THE WINNERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION PRIZE FOR CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE – MIES VAN DER ROHE AWARD RECEIVE THE AWARDS IN BARCELONA

- DeFlat Kleiburg in Amsterdam is the 2017 Winner of Prize. The 2017 Emerging Architect Prize has been awarded to the Brussels studios MSA/V+ for the work NAVEZ - 5 social units at the northern entrance of Brussels.

- The Award Granting Ceremony will take place on May 26 at the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion in Barcelona.

- On May 26, the EU Mies Award Day kicks off with a free day of debates and lectures on housing, memory and identity, heritage and architecture called “EU Mies Award Talks”.


DeFlat Kleiburg in Amsterdam is the 2017 Winner of Prize. The architects NL architects and XVV architectuur have explained their project to the press. DeFlat is an innovative renovation of one of the biggest apartment buildings in The Netherlands called Kleiburg, a bend slab with 500 apartments in Amsterdam’s Bijlmermeer neighbourhood. Consortium DeFlat rescued the building from the wrecking ball by turning it into a "Klusflat", meaning that the inhabitants renovate their apartments by themselves. The client is Kondor WesselsVastgoed. NL architects were awarded the Emerging Architect Prize of the EU Mies Award in 2005 for their work BasketBar in Utrecht.

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The two awarded projects have been chosen from a list of 355 works from 36 European countries. Five finalists were selected and visited by the Jury: Rivesaltes Memorial Museum, Katyn Museum in Warsaw, DeFlat Kleiburg in Amsterdam, Kannikegården in Ribe and Ely Court in London, accompanied by the authors of the works, who also gave lectures open to the public.

The press conference was also attended by Daniel Mòdol, President of the Fundació Mies van der Rohe, Michel Magnier, Director for Culture and Creativity, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission, the President of the Jury, Stephen Bates and the Director of the Fundació Mies van der Rohe, Anna Ramos.

Michel Magnier, Director for Culture and Creativity, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission, and Daniel Mòdol, President of the Fundació Mies van der Rohe, will give the winners the prizes of 60,000 € (main prize) and 20,000 € (prize for the Emerging Architect) on May 26 at the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion in Barcelona.

With the aim of promoting knowledge of Contemporary Architecture and its values, the Fundació Mies van der Rohe has also informed of the following proposals and activities that has promoted in the framework of the 2017 edition of the Prize:

Architecture days and EU Mies Award app

Creative Europe
During the week previous to the Award Ceremony, the buildings of the EU Mies Award Winner (Kleiburg, Amsterdam), the Emerging Architect Winner (Navez), the 4 Finalist works (Rivesaltes Memorial Museum, Katyn Museum in Warsaw, Kannikegarden in Ribe and Ely Court in London) organized events to explain the architecture of these places in situ.

In order to bring the Prize closer to the citizens, and spread knowledge about good architecture, the Fundació Mies van der Rohe has prepared a mobile app so that everyone can view all the works nominated in this year’s edition of the Award in their mobile phone and find out exactly where they are and how to get there. The application is free and available for download from any mobile phone with the name: EU Mies Award. In addition to the works nominated for the 2017 edition, the cities of Berlin, London, Dublin, Paris and Barcelona have included all the works nominated in every edition. Upcoming updates will incorporate works that correspond to previous and future editions to provide a complete overview of European architecture since 1988.

EU Mies Award 2017 Exhibition and Catalogue

The Palau Victòria Eugènia, in the Montjuïc fairgrounds, has been opened for the first time to the public to showcase models, texts and videos of the projects presented in the 2017 edition of the EU Mies Award. It is, at the same time, a way to offer the citizens to know this enclosure. The exhibition will travel around Europe and internationally in the next 18 months, with its first stop at BOZAR Centre for Fine Arts Brussels in September 2017.

Also the Fundació Mies van der Rohe has presented the EU Mies Award 2017 catalogue, that is a compilation of all the works nominated for the present edition, which provides a panorama of architecture of the past two years in Europe. This is a sum of all the fragments of architectures, urban fabrics, cities, and territories. A wide architectural sample of sizes, materials and unique strategies that share being European. Classification organises this great group of works, in order to be able to understand them and make the jury selection process easier. There are many ways of classifying, and the one that we present here is not the only one nor is it fixed, but it has the desire to explain/synthesise a many-sided reality and suggest relations. The catalogue is divided into two separate but complementary volumes: “The Compilation” and “The Jury Selection”.

