

the EU evaluation of the Vienna Model as a “very good financed and structured one, as well as a process that produces clear results.” At any rate, Vienna is facing future developments with confidence, and it wants to address these challenges. According to a study, 95% of the inhabitants of Vienna feel comfortable in their city. This is both an incentive and challenge for the city’s planners.

While people in Vienna and Zurich are working on improvements over existing structures, a city adequate to serve the needs of the future is being constructed at the other end of the world. Architects from various parts of the world are rushing to the unique opportunity to plan and design a new city: Shanghai. For instance, the architect Meinhard von Gerkan, based in Hamburg, developed the city Luchao. It is one of nine cities that are emerging around the metropolis Shanghai. Luchao will be developed around a fresh-water lake with a cross section of 25 kilometers. Moreover, 100 bridges will connect the different city districts, which are arranged in concentric circles. The entire formation looks like the ripples caused by a waterdrop falling on the calm surface of the water. When the 800,000 inhabitants visit the man made beaches, they will think they are in Copacabana. Additionally, the world’s biggest deep seawater port will be constructed here.