



ANDREAS KIPAR RECEIVES THE GLOBAL AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE IN ISTANBUL

PRESS RELEASE

Istanbul/Milan, April 15th 2026 – Architect, landscape architect and urban planner **Andreas Kipar** was today awarded at the **19th edition of the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture**. The annual awards ceremony was held at **Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University in Istanbul**, a unique setting, a symbol of dialogue and exchange and a significant venue to reflect on the future of architecture and cities.

The CEO and co-founder of the landscape architecture firm LAND is **one of the five global figures** awarded according to this year theme “Architecture Is Transformation”. Alongside Andreas Kipar, this year’s laureates include Amelia Tavella, Ye Man, Doan Thanh Ha, Loreta Castro Reguera, and Jose Pablo Ambrosi.

Andreas Kipar’s achievement celebrates his thirty-years commitment and perfectly embodies a **responsible, innovative and deeply engaged vision of sustainability**.

Born in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, in 1960, he earned a degree in Landscape Architecture from GHS University in Essen in 1984 and a degree in Architecture and Urban Planning from the **Politecnico di Milano** in 1994, where he has been a professor of Public Space Design since 2009. As **internationally renowned architect, landscape architect and urban planner**, he’s known for his ability to shape and transform the urban landscape through design. He is a member of the German and Italian Association of Landscape Architects and founder of **Green City Italia**, an association that promotes environmental awareness at all levels and seeks solutions, resources and projects for a more livable and greener future, of which he serves as chair of the Scientific Committee. As **co-founder and CEO of LAND, with offices in Austria, Canada, Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland**, he adopts a comprehensive and original approach to addressing the complexity of seemingly fragmented landscapes, uniting them into a single coherent vision. Kipar has been commissioned to develop urban and peri-urban green plans in numerous cities, including Milan, Cagliari, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, and Essen, and has also helped draft strategic territorial plans for areas such as the Ruhr Basin, the Karst Plateau, the Langhe, Lake Garda and many more on global scale.

At the end of the award ceremony, Kipar offered the audience a moment of reflection, recounting in a personal tone the path he has taken to date, from his origins in the industrial Ruhr region to the founding of LAND in Milan in 1990. Starting from his initial desire to be “simply a gardener,” he explained how his **experience in a region marked by pollution ignited in him the desire to restore the relationship between humanity and Nature**. His design vision unites **landscape, architecture and urban development**, and his approach to landscape has always been characterized by the model of the tree: the **landscape as a growing, adapting and connecting organism** that generates a network of relationships.

This award highlights a journey that has evolved over the years according to global changes and serves as a shining example of shared energy, thereby reaffirming a **collective mission**: to cultivate not only spaces, but communities, too.

"I am deeply grateful for this acknowledgement and happy to share all this positive energy with my team, the entire LAND community, all of you here today, and with everyone I have worked with. Because nothing I have done, I have done alone. And this is very important to me. Because, in the end, this is not just a job. It is a calling. A mission. A mission to cultivate - not just landscapes, but communities. And perhaps, if there's one simple thing I'd like to leave you with, it would be this: try planting a tree, wherever you are. That small action can become the beginning of something much greater. You'll see."
– said **Andreas Kipar**.

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