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Austrian Contribution to the 19th International Architecture Exhibition –
La Biennale di Venezia 2025

START OF THE SUPPORTING PROGRAM ON JUNE 7

The opening of the Austrian Pavilion AGENCY FOR BETTER LIVING on May 10 marked the beginning of a discussion on the question of BETTER LIVING for all, as part of the Biennale Architettura 2025. The curators Sabine Pollak, Michael Obrist, and Lorenzo Romito explore practices, spaces, and rules for BETTER LIVING, showing that it is possible to take action against current capitalism-driven developments in the housing market. The starting point is Vienna and its pioneering role in the question of affordable housing for all. The exhibition in Venice compares Vienna's top-down model of the "Caring City" with the bottom-up strategies of an active civil society in Rome. On Saturday, June 7, 2025, the supporting program officially starts with workshops, presentations, and excursions aimed at discussing the conditions for future BETTER LIVING.

AUSTRIAN PAVILION
BIENNALE ARCHITETTURA 2025

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The program addresses economic and ecological perspectives, as well as topics such as tourism, feminism, and transformation of existing buildings. The events will use an ASSEMBLY format. The “Space of Negotiation” in the courtyard of the pavilion offers a platform with an open center. On certain days, the ASSEMBLY will be accompanied by excursions or walks – to occupied houses in Venice, to emerging environments in the Venice Lagoon, or in specific neighborhoods with active civil society groups. In addition, curator’s-tours through the exhibition or Venice will be offered.

Architects, researchers, politicians, planners, activists, and social groups are invited to the events to discuss the question of BETTER LIVING together with visitors to the Biennale.

The events will be recorded and subsequently published on labiennale2025.at.

The supporting program is kindly financed by MA 50 City of Vienna, Department for Housing Promotion and Arbitration Board for Legal Housing Matters.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Unless otherwise stated, the events will take place in the Austrian Pavilion in the Giardini of the Biennale Architettura 2025.

7.6.2025, from 11 am

ASSEMBLY #1:

ASSEMBLY FOUNDING EVENT

Presentation, Curator’s tour, Talk

Guests:

ASC, Microclima, OCIO, Officine Marghera, Pandora, Poveglia per tutti, ReBiennale, Rivolta, Sale Docks, Veras

8.6.2025, 11 am

ASSEMBLY#1:

TOUR OF THE CITY WITH ASC, Assemblea Sociale della Casa

Guided Tour

Meeting point at the main entrance of the Giardini della Biennale

28.6.2025, from 11 am

ASSEMBLY #2:

NEW TYPOLOGIES OF COEXISTENCE for BETTER LIVING

Presentation, Curator’s tour, Discussion

A dialog between Spin Time (Rome), Sargfabrik (Vienna) and Kalkbreite (Zurich)

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Guests:

Sargfabrik Vienna: Robert Korab

Kalkbreite, Zurich: Res Keller

Spin Time Labs, Rome: Chiara Caciotti, Ottavia Cernuschio, Alessandra

Cutolo, Mattia Ferrari, Giulia Fiocca, Giacomo Florenzano, Emmanuel

Koami Yovogna, Sara Moutawakil, Cecilia Pellizzari, Paolo Perrini,

Rebecca Venzi

29.6.2025, 11 am

ASSEMBLY #2:

TOUR OF VENICE WITH SPIN TIME

Social Tour

Meeting point at the main entrance of the Giardini della Biennale

12.7.2025, 3.30 pm

ASSEMBLY #3:

FEMINIST URBANISM FOR BETTER LIVING

Curator's tour, Discussion

Guests:

Florencia Andreola, architectural researcher, University of Bologna

Azzurra Muzzonigro, architect, curator, and urban researcher

Julia Girardi-Hoog, architectural sociologist, City of Vienna

30.8.2025, 11 am

ASSEMBLY #4:

COMMONNING BETTER LIVING

Curator's tour, Discussion

Guests:

