FINAL JURY PROTOCOL

INTERARCH 2026 – Jury Evaluation and Awards

The international jury of INTERARCH 2026 expresses its appreciation to the Union of Architects in Bulgaria for organizing the event and providing an opportunity to evaluate architectural projects from diverse perspectives.

The jury, comprising six members with international professional experience, evaluated **27 submitted projects** based on five criteria:

1. Innovation and creativity
2. Integration with the existing built environment
3. Quality of architectural design
4. Functional considerations
5. Environmental sustainability

Jury Members

- **José Luis Cortés Delgado** (Mexico) – Jury Chair
- **Didier Vancutsem** (Germany)
- **Yasmin Shariff** (United Kingdom)
- **Istelianna Atanassova** (Bulgaria)
- **Yasen Kyosev** (Bulgaria)
- **Atanas Kovachev** (Bulgaria)

Special Jury Recognitions

- **Project No. 1 Park-memorial „Belene Camp" designed by SolAir Architects + Belene Island Foundation, Bulgaria:** Recognized for its sensitive understanding of the site's history, identity, and territorial context.
- **Project No. 4/5 – The people tree house designed by ARCHIOPTERYX, India:** Recognized for preserving the historical urban layout and existing buildings, while responding innovatively to nature and climate. Due to non-compliance with the submission requirements (two boards instead of one), the project received recognition.
- **Project No. 18 – Vitosha Art designed by Benoy + ML-Studio + Studio Open + ProArch, Bulgaria:** Recognized for its significant urban planning approach and integration of mixed-use architecture.

Official Awards

University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy Award – Project No. 21, Renovation of Byala bona house, designed by Zadruga Studio, Bulgaria: For its sensitive approach to preserving the city's architectural heritage. The project thoughtfully integrates historical identity with contemporary architectural expression.

Chamber of Architects Award – Project No. 17 Oxia Business Center, designed by Planning Architecture Studio + Move Architects, Bulgaria: For its distinctive architectural expression within a complex urban setting. The project demonstrates a thoughtful response to spatial challenges and its surrounding context.

Union of Architects in Bulgaria Award – Project No. 12 - Maison Trilogis, designed by Karawitz Architecture, France: For its sensitive architectural intervention on the site and its respectful relationship with the existing context.

INTERARCH 2026 Grand Award – Project No. 14, Residential building „Fohar", designed by LP ARCH, Bulgaira: For its outstanding integration into the landscape, intelligent approach to the infrastructure, and carefully considered neighborhood layout that prioritizes human scale and spatial quality.

Final Jury Statement

The jury underscored the value of architecture rooted in a genuine understanding of place, where innovation emerges from a meaningful dialogue with history, landscape, and the urban fabric. The selected projects demonstrate architectural quality that extends beyond formal expression, prioritizing lasting relevance, spatial integrity, and a strong sense of identity.

José Luis Cortés Delgado President of the Jury INTERARCH 2026

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