



Distancias imposibles de diálogo

THIS IS TOMORROW

DESIGN COMPETITION ON RETHINKING TODAY'S HOUSING

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Answers to questions posed by entrants

FAQs

Is the social housing concept exclusively aimed at the region of Castilla-La Mancha and therefore focused on the housing problem in this region or is it a concept applicable to any place?

The competition is not exclusively aimed at the Castilla-La Mancha social housing problem. Projects can present a general approach applicable to different contexts.

Must social housing projects comprising high-rise dwellings fully develop the building? Must the focus be placed on the concept of the dwelling unit rather than on the building itself? Must they be considered as a dwelling unit, a group of them or a city to live in? On what level?

The competition's objective, through the questions posed in the **Overview** of the competition rules, is to provide an answer encompassing new ways of living. Scope of action, size and scale are defined by the idea of social unit. The personal definition and scope of the social unit can be found in the entrants' answers. It is not an urban planning competition and therefore projects must be based on specific and concrete proposals that might be further developed.

Where is it located? Where I want? Is it a fictitious location?

The competition does not propose a particular location or plot of land. Entrants have freedom of choice and therefore it is up to them to choose the location.

Will there be a web platform available to take part in the conference?

We will do our utmost but we cannot confirm it yet. The relevant information will be published on the competition website as soon as possible.

How can I get more information about plans, photos of the location, housing programmes?

It is a theoretical competition and therefore there is not a particular plot of land or housing programme.

What is the minimum free height of rooms in a residential building according to the Spanish Technical Building Code? Where can we find the Code?

It is not legally binding for the competition. It can be found in Spanish and English on the following website:

<http://www.codigotecnico.org>

Is there any particular typology for the competition? Or is it one of the aspects that can be reformulated? Should we stick to our Western social schema?

Housing typology is one of the aspects to be reformulated. There is no limit whatsoever to the social schema.

Must all questions posed in section one (Overview) be answered or can we develop the project based on them? (leaving some of them unanswered)

The questions posed in the competition rules are intended to provide a more lively discussion and serve as guidance for projects. Therefore, they should not be understood as a questionnaire to be completed.

Is it important to specify if the project is located within a particular context on European territory or can we submit a project located in our town, in my case, a project in Venezuela?

Projects are free and the competition's objective is to serve as a reflection on rethinking today's housing, regardless of the context as long as they provide a new way of understanding, organising, grouping, designing, etc. the concept of housing.

Can the project be submitted in several files not exceeding 10MB or must the project be in a single file?

The whole project must be in a single file. This information will be wider developed in another document that will be sent as soon as possible.

Is it a requirement, in line with the competition objectives, to formulate a hypothesis for a new management system of the decision-making, building and awarding process of social housing?

It is not a requirement, but it can be developed as part of the project.

Would it be possible to locate the project in a very significant (real or hypothetical) environmental context (areas devastated by an earthquake, areas with difficult weather conditions) or

should the proposal be developed regardless of the various possible contexts where the project will be eventually located?

This competition has a more general approach. As pointed out in the second answer, the aim is to provide an answer encompassing different ways of living through the questions posed in the competition rules. If entrants consider that in these extreme situations there are new possibilities for rethinking today's social housing and our social context, they can be developed as an answer.

What does *catalogue of elements* mean in the last definition of housing?

It means that the project can propose a catalogue enabling various solutions for the layout and finishing of house elements (wardrobes, bathrooms, kitchens, etc.).

Do administrative documents refer to personal details submitted during the online registration process? If a group takes part in the project, is it enough to specify the contact details of one person instead of those of the group of professionals?

Yes, a single architect as person responsible for the group is allowed in the documentation. The names of the members of the team can be specified in the *notes* section of the registration form.