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Champions of Cultural Heritage: Nomination of Prof. em. Peter Latz, Landscape architect and urban planner ByAK · bdla · Hon FRIBA · Professor Emeritus of Excellence TUM

To the committee of the Europa Nostra Prize,

Prof Latz is a particularly outstanding representative of landscape architecture. His pioneering work in dealing with heavy industrial areas and the preservation of industrial traces and heritage as far as possible should be explicitly emphasised. The Duisburg Nord Landscape Park, which was created in 1992, is certainly the most outstanding example of innovative landscape architecture.
In the north of Duisburg, a multifunctional park was created with the Duisburg Nord Landscape Park, which represents a model for sustainable landscape development through the integration of industrial relics with natural and recreational elements. This project not only revitalised an industrial wasteland, but also created a popular location for festivals and events that attracts visitors from all over the world.

Throughout his career, Prof Latz has consistently demonstrated his strong commitment to sustainability. His designs incorporate advanced environmental technologies such as rainwater harvesting systems, green roofs and passive solar energy, ensuring that his projects are both ecologically sound and resilient. This forward-thinking approach has set new standards in landscape architecture and inspired a generation of professionals to put environmental protection at the centre of their work.

In addition to the remarkable projects he has realised, Prof. Latz has also made a significant contribution to landscape architecture education. As a professor at the Technical University of Munich and as a guest lecturer at renowned institutions such as Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, he has mentored countless students over the decades and positively inspired their professional development. His commitment to teaching and his emphasis on the integration of historical context, innovative design and sustainability have left a lasting impact on landscape architecture.

Prof. Peter Latz's work has been recognised with numerous prizes and awards. His projects have not only transformed the various project sites, but have also promoted a wider understanding of the potential of heritage conservation across Europe.

In summary, Prof Peter Latz is a visionary landscape architect whose pioneering work, commitment to sustainability and dedication to education make him an exceptional candidate for the European Cultural Award. His contributions have had a profound and comprehensive impact on landscape architecture.
I therefore wholeheartedly support his nomination for the Europa Nostra Award.

Yours sincerely



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