More information in: http://miesbcn.com/calendar/catalogue-presentation/

EU Mies Award talks and Award Granting Ceremony

On May 26, the EU Mies Award Day kicks off with a free day of debates and lectures on housing, memory and identity, heritage and architecture that will be held in the Palau de Victòria Eugènia with the following events:

EU MIES AWARD TALKS - Palau Victòria Eugènia
15:30 - 17:00
Welcome by Anna Ramos, Director of Fundació Mies van der Rohe

Keynote lecture BBGK Architekci, Jerzy Kalina, Maksa
Katyn Museum, Warsaw, Poland. Finalist of EU Mies Award 2017

Keynote lecture Lene Tranberg, Lundgaard & Tranberg Arkitekter
Kannikegården, Ribe, Denmark. Finalist of EU Mies Award 2017

Keynote lecture Agnès Sajaloli, Director Memorial du Rivesaltes
Memorial du Rivesaltes, Rivesaltes, France. Finalist of EU Mies Award 2017

Debate “Contemporary Architecture and Heritage”
Panel discussion with architects, jury members, experts, promoters/users:
Erik Frandsen, Lundgaard & Tranberg
Adam Bulawa, Director of the Polish Army Museum
Tage Rosenstand, Parish Council Chairman
Agnès Sajaloli, Director Memorial du Rivesaltes
BBGK Architects
Gonçalo Byrne, Gonçalo Byrne Arquitectos and Jury member

Moderators:
Peter Cachola, Director Deutsches Architekturmuseum and Jury member
David Basulto, Founder and Editor in Chief of ArchDaily

17:00
Break

17:15 – 18:45
Keynote lecture Alison Brooks and Nelson Carvalho, Alison Brooks Architects
Ely Court, London, UK. Finalist of EU Mies Award 2017

Keynote lecture Benoit Moritz, MSA/V+ architects
Navez, Schaerbeek, Belgium. Emerging Architect Winner of EU Mies Award 2017

Keynote lecture NL Architects and Xander Vermeulen, XVW Architectuur
DeFlat Kleiburg, Amsterdam The Netherlands. Prize Winner of EU Mies Award 2017

Debate on “Collective Housing and Urban Regeneration”
Panel discussion with architects, jury members, experts, promoters/users:
Stephen Bates, Sergison Bates Architects and President of the Jury
Alison Brooks, Alison Brooks Architects
Kamiel Klaasse, NL Architects
Martijn Blom, Hollands Licht
Jean-Marc Simon, MSA Architectes
Dominique Jakob, Jakob + MacFarlane and Jury member

Moderators:
Juulia Kauste, Director Museum of Finnish Architecture and Jury member
David Basulto, Founder and Editor in Chief of ArchDaily

Wrap-up and conclusions by David Basulto

19:00
Exhibition EU Mies Award 2017 Catalogue presentation and guided visit

20:30
EU Mies Award Ceremony
from the esplanade in front of the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion

22:00-23:30
Architecture Week closing event
esplanade in front of the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion

EU Mies Award Day continues in the evening with the delivery of the European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award 2017 in the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion
and ends with the Architecture Week closing event to which all citizens are invited.

Organised by the COAC the celebration will take place on the esplanade of the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc and the architectural containers of the exhibition ‘Made in Europe’ will serve as ‘props’ for the festivities. These containers will have been set up during the week in the 10 districts of Barcelona.

Prize Calendar:

19 May 2017 – “Made in Europe” and “2017 EU Mies Award exhibition” open to public

20 May 2017 – Mobile App “EU Mies Award” launch

20-28 May 2017 - The 4 Finalist works, the Winner and the Emerging Architect buildings will organize activities to bring closer the architecture to the public
20-26 May 2017 - Barcelona Architecture Week: a wide range of activities related to the world of architecture and the city, coorganized with the participation of different institutions including Barcelona City Council, the College of Architects of Catalonia (COAC) and the Fundació Mies van der Rohe. It will culminate on May 26th with the delivery of the Prize.

26 May 2017 – Granting Ceremony, EU Mies Award Talks and presentation of the Prize 2017 Catalogue.

Name of work: DeFlat Kleiburg, Amsterdam, NL
Offices: NL Architects and XVW architectuur, Amsterdam
Authors: Pieter Bannenberg (NL); Walter van Dijk (NL); Kamiel Klaasse (NL); Xander Vermeulen Windsant (NL)

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Name of work: NAVEZ - 5 social units as Northern entrance of Brussels, Belgium
Offices: MSA / V+
Authors: Jean-Marc Simon (BE); Alain Simon (BE); Benoît Moritz (BE); Julien Deloffre (FR); Thierry Decuyper (BE)

Full information: www.miesarch.com/work/3679

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