understanding of the role of sustainable urbanization and resilient design in the planning of our cities. Our purpose is to advocate for responsible and enlightened planning and design. The focus of the CSU is on replicable ideas and concepts, best practices, and speculative proposals. To connect global thought leaders, architects, urban designs and activists, the CSU has initiated a monthly lecture series on **Green Cities**, which will take place on the first Thursday of each month starting at 12:00pm Eastern.



**Ana Struna Bregar** is the Executive Director of CER Sustainable Business Network Slovenia. She was head of the Center for Architecture of the Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning of Slovenia. She is the co-founder and former director of the largest Slovene architectural festival and platform, Open House of Slovenia, which is part of the Open House Worldwide festival. She is focusing on Business Sustainability Management and green transition.

**Miran Gajšek** studied at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Ljubljana as well as at the Faculty for Civil Engineering and Geodetic Survey. He was active in the fields of spatial planning and international affairs at the department of urban planning of the Republic of Slovenia, the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, and the city administration of the City of Celje. Since 2005, he has been the head of the Department for Urban Planning of the City of Ljubljana. During his professional career, he regularly manages EU projects about regional cooperation and sustainable development. Additionally since 2000, he has also been the representative of Slovenia at the European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU).

