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DIGITAL NOMAD VILLAGE: FROM TEMPORARY STAY TO MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY

First Edition

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Introduction

The rise of remote work has transformed how people live, travel, and connect. Digital nomads—professionals who work remotely while moving between locations—often occupy spaces designed for short-term tourism rather than long-term belonging. This results in isolated living, fragmented communities, and limited integration with local culture.

The **Digital Nomad Village** competition invites architects, urban designers, and planners to rethink how temporary living environments can evolve into vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable communities. Participants are challenged to design a village that supports work, living, social interaction, and cultural exchange—bridging the gap between transient stay and meaningful community life.

Objective

The primary objective of this competition is to explore architectural and spatial strategies that transform temporary digital nomad settlements into socially connected, economically viable, and environmentally responsible communities.

Design proposals should:

- Foster interaction and collaboration among residents
- Balance privacy with shared living and working environments
- Integrate local culture, ecology, and economy
- Address long-term adaptability and sustainability
- Redefine community beyond short-term occupancy

The Building Program

Participants are free to interpret and innovate, but the proposal should include the following core components:

- Residential Units
 - Short-term and mid-term accommodation
 - Flexible housing typologies (shared, private, modular)
- Workspaces
 - Co-working areas
 - Meeting rooms and quiet work zones
 - Outdoor working spaces
- Community & Social Spaces
 - Common kitchens and dining areas
 - Community halls, lounges, and event spaces
 - Informal gathering areas
- Wellness & Recreation
 - Fitness or yoga spaces
 - Outdoor recreation areas
 - Nature-based wellness zones
- Support & Services
 - Cafés or small retail spaces
 - Laundry and essential services
 - Administration and information center
- Public Interface
 - Spaces encouraging interaction with local residents
 - Cultural exchange or learning spaces

Site

- The site is open and must be selected by participants.
- It may be located in any geographical context (coastal, rural, urban edge, island, mountain, etc.).
- The chosen site should meaningfully support the concept of remote work, lifestyle mobility, and community building
- Participants must clearly justify their site selection in relation to climate, culture, connectivity, and local context.

Timeline

Launch Date: 1st January 2026

Registration deadline: 18th January 2027

Submission deadline: 28th January 2027

Result Announcement: 3rd April 2027

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:

- Community & Social Integration
- Conceptual Clarity & Innovation
- Contextual & Site Responsiveness
- Functionality & Spatial Organization
- Sustainability & Long-Term Adaptability

The jury's decision will be final and binding.

Eligibility

- Open to all.
- Individual and team entries are allowed
- Team size: [minimum 01 – maximum 4] members
- No restrictions on age, nationality, or academic background

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