



## House of Europe presenting the Mobile Pavilion to travel across Ukraine

House of Europe is presenting one of its regional projects – the Mobile Pavilion – which will travel across Ukraine. The Pavilion is a modern architectural showpiece designed by young Ukrainian architects Ivan Protasov, Yana Buchatska, Dmytro Miheev, and Taras Baran. At least two times a year, in the warm seasons, the Pavilion will go to small and medium-sized Ukrainian cities lacking cultural infrastructure and creative spaces.

One of the goals of the Mobile Pavilion is to enrich community life by activating the public space. It is expected that the Pavilion will turn into an interesting and attractive spot for local people and visitors of the cities, spark civic life in the city, and connect people from different fields, creating in such a way the atmosphere which will encourage new projects and ideas to be developed. Different workshops, movie screenings, concerts will be held in and on it regularly. Also the Pavilion will serve as an info-point where people can get detailed information about the programme lines of House of Europe, other EU opportunities, and get guidance on the application process.

“We developed a Pavilion for House of Europe, which will create a unique public space with its form and 360-degree orientation. The locals will have a chance to communicate, interact with each other, and attend cultural events in it. The concept of the Pavilion was developed before the pandemic, but an interesting fact is that even in the current circumstances it’s possible to keep social distancing inside of it”, – Ivan Protasov, architect of the Mobile Pavilion, says.

Four core elements which can be assembled on the ground – customised containers, modular stage constructions, fiberglass lattice finish, and mirror canopy – are used to make the Pavilion mobile. “The fact that these components are modular gives us flexibility and opportunity to assemble the Pavilion in different ways and have different combinations, adjusting in such a way to the city context”, – added Ivan Protasov.



Different configurations of two amphitheaters of the Pavilion can hold up to 100 people, one third under the 4-meter-high canopy protecting visitors from the sun, rain, and wind. The construction may take six different configurations depending on the city context and programme developed. Total area of the construction is 180 square meters.

“From the very beginning it was clear for us that we wouldn’t want to limit ourselves sitting in the Kyiv comfort-zone, among the grant-experienced, interculturally versed. We understand the House of Europe not as a building that stands at one place, but as a moving space that comes into being wherever there are people that relate to it – quite a bit like Europe itself. The Mobile pavilion gives us exactly the physical structure we need to take our House of Europe traveling, and with it the opportunities, the exchange, and the impetus for collaboration and positive change it carries along”, – Christian Diemer, Head of the House of Europe programme, commented.

“We hope that the experience of direct communication with House of Europe team, the impressions gained at such an innovative and flexible construction as the Pavilion will inspire visitors to release their creative energy, come up with new art projects and social initiatives, and that in the long-term perspective it will enrich the cultural life of the cities hosting the Pavilion”, – mentioned Tetiana Shulha, Coordinator for the Sector of Culture, EU Delegation in Ukraine.

The selection process of the architectural concept of the Mobile Pavilion had several stages. Finally, one out of six presented concepts was chosen for the implementation. Currently, the team of architects – Ivan Protasov, Yana Buchatska, Dmytro Miheev, Taras Baran – are working on the project. The production phase is scheduled for summer 2020.

The open call for the cities willing to host the Pavilion may be announced soon if the COVID-19-related restrictions are lifted in Ukraine. The tour of House of Europe Mobile Pavilion is in no way planned before the COVID-19-related restrictions are totally lifted in Ukraine.



All the information about House of Europe and its regional projects is available at <https://houseofeurope.org.ua>.

Background information:

House of Europe is an EU-funded programme fostering professional and creative exchange between Ukrainians and their colleagues in EU countries. The programme focuses on different professional fields: culture and creative industries, education, health, social entrepreneurship, media, and youth. House of Europe was launched in October, 2019. The programme has a budget of 12.2 mln Euros to support 22 separate programme lines enabling Ukrainians to go for conferences, professional events, internships, and networking in the EU, or to enrol in study tours, residencies, trainings, and other forms of support.

Implementation of House of Europe Programme is led by Goethe-Institut Ukraine with the British Council Ukraine, Institut français d'Ukraine, and Czech Centre as Consortium partners.

House of Europe pays special attention to the regional aspect: besides the Mobile Pavilion, in cooperation with local hubs and creative entrepreneurs in Rivne and Dnipro House of Europe developed the format of Pop-up Hubs.

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