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THE BEST URBAN NEIGHBOURHOOD



**88 ENTRIES
SELECTED**

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BUILT IN THE LAST 25 YEARS



Among the 250 entries, the Scientific Committee of the Philippe Rotthier European Prize has selected the 88 new urban neighborhoods that will participate in the final stage of the Prize on June 13, 2008 at the FOUNDATION FOR THE ARCHITECTURE in Bruxelles.

The 88 selected neighborhoods <<http://www.avoe.org/prixrotthier2008.html>> cover the 7 sections which the Prize is articulated into:

NEW TOWNS AND CITIES
NEW NEIGHBORHOODS
NEW VILLAGES
NEW TOWN CENTERS
NEW NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS
NEW VILLAGE CENTERS
NEW FAUBOURGS

The 88 selected neighborhoods come from 30 European countries and from big cities such as Lisbon, Bilbao, Paris, London, Glasgow, Bruxelles, Berlin, Dresden, Bologna, Palermo, Tirana, Istanbul, etc., as well as from beautiful medium-size cities such as Santiago de Compostela, Hammamet, Gladbeck, Alessandria, Hoje Tarstrup, Knokke, Dorchester, Brandevoort, etc.

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Right in the same moment when the United States of America re-discover the virtues of the European compact urban neighborhood as the sustainable alternative to the sub-urban pattern of sprawl-skyscrapers-malls-highways, the 88 new European neighborhoods clearly demonstrate that today a new option is available for municipalities and citizens: to build eco-compatible compact cities and neighborhoods without polluting European cities with obsolete suburbs, skyscrapers, and malls.

In the occasion of the European Prize 2008, the Foundation for the Architecture and A Vision of Europe will present the operating pattern for THE NEW ECO-COMPACT CITY.

This operating pattern has been designed on the basis of the best 88 urban neighborhoods built in the last 25 years. It allows the construction of a 250,000 inhabitants ECO-COMPACT CITY over a surface of 2,000 hectares. A NEW ECO-COMPACT CITY featuring all the most advanced facilities of a truly modern city: university campus, hospitals, museums, an international airport, an efficient system of public transportation including a tramway and a metro. The operating pattern for THE NEW ECO-COMPACT CITY includes clear boundaries towards the countryside and keeps an organic balance between the built and the natural environment.

The operating pattern for THE NEW ECO-COMPACT CITY will be available, both in printed and digital format, together with the catalogue of the Philippe Rotthier European Prize 2008.

The Scientific Committee of the European Prize wishes to express its compliments for the high quality of the submitted entries and calls a new policy in terms of urban environment that places the construction of new ECO-COMPACT URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS as a priority for European municipalities.

All the 88 selected neighborhoods will be presented in October-November 2008 in Bruxelles at the Foundation for the Architecture, 55 rue del'Ermitage, in occasion of an international exhibition.

A 300 pages catalogue edited by Maurice Culot and Gabriele Tagliaventi, with more than 500 illustration in colours, will be published in English, French, and Italian editions as an HANDBOOK to build NEW ECO-COMPACT NEIGHBORHOODS.

**THE BEST URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS IN EUROPE
A GUIDE BOOK**

**How to design and build new
ecological and sustainable communities**

**LES MEILLEURS QUARTIERS URBAINS D'EUROPE
UN MANUEL**

**Comment construire de nouveaux quartiers
écologiques et durables**

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