

GO! BORDERLESS

An European Capital of Culture to Reunite Divided Cities

**International Architectural Ideas
and Project Competition for the
Urban Development of the
«Piazza Transalpina / Trg Evrope»
Square**

GO! 2025
Nova Gorica • Gorizia

Kandidatura za EPK 2025
Candidatura a CEC 2025
ECOC 2025 Candidacy

The single stage and open ideas competition will be conducted according to the UNESCO Regulations for international architecture design competitions, as an anonymous, open procedure and with the endorsement by **INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ARCHITECTS (UIA)**.

The competition is thus divided into two parts:

- Area 1** - Project proposals for the design of Europe Square / Piazzale della Transalpina and the transcultural hub EPICenter
- Area 2** - Ideas proposals for the remodelling of the border zones from Solkan/Salcano to Rožna dolina / Casa Rossa



AREA 1

PART 1

EVROPE square/Piazza Transalpina

The goal of the Competition is to rearrange the EVrope square / Piazza Transalpina to enable the citizens and visitors to experience the historical continuity of the place and to raise its cultural and historical value with innovative and original solutions which respect landscape and heritage parameters. This part of the Competition calls for an architectural idea for the rearrangement of the square.

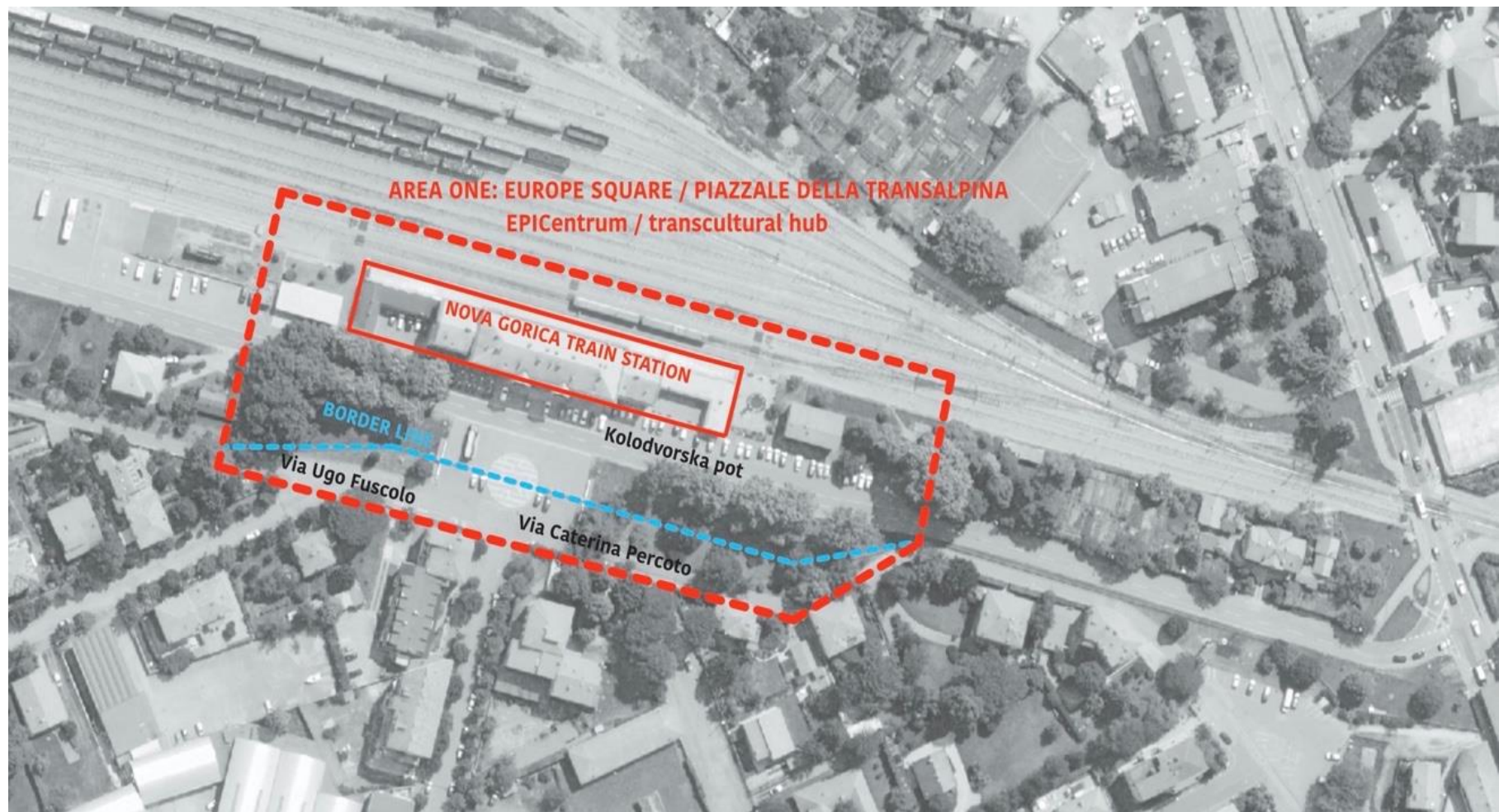


AREA 1 - PART 2

***EPICenter* - European platform for interpretation of 20th century history.**

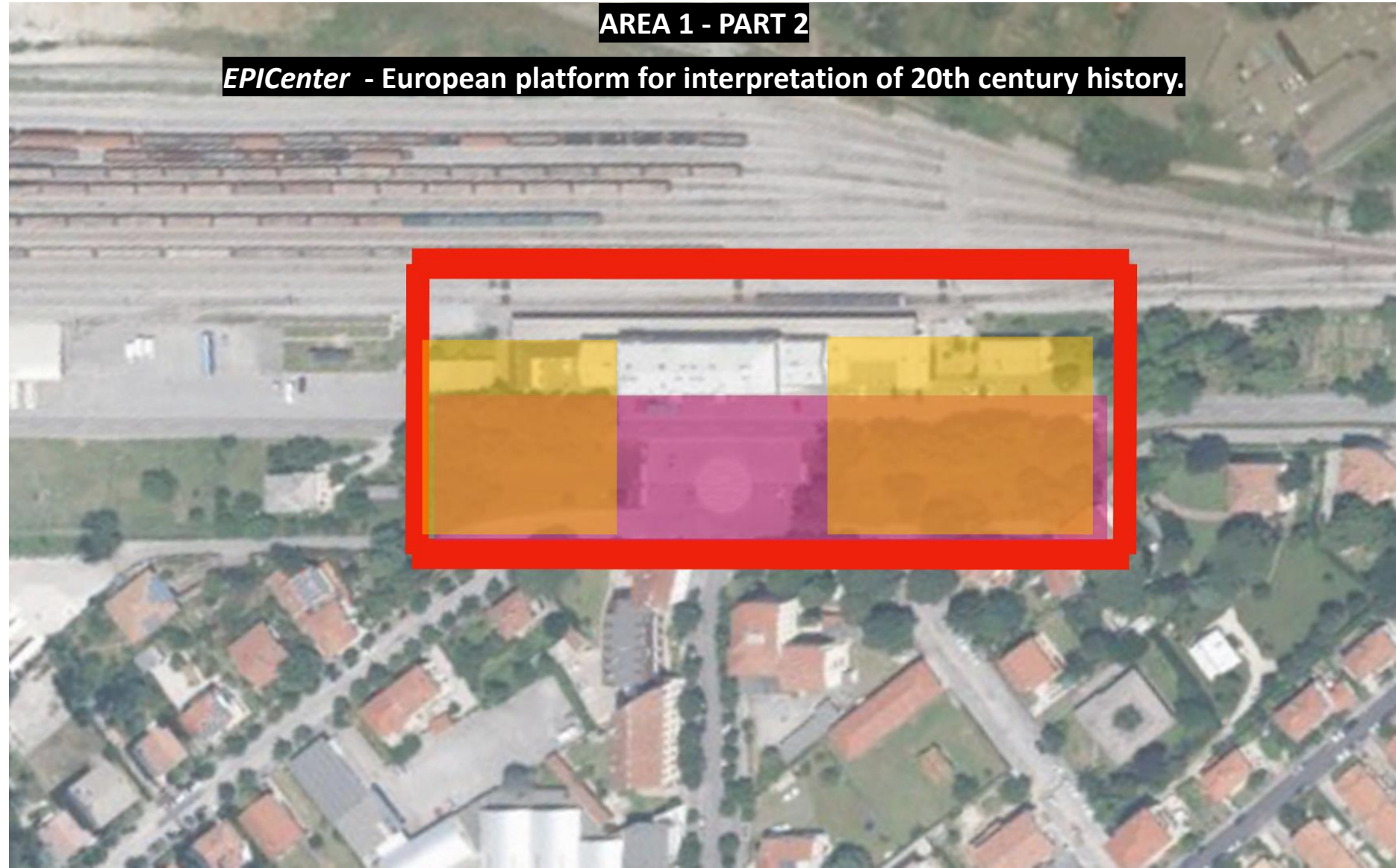
The EPICenter shall be a new symbolic construction or an artefact in the area of the Europe Square / Piazza Transalpina. The construction will be intended for meetings and cultural tourist activities for the inhabitants of both towns - Gorizia and the Nova Gorica.

