City of Ljubljana

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Population: 286,307
Surface: 275 km²
The *European Green Capital* award is a European Commission initiative under which each year a group of environmental experts and a jury name one city as the European Green Capital.
1. climate change,
2. local transport,
3. green urban areas incorporating sustainable land use,
4. nature and biodiversity,
5. quality of the local ambient air,
6. quality of the acoustic environment,
7. waste production and management,
8. water consumption,
9. waste water management,
10. environmental innovation and sustainable employment,
11. energy efficiency,
12. environmental management by local authorities.
We succeeded at making the most changes in the right direction in the shortest period of time.

- In **nine years** more than 1600 projects
- Sustainable mobility
- Local transport
- City centre pedestrianization
- Large share of green surfaces
- Preserve the city’s green identity
- First in waste sorting in Europe
- Awareness raising, sharing experiences
- A role model to inspire other cities

**Ljubljana is the European Green Capital because...**
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Vision Ljubljana 2025 (2007)

• **Ideal City**
  Nature its history

• **Metropolis**
  Quality of life, safety and tolerance

• **Environmentally friendly city**
  City interconnected with the landscape

PROVIDING BEST SERVICE
IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIVING
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STRATEGIES

- Urban Master Plan (2030)
- Environmental Protection Programme (2020)
- Strategy for Rural Development (2020)
- Zero Waste Plan (2035)
- Sustainable Energy Action Plan (2020)
- Sustainable Mobility Plan (2020)
- Electromobility Strategy (2020)
Participation is not limited to experts or certain stakeholder groups. It is wide and open to all.
PRESERVING AND PROTECTING nature, biodiversity and green urban areas

- Green areas = $\frac{3}{4}$ of the city’s surface
- 542 m² public green area per inhabitant
- 4 Nature Parks (13.8 % city’s surface)
- Forests = 46% of the entire area of Ljubljana
- 1000 ha of special-purpose forest
- 20 % of Ljubljana’s area has a nature protection status
- Natura 2000 areas: 16.5 % of the city’s surface
- Citizens access green public areas within 300 m of their home
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CONCEPT OF GREEN WEDGES

- Ljubljana has the shape of a star
- Rural and urban areas are connected
- Green areas are evenly distributed across the entire city
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Ecological Zone

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Ecological Zone
Main traffic artery Slovenska Street

The black carbon concentrations decreased by 58%
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Refurbishment of public space connects Ecological zone with:

- the Landscape Park Tivoli, Rožnik, Šišenski hrib
- Tivoli over the green castle hill with the eastern Prealps or Posavsko hills
- the Ljubljana Marsh Landscape Park
- the Path of Remembrance and Comradeship
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Arranging degraded areas
More than 80 acres of new parks

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Rural and urban areas are connected

Dobrodošli v sadni deželi!

SADNA ČESTA
MED JAVOROM IN JANCAMI

2014-2020
Implementing Strategy for Rural Development

2007-2013
LEADER
PPP for rural development

2003
Rural Development Programme
for 5 municipalities in Ljubljana region

2002-2006
The Town-Country Symbiosis

1991-2002
“Integrated Rural Development and Village Renewal” (CRPOV)
Fruit Way
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**Green projects**

- Kindergartens and schools
- Eco innovations (vertical gardens)
- Allotment gardens
- Community gardens and public orchard
- Bee way
Protected water sources
- Ljubljana Marsh Landscape Park (Natura 2000 site) of the 16.5% of the city’s surface
- Ljubljansko Field

Tap water
- Untreated natural water
- Outstanding high quality
- Accessible to everyone

Public drinking fountains
Summarised objectives:

- preserve all five green wedges;
- an integrated system of green areas;
- accessibility and even distribution of green areas;
- waterside features as a special element of the system of green areas;
- climate, residential and ecological quality in the urban environment;
- further re-establishing of degraded areas;
- high-quality agriculture and forestry goods for increasing self-sufficiency;
- increase the number of diverse activities in rural areas;
- develop social capital and preserve the identity of rural areas.
THANK YOU AND WELCOME

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