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Architecture days 2002

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Saturday, September 28, 2002

Location:

In all of the provinces

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Architecture Days 2002

The Architecture Days, an Austria-wide, two-day event scheduled to take place at the end of September, has been organized together with partners in Central and Eastern European countries. This series of events is intended to convey to a larger public the developments in architecture as an interface between art, technology and society as well as the role of architects.

September 27:

Open House der Architektur: tours of buildings and studios

Insights into the world of work and selected architectural projects

September 28:

Installations, interventions, lectures, parties

Thematic exploration of an area/building
from different perspectives

Program for Austria

Burgenland [Hungary]	"Secret places " Architectural expeditions in Burgenland
Carinthia + Styria	"Architecture – Take a look at this! " An invitation. Architects open up their studios
Upper Austria [Czech Republic+Slovakia]	"city aspiration" Desire of the city for inhabitants and desire of inhabitants for the city
Salzburg [Lithuania]	"Open architectural projects, architecture and school " Symposium "Understanding your train station?" - Initiative for a vital train station district
Tyrol [Poland]	"The space of political " On the relationship between architecture and society
Vorarlberg [Liechtenstein]	"Open for spaces – welcome to life " Architectural output in the country
Vienna + Lower Austria [Slovakia]	"Architecture from the inside " and "... on / in / at the lovely blue Danube." A bordercrossing shipjourney from Lower Austria via Vienna in Slovakia

Note: Slight program alterations possible

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Approaches and objectives

Who hasn't once wished to look over an architect's shoulder while he/she is working at the drawing board or computer and speak with him/her about the meaning of rooms without corners or houses without roofs?

In early fall there will finally be an opportunity to do this in all of Austria and even beyond its borders. On the occasion of the **Architecture Days 2002** architecturally interesting buildings will open their doors on **September 27 and 28** and give the public a chance to critically examine the **quality** of Austrian architecture. Throughout the entire Alpine republic as well as in the regions bordering on Austria to the east, Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia, examples of architecture will be made accessible to experts and the public and a discussion initiated.

Where the environment is in the process of being changed, used or exploited, subject to slow or abrupt transformation, tells history, struggles with urban or territorial fault lines, architecture and planning assume a function in articulating and coordinating tasks. Architecture should accept the challenge and design new qualities of everyday life – not just in terms of what is constructed but as **lived, social space**.

Free tours of buildings and visits to studios, lectures and parties in all of Austria should provide the layman an opportunity to learn about the work of architects from close-up, while architectural centers and initiatives should receive new possibilities to work together – with a view to the imminent EU-expansion – with international organizations. **For the first time these institutions will present themselves to the public on both an Austrian and supra-regional level** in the form of **international, bilateral co-operations**. An Austrian and a non-Austrian organization will agree on a theme; building tours and studio visits will be organized on a local basis and adapted to a given thematic focus.

The Architecture Days 2002 will be organized by the Architekturtage association, an initiative of the **Austrian Chamber of Architects and Consulting Engineers**, together with the **Austrian Architectural Foundation**, a joint platform of architectural initiatives. The international partners at the fall architecture days will – for the most part – be architectural organizations from **Central and Eastern European countries**.

A **pocket catalogue** (format: 5.5 x 8.7 cm, 320 pp., German/English) with illustrations and texts by the architectural initiatives will offer a critical cross-section of the architectonic landscape in Austria.

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Organizational structure of the project Architectural Days 2002

Initiators:

The association Architekturtage, an initiative of the Austrian Chamber of Architects and Consulting Engineers and the Austrian Architecture Foundation, a joint platform of Austrian architectural initiatives.

Project partners:

Architektur Raum Burgenland
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Architekturforum Oberösterreich
Initiative Architektur Salzburg
HDA Haus der Architektur Graz
Architekturforum Tirol
vorarlberger architektur institut
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Az W – Architekturzentrum Wien

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