

tries to satisfy the huge demand for housing space while giving the entire population an adequate offer.

The city of Vienna has also committed to sustainability. The situation of the city is especially affected by the East-Enlargement of the European Union. The aim of the project is to both strengthen and expand the role of Vienna as the undisputable metropolis in southeast central Europe. For that purpose, a strategy plan that details 41 measures came up for discussion in spring. According to this, the main focus of the future development will be the utilization of inner-city areas as well as the creation of new district and neighborhood centers. At the same time, the individuals in charge are setting a high value on the opinions of the citizens. The question about the way the city landscape can and should be changed is discussed fervently. Faced with the fact that about 1/3 of all buildings in Vienna stem from the period of promoterism, the search for a creative harmony between historical and modern architecture is a main issue. The planning of new city districts is accompanied by the development of new transport connections. The aim is to strengthen the significance of Vienna as a cross point for traffic between Berlin-Prague-Vienna and between Paris and Budapest.

The engagement of citizens inside the districts gains more and more leverage in a growing city. Not without pride is the city boasting