

BOŽO ŠIMUNOVIĆ

Božidar - Božo Šimunović, the cosmopolite, intellectual and an enthusiastic modern architect and spatial planner, 38 years of age, originally comes from Croatia, European Union. He was born in the capital city of Zagreb where he has spent most of his life and where he was educated and where he graduated from the Faculty of Architecture, University of Zagreb, with the diploma architectural-urbanistic task: "*The Central Zagreb Terminals*", under the mentorship of the honorable Academician Velimir Neidhardt (who is nowadays the President of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts). Following the urban idea and study works of, in that times still the absolute student, Božo Šimunović for linking the Central Zagreb Terminals with the Zagreb Airport and with the satellite city of Velika Gorica with a panoramically up-ground urban trains, through the Avenue of Federal Republic of Germany, by the new business-residential Kennedy Centre, and through the new central urban bridge over the Sava river, initiatively started from Božo Šimunović and with the support of his mentor Professor Dr. Sc. Velimir Neidhardt, there was established a task group of seven University professors and one (then) student - the initiator and co-ordinator Božo Šimunović - from the five faculties of University of Zagreb under the name "*Levitated Zagreb Express*" who were working on the collaborative project of urban magnetically levitated trains in Zagreb. As the authorial University task group the professors and Božo Šimunović have worked up the scientific article "*Levitated Zagreb Express*" which was exhibited and published in the Collection of scientific works of the congress "Traffic Problems of the City of Zagreb", Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Zagreb, June 12-13, 2006, pgs.: 59 - 73.

In 2007 and 2008 Božo Šimunović starts to work in Zagreb as the prentice engineer, architect and project manager at the architectural offices of the famous Croatian architects Marko Murtić and Otto Barić as well. Since 2009 he works as a freelance architect on development of the initiated international projects.

Božo Šimunović was also living in the cosmopolitan city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on Queen Street East – Riverside, in 2013 and 2014. And, until February of 2016, before he moved to Los Angeles, California, he was living in the Austria as well. In 2018 he was living in the Ireland. Now he lives occasionally in Dubrovnik, Croatia, EU. Božo Šimunović has traveled a lot through many years across the world to see and to study many cities, countries and cultures of humankind.

His field of interest is in special iconic architecture for a particular investors. In that spirit in the years of 2015 and 2017 he has initiated a unique UN project to the Secretariat of United Nations in New York city to be established as the *Central UN Diplomatic-Economic Institute (UN Think Tank)* at the East River, in the embodiment of "*The Bowl*" architecture / building and branded as "*The Pearl of the United Nations*".

In August of 2019 Božo Šimunović has initiated again, like many times in the past ten years, at the European Commission, this time to the honorable Lady President-elect Ursula von der Leyen, the internationally strategic project /programme of **Europe M-Express** high-tech and high-speed trains for the united Europe. He is at the moment working on this EU project as the interim coordinator and principal architect.