

Towards no net land take

Insights from 'Recycle Space Slovenia'

EUKN Policy Lab for Slovenia

19 March 2024

10:00 – 15:00 CET

Ljubljana

Venue Hiša EU, Dunajska cesta 20, Ljubljana

Language English and Slovene with simultaneous interpretation, except in the breakout rooms

Organisers European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN); Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia (MNVP)

This Policy Lab aims to open this discussion on land take reduction and circular use of land to a broader interested public, including Slovenian and other European experts and stakeholders. This is based on the observation that many countries are dealing with the same issues and barriers and can learn from each other to reduce their 'land footprint'.

As part of the Green Slovenian Location Framework (SLO4D) programme, funded by the Slovenian Recovery and Resilience Plan and the Climate Fund, the Recycle Space Slovenia project drafted a strategic plan to reduce land take, foster circular land use and increase the 'recycling' of urban space. The strategic plan lists more than 20 concrete measures to achieve the 'no net land take by 2050' goal.

This Policy Lab will serve as a platform to present and collect feedback on the Recycle Space Slovenia project, to explore best practices and challenges encountered across Europe, and to raise awareness about land take as an urgent environmental topic.

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Programme

09:30–10:00 **Walk in and registration**

10:00–10:20 **Welcome by the EUKN and MVNP**

- Martin Grisel, Director, EUKN
- Miran Gajšek, State Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning

10:20–11:15 **Recycle Space Slovenia – Insights from the project & discussion on the economic challenges of land recycling**

- Ajda Kafol Stojanovič, project manager, Geodetic Institute of Slovenia
- Janez Šuštaršič, partner and consultant at RE-FORMA d.o.o
- Ivana Katurič, Director, Urbanex

Moderation by Martin Grisel, Director, EUKN

11:15–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–12:45 **No net land take by 2050: where do we stand? – Panel discussion**

- David Evers, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, and ESPON contact point for the Netherlands
- Gundula Prokop, Senior Project Manager, Team Soil & Land Management, Austrian Federal Environmental Agency
- Helena Bieseman, Researcher, Department for Environment and Spatial Development Flanders
- Klemen Srna, Head of Office, Economy and Social Affairs, Municipality of Tržič, Slovenia

Moderation by Lea Scheurer, Senior Policy and Project Officer, EUKN

12:45–13:45 **Lunch break**

13:45–14:30 **Breakout rooms – challenges & possibilities to reduce land take**

14:30–14:45 **Reporting in plenary**

14:45–15:00 **Wrap-up & closure**

As agreed with the Slovene Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning (ZAPS), members of ZAPS will receive 3 credits for their participation – Block B (Theory and Reference Practice).