The structure shall offer in its programme permanent exhibitions and multi-purpose spaces created for meeting, learning, sharing stories and documenting new ones. It shall be designed to appeal to the public of all generations and backgrounds. It must be economically viable, so functions should enable the centre to generate some income or at least make it feasible for different initiatives, so that the structure would not have to depend wholly on public funds.

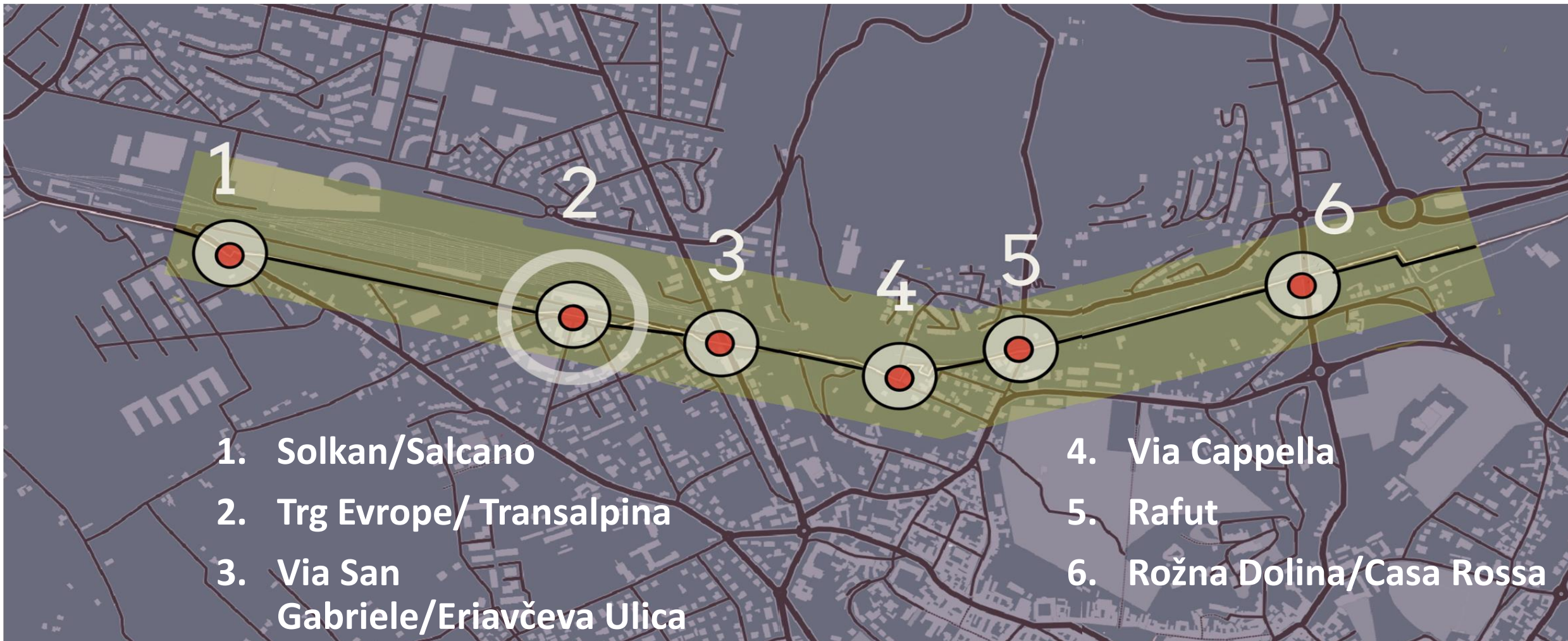


The EPICenter's main mission shall be establishing meeting areas on the border – places to encourage cross border socialising with the goal of discovering a shared interpretation of the divided past and plan the future of this common living space.

The first and foremost goal of the EPICenter shall be to improve understanding of the area's history, its heritage, as well as present the past in all of its complexity. The ultimate objective is to contribute to the construction of a tolerant society and raise the awareness about diverse perspectives and interpretations.



AREA 2 - Concepts regarding the remodelling of the urban area across the border, from Solkan/Salcano to Rožna Dolina/Casa Rossa



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MESTNA OBČINA
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PRIZES

The total prize money for the competition is **48.000,00 EUR**. The jury will allocate three prizes which will receive the following amounts:

1st prize 25.000,00 EUR

2nd prize 15.000,00 EUR

3rd prize 8.000,00 EUR

All amounts stated are net amounts (exclusive of VAT). Ex-aequo prizes are excluded. The competition winner is the author of the first prize.

The jury may decide to give up to 3 honorary mentions to projects of special interest.

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all architects of the world and all legal entities which are entitled to practise in their country of residence.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the competition is English.