Elke Rauth, Christoph Laimer, dérive – Verein für Stadtforschung, Vienna

Robert Temel, architectural and urban researcher, Vienna

Activists from Quarticciolo

A dialog between Quarticciolo and new Viennese neighborhoods

31.8.2025, 11 am

ASSEMBLY #4:

TOUR OF VENICE WITH QUARTICCIOLO

Social Tour

Meeting point at the main entrance of the Giardini della Biennale

12./13.9.2025, 3 – 6 pm

ASSEMBLY #5:

BETTER LIVING AS TRANSFORMATION

Presentation, Discussion

UAH! GOES BIENNALE

Talking about Unconventional Affordable Housing!

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Guests: Constanze Wolfring (Vienna, Milan), Francesca Serrazanetti (Milan), Gennaro Postiglione (Milan), Angela Barbanente (Bari), Massimo Bricocoli (Milan), Elena Marchigiani (Trieste), Daniele Petrosino (Bari)

21.9.2025, 3.30 pm

ASSEMBLY #6:

ECONOMIES OF BETTER LIVING

Curator's tour, Discussion

Guest: Gabu Heindl, architect and architectural theorist, Vienna

27.9.2025, 3.30 pm

ASSEMBLY #7:

DESIRES OF BETTER LIVING

Curator's tour, Discussion

10.10.2025, 2.30 pm

ASSEMBLY #8:

ECOLOGIES OF BETTER LIVING

Presentation, Curator's tour, Discussion

Lago Bullicante and other emerging ecosystems

Guests:

Lina Streeuwitz, architect and urban planner, Vienna

Forum Territoriale Parco delle Energie, Rome

11.10.2025, 11 am

ASSEMBLY #8

Excursion to Sant'Andrea

24.10.2025, 11 am

ASSEMBLY #9:

SCHOOL OF BETTER LIVING

"get involved VII – patternlanguage" – to act and impact in space for better living / International symposium of architectural and built environment education for young people

Further information: www.bink.at/en/get-involved-vii-patternlanguage/

15.11.2025, 2.30 pm

ASSEMBLY #10:

BETTER TOURISM, BETTER LIVING

Curator's tour, Discussion

22.11.2025, 3 pm

FINAL ASSEMBLY #11:

THE MANIFESTO OF BETTER LIVING

Discussion

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FURTHER EVENTS IN BERLIN AND BASEL

12.6.2025, 7 pm / BERLIN

**ARCH+ FEATURES 128: The Austrian Pavilion at the Biennale
Architettura 2025**

Talk with Michael Obrist, Sabine Pollak, and Lorenzo Romito
Moderated by Anh-Linh Ngo

Austrian Cultural Forum Berlin
Stauffenbergstraße 1
10785 Berlin

The event will be held in German and English.

Please register here:

<https://bmeia.liland.cloud/app/registration/form/event/33720572/>

19.6.2025, 6.30 pm / BASEL

**Rehearsing Change: Four positions on the Architecture of
Coexistence**

Guests:

Amy Perkins, Zurich

Daniele Santucci, Munich

Michael Obrist, Vienna

Yves Behar

LAUFEN Forum

4242 Laufen, Switzerland

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Friday, May 9, 2025 (press conference: 1 pm, opening: 3 pm)

VISITOR INFORMATION

Austrian Pavilion

Biennale Architettura 2025

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Preview Days: May 8 – 9, 2025, 10 am – 7 pm

Exhibition Duration: May 10 – November 23, 2025

Opening Hours: 11 am – 7 pm (May 10 – September 28), 10 am – 6 pm

(September 30 – November 23) (closed on Mondays, except May 12,

June 2, July 21, September 1, October 20, and November 17)

Giardini della Biennale

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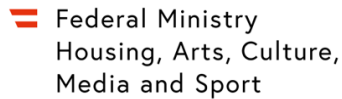
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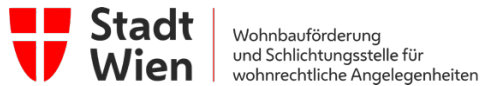
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