

E15 JURY STATEMENT

RUNNER UP

THRESHOLDS (MYTH)

PV473

Local commission: The project employs the role of productivity in the typology of the town and suburbs as its main theme. The typology of the historic town centre (limited to small businesses) and the peripheral productive activities, which require far more space and interconnection in those spaces, should be brought together. The concept should redefine programmatic possibilities by merging the two typologies using compact urban blocks, thresholds instead of edges and courtyards defined by Big Boxes.

The combination of both typologies creates a new landscape in the town, a gap between town centre and suburbs is prevented by the deliberate mix. The structural continuity along Italienerstraße is regarded as very positive, the urban planning approach as conclusive. However, it is questionable as to what the result would be if the Big Boxes cannot be filled. A raised cycle path and uses for the roofs could be interesting but where does the cycle path lead to? The architectural language and the renderings are not very progressive – associations with Monopoly or structural engineering catalogues have been mentioned. What statement does the team want to make with this ‘outdated’ housing typology? The issue arises as to the feasibility of realising this concept. One suggestion is to consider the buildings as symbolic or variable. After much discussion the vote by the jury was tied and therefore the project is to be presented to the international jury for evaluation.

International jury: The jury appreciates the innovative approach to combine urban and suburban typologies into one but is missing the answer to the mutual benefit of this mix. Does this combination of different typology promote urban quality?

The jury criticizes the lack of focus on the ‘in-between spaces’, as well as the elevated bicycle lane (which would be necessary in cities like Seoul, but not in Villach) and the archaic housing typology.

The starting point of this proposal is very interesting but unfortunately includes some deficiencies and open questions, that should be addressed.

Thus, the jury nominates this proposal as a second runner-up and recommends moderated workshops with both runner-up teams, the City of Villach, the site representatives and a jury member, in order to assist with meeting the EUROSPAN criteria.