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##### AKALYPTOS SKG\_ The Hybrid Hortus Conclusus #####

**#ThisIsACo-op** is hosting discussions, encounters and events in an amphitheatrical structure that serves as a receptacle of dialogue and a symbol of participation and community. The Greek Pavilion is a natural meeting place for architects, Associations, social movements and socially-minded individuals from Greece and the international community seeking solutions to the common fronts engendered by the crisis. **#ThisIsACo-op** aspires to make an impact through a series of discussions, meetings, workshops and proposals, inviting the international architectural community and the public to be actively involved and collaborate.

In times of crisis, the architect is required to reset 'people' in the heart of the architectural discourse and focus on their living conditions, by improving the quality of the built environment. In this context, Akalyptos SKG, member of #ThisIsACo-op, devises a mechanism to activate the Greek city and its inhabitants. Revealing an unknown side of the city and its potential, it responds to the critical social and environmental issues on the: a) reclamation of human contact and the recovery of the citizens' relationship with the city, as well as the b) increase and upgrading of green public spaces, **by organizing two complementary events: a workshop of experimental design and construction in Thessaloniki and a symposium at the Greek Pavilion, in Venice.**

**Tuesday 20 - Saturday 24 September**

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki & selected urban block of the city**

**Workshop of experimental design and construction**

In the framework of the 'AKALYPTOS SKG' research, its founding members 40.22.Architects and specifically dr. Anastasia Papadopoulou, dr. Venetia Tsakalidou, Eleftheria Disli and Pantelis Petridis are organizing a workshop of experimental design and construction titled: '**Akalyptos \_ a hybrid hortus conclusus**'. The workshop seeks to define a focal point in the hybrid Hortus Conclusus. It investigates the installation of an interactive platform for meeting, exchange, discussion, gaming and play, in an extended open-air seating enclosure. This prototype aims to create a social condition through a spatial condition. It reproduces a fragment of the 'unknown city'; it re-interprets the spatial qualities and particularities of the 'akalyptos', with emphasis on its vertical enclosing boundary, while activating its hidden potential as a generator of social bonding. It will be a product of collective collaboration, with the participation of students of architecture, under the auspices of the City of Thessaloniki, with the support of the School of Architecture, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, sponsored by Masterwood.

The workshop will take place at the School of Architecture, AUTH and will be completed with the

installation of the construction at the selected urban block of the city, with the welcome of its inhabitants. **The whole procedure will be recorded and presented at the homonymous symposium at the Greek Pavilion in Venice.**

**Saturday 1 October**  
**Greek Pavilion, Giardini, Venice | 12.00 pm**  
**Symposium**

Presentation of the research of AKALYPTOS SKG team and its activity since 2014.

**Moderators / speakers of the event, architects:** dr. Anastasia Papadopoulou, dr. Venetia Tsakalidou, Eleftheria Disli and Pantelis Petridis.

**Invited speakers:** Lina Liakou [Deputy Mayor, in Urban Resilience and Development Planning, Municipality of Thessaloniki], professor dr. Nikolaos Kalogirou [Head of School, School of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki], assistant professor Alkmini Paka [Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki] and assistant professor dr. Apostolos Kyriazis [College of Engineering, Abu Dhabi University].

The aforementioned speakers will discuss issues, such as urban resilience, citizen participation, transformations and evolution of Thessaloniki's urban spaces, particular characteristics of urban blocks and unbuilt spaces, as well as their regeneration opportunities. The speeches will be followed by the analytical description of 'The Hybrid Hortus Conclusus' workshop, with emphasis on the presentation of the implemented workshop installation and its symbolic character, as a lead for further discussion and exchange of ideas, with the participation of the speakers and the audience.

**Further information on the research AKALYPTOS SKG:** <http://www.4022architects.gr/akalyptos-skg>

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**Location** | Giardini, Venice, Italy

**Commissioner** | Ministry of Environment and Energy, General Secretary of Spatial Planning and Urban Environment, Eirini Klampatsea

**Curator** | Association of Greek Architects, SADAS-PEA

**Info**

The Association of Greek Architects was established in 1922 in Athens. The Association's mission is to promote, disseminate and preserve architecture in Greece, as well as to safeguard the interests of its members. The Association's agenda includes promoting the industry's distinctive professional identity, protecting architects' professional rights and developing a nationwide organisation.

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