COMPETITION TIMETABLE



EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pertinence of the overall concept and the development vision

Relationship between open spaces and buildings and the connections between them

Potential of creating identity, symbolic value and cultural unity

Innovation, originality, creativity of the proposals

Quality of urban spaces, architectural and landscaping design

Adequacy, functionality, flexibility, economic viability of the proposed interventions and buildings

Solutions for pedestrian and bicycle connections within the larger area

Special contribution to sustainable development, environmental and social impact

Potential to attract visitors and improve the quality of life of the inhabitants



The competition announcement was:

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- published on the Authorities' profile: www.euro-go-eu **on 25.02.2020**
- Published on UIA web site (International Union of Architects) **on 25.02.2020**
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PIAZZA TRANSALPINA/TRG EUROPE: INTERNATIONAL PROJECT & IDEAS COMPETITION

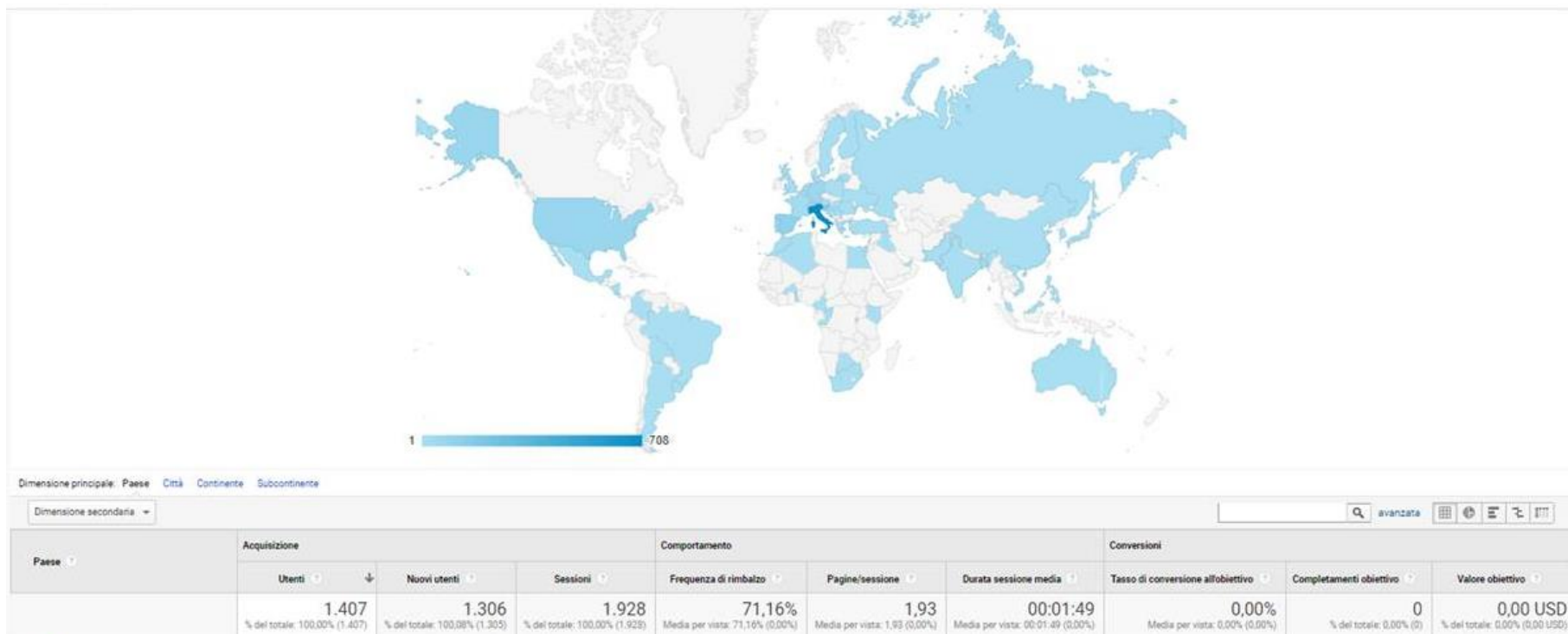
ITALY

The International Union of Architects has endorsed an urban regeneration project linking the Italian city of Gorizia with the Slovenian city, Nova Gorica, creating a shared central area to be known as Europe Square – Piazzale Della Transalpina and the hub EPICenter.

[MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION](#)



STATISTICS



ITALY 708

SLOVENIA 139

SPAIN 110

UNITED STATES 71

PORTUGAL 68

GERMANY 58

FRANCE 26

UNITED KINGDOM 16



For further information, see the competition <https://euro-go.eu/it/programmi-e-progetti/international-architecture-competiton-ecoc-2025/> or contact the procurement@euro-go.eu