## **EDITORIAL**

## Dear readers,

To recapitulate the themes covered in the latest issue of the journal *Spatium* (No. 52), the core of its content is dedicated to cities, public urban spaces, and heritage, with a focus on winery architecture, as well as to always relevant topics in the residential field. This includes housing environmental quality, which aims to consider the needs of the population in general, as well as of some of its more vulnerable groups. We would like to emphasize the international character of the papers represented in this issue of *Spatium*, whose authors are from: Australia, Bangladesh, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia. We are pleased that there is an aspiration within the scientific community from different parts of the world to contribute through papers in *Spatium*, showcasing studies that readers in the countries of the Global North are less familiar with. In this way, our journal strengthens its uniqueness, image and recognition.

As has been the case so far, at the end of 2024, here is a compilation, or a brief presentation of the journal's statistics for the entire past year. Altogether, *Spatium* received 100 articles in 2024 – a 37% increase in the submission rate for the journal in comparison to the previous year. Out of those articles, 84 were rejected (84%). Under the reviewing process in 2024 there were 28 articles. Finally, 14 articles (50% of those reviewed) were published in *Spatium* in 2024. With the exception of one article which, due to personal reasons justified by one of its authors, was under the reviewing process for 26 months, since 2022, for the remaining 13 published articles in 2024, the average time spent on the evaluation process from the initial submission until the paper's acceptance for publishing was **5.3** months.

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