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MARKET HALL OF LOCAL PRODUCE: SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH MARKET ARCHITECTURE

First Edition

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Introduction

Local markets have long been the backbone of regional food systems—connecting farmers, artisans, and communities while supporting sustainable livelihoods. In an era of industrialized supply chains and food insecurity, the market hall must evolve beyond a transactional space to become a civic anchor that celebrates local produce, seasonal eating, and community engagement.

The Market Hall of Local Produce competition invites architects and designers to reimagine a contemporary market hall that supports local food economies, encourages social interaction, and responds to climate, culture, and context through thoughtful architectural design.

Objective

Participants are challenged to design a market hall that prioritizes local producers, enhances user experience, and strengthens the relationship between food, people, and place. The proposal should demonstrate how architecture can foster transparency, sustainability, and inclusivity within local food systems.

The Building Program

The proposed market hall may include (but is not limited to):

- Fresh produce stalls (fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, meat)
- Farmer and artisan vendor spaces
- Temporary and flexible market kiosks
- Food processing and storage areas (cold storage, dry storage)
- Community kitchen / demonstration cooking space
- Dining and tasting areas (indoor and outdoor)
- Waste management and composting zones
- Administrative and management office
- Public amenities (toilets, seating, drinking water)
- Loading, service, and vendor access zones
- Shaded courtyards, plazas, or semi-open community spaces

Participants may interpret the scale and mix of spaces creatively.

Site

- Site to be selected by participants
- The site may be urban, peri-urban, or rural, and should logically support local food production and distribution.
- Participants must justify their site choice based on context, accessibility, climate, and community relevance.
- No fixed site area is prescribed; however, designs should remain realistic and context-sensitive.

Timeline

Launch Date: 1st January 2026

Registration deadline: 14th July 2026

Submission deadline: 24th July 2026

Result Announcement: 30th September 2026

Submission Requirements

Participants must submit:

- Design Panels – minimum 2 panels and maximum 6 panels (panel size: A2, Landscape, format jpeg./jpg.)
- A brief **concept description** (format docs. File)

Drawings may include:

- Concept diagrams
- Plans, sections, elevations
- 3D views / visualizations
- Exploded diagrams or process sketches

Important:

- No participant names, university names, or identifying marks are allowed on the submission sheets
- Design title and slogans are permitted
- Submissions must follow anonymity rules strictly

Jury

The jury panel will consist of experienced architects, designers, educators, and industry professionals from diverse backgrounds. Entries will be evaluated based on:

- Concept & Vision
- Response to Local Food Systems
- Spatial Quality & User Experience
- Context & Sustainability
- Design Communication

The jury's decision will be final and binding.

Eligibility

- Open to all.
- Individual and team entries are allowed
- Team size: minimum 1 – maximum 4 members
- No restrictions on age, nationality, or academic background

Contact Details

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