



Maribor as an Integral City

The vision of Maribor as the first integral city in Slovenia





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Needs and potentials

Preservation of **Natural environment**

- sustainable mobility models (city of cyclers)
- efficient public transport
- green areas for quality leisure and sports activities and
- green areas for food production



Needs and potentials

Strengthening **Sustainable local food supply**

- small farms can be joined in cooperatives
- preservation and cultivation of land
- green areas transformed into Urban organic community gardens (positive social effects)



Needs and potentials

new Job opportunities

- highly educated and creative young people
- development of micro creative businesses, by ensuring funds for supporting start-ups
- development of social economies (associations, self-employed and others)
- the industrial infrastructural heritage ensures enormous spaces for connecting independent entrepreneurship into wholesome community cooperative businesses



Needs and potentials

Quality housing

- industrial heritage: degraded city areas and models of massive housing
- Housing Cooperatives: an enormous number of empty buildings
- empty buildings could be transformed into energetically self sustainable Eco-buildings
- new ones built, corresponding the same principles



Needs and potentials

Quality public services

- re-conceptualisation and reconstruction (less administratively exhausting, time-consuming, open and “people-oriented” services)

- re-investments in the green projects or larger support to important work on social correctives (NGOs)



Needs and potentials

Stronger Democratic participation

- the will of Maribor's inhabitants to be strongly involved in local policy-making (showed on demonstrations in 2012)



Needs and potentials

The enhancement of **Nature, Cultural and Conference tourism**

- beautiful natural surroundings, interesting historical and cultural heritage, geographical position
- the gateway into the country as well as to the Balkans
- the Drava river still has two beautiful but mostly unused river embankments, which have the potential to be developed for leisure and tourism purposes



Needs and potentials

Urban revival of the old city center

- many empty private and public buildings in the center
- new cultural, educational, enterprenual and turistic contents



Needs and potentials

Strategic social inclusion of many and strongly disconnected groups of socially (economically, racially, culturally) excluded inhabitants

- extremely advanced, inventive, high quality, socially responsive programmes of NGOs
- new Foundations for support of programmes in public interest



Mind the Gap

