



Time for a new bridge in Lisbon

ExperimentaDesign has teamed up with Fundação Galp Energia for an International Design Competition for a Cycling Bridge in Lisbon.

Fundação Galp Energia is a private nonprofit organisation created by Portugal's leading integrated oil and natural gas group, Galp Energia. The foundation aims to implement and deepen the commitment of the Galp Energia Group, those of social integration and development in local communities. The foundation assumes social responsibility initiatives, which cover different areas: environmental, cultural, educational and scientific.

ExperimentaDesign is synonymous with design, architecture and creativity in Portugal as well as the upliftment of these sectors and has, since its inception, been developing privileged relations with companies, organisations and creative practitioners with whom it shares points of view and a belief in the benefits of collaboration. Championing creativity EXD celebrates its 10th Anniversary edition in Lisbon from 9 September to 8 November 2009.

Due to a shared vision for building a legacy of sustainability in Lisbon and Portugal, EXD and Fundação Galp Energia are collaborating on this landmark project for the city. The bridge will facilitate access over a main motorway for cyclists and pedestrians. Hence, also encouraging the increased use of bicycles in the city.

The design competition is open to all architects and architecture firms. The winner will be awarded €10,000 and, potentially, the contract to design the bridge. In addition, there will be two runner-up cash prizes and two honourable mentions. Construction will commence in 2010.

Important competition dates are listed below:

27 July - Competition launch

28 August - Deadline for Questions

7 September - Submission deadline

13 September - Announcement of winners during Opening Week of EXD'09

13 Sep – 8 Nov - Exhibition of winning submissions and jury's shortlist

Entries will be judged on the following Evaluation Criteria, with weighting in brackets -

Urban integration (30%)

Quality of Architectural Work (20%)

Cost effectiveness / Feasibility (20%)

Sustainability (15%)

Concept (15%)

The jury panel of seven members is made up of internationally acclaimed architects and civil engineers appointed by EXD and Fundação Galp Energia as well as a representative of the Portuguese Architect's Association. The exhibition of the winning work and the jury's



shortlist will take place during the Opening Week of EXD'09 Lisboa as part of the Lounging Space programme for this year.

For competition details and guidelines visit the EXD website –
<http://www.experimentadesign.pt/>

For information on Fundação Galp Energia visit –
www.galpenergia.com

For EXD'09 Programme information visit
<http://www.experimentadesign.pt/press/eng/index.html>

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