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People, Culture and Public Spaces

Final Conference of the CYCLE UP! Project

Date: Thursday, 26. 11. 2026
Venue: Goethe-Institut Prague, Masarykovo nábřeží 32, Praha 1

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:30	Arrival and registration
9:30 - 10:00	Opening of the conference and project introduction **Anaïs Boelicke (Director of the Goethe-Institut Czechia)** **Adele Newman (CYCLE UP! Project lead)**
10:00 – 10:45	**MORNING SESSION KEYNOTE** **Alexander Premm (Lab of Thought, NL): Climbing the Hill of Hysteria** Understanding why resistance to change emerges during urban transformation and how cities can navigate this process successfully.
11:00 – 12:30	**CASE STUDIES: Transformation in Practice** **Pawel Jaworski** (**Ministry of Climate and Environment**, **PL**): Experimental Urbanism **Dagmar Ostřanská** (**City of Kutná Hora, CZ**)**:** Participatory project “Šťastní a veselí” (“Happy and merry”) **Johannes Fandl, Marian Rudhart (Schwimmverein Donaukanal, AT):** Reimagining the river as a shared public space **Adam Langer (Sladovna Písek, CZ):** Shaping public spaces through play, creativity, and participation
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch and networking** Lunch will be provided at the conference venue free of charge

13:30 – 14:00	**AFTERNOON SESSION KEYNOTE** **Petra Marko (Head of Metropolitan Institute of Bratislava, SK)** What kind of city do we want? How Bratislava is shaping common urban futures through participatory approaches.
14:00 – 14:30	CYCLE UP! resources for urban development: Presenting the **Policy Brief** by **Sille Talvet-Unt (Tartu 2024)** and **artist Elena Falomo (IT/UK)** on how to work with an artist.
14:30 – 15:00	**Kateřina Vídenová (Centre for Art and Ecology UMPRUM, CZ)** At the intersection of architecture, art, and participation: exploring how artistic and participatory formats can enter public space, spark debate, and help envision its other possible forms
15:15 - 16:00	Launch of the second CYCLE UP! edition of the **CTZN Magazine What Moves Us?** - panel discussion with authors and creators about the power of visibility, imagination and cooperation Launch by **Petra Marko** Panel discussion with **Alexander Premm, Pavla Jenková, Lucie Šroglová** and **Milan Ondrovič**, moderated by **Illah van Oijen** and **Veronika Rajničová**
16:00 – 16:15	Closing of the conference

Evening accompanying programme

18:00 – 21:00:	Premiere of the Performance **SIGNAL PROTOCOL** at the **Cultural Station Galaxie**. Free of charge for all conference guests; prior registration is required.

The conference will be moderated by **Anna Herza Tydlitátová**