

## *Infrastructure and Connections*

*Infrastructure manifests itself in space in the largest dimensions. It is most interesting that the functional aspect of these objects provokes satisfaction to most of their users, when they are using them, and security when they are aware that they will be able to use them whenever they like, if these objects are standing or will be standing soon. It is even more interesting that the same group feels anxiety and dissatisfaction, when they ponder on the cultural, identification and long-term consequences of their existence, as well as on changes in the countryside and image of known places. As if then everybody (instead of only us) will transport whatever across Slovenia ...*

*Therefore, what have we got and what will we need? The highway system is almost built, recently architectural-construction plans for the most demanding object on it were shown – the viaduct near Črni Kal; the railway has been in Slovenia for a long time, minus one of the most impressive objects of all times in Slovenia – the Borovnica viaduct; air traffic is operating unhindered; particular power lines and energy supply objects are being reconstructed; natural gas pipelines have almost reached all the major towns in Slovenia; the tele-communication system shares space with moles and birds; mountain paths and stations already form a fairly branched network all over the mountains, while bicycle routes will do the same in the valleys; the settlement system however is evading the established hierarchy. The latter means, that the position of local communities and future regions is changing and consequently their functioning and image. They will have to be reconnected, adequately to the present and future times.*

*In short, in this issue of the magazine, the emphasis is on reasons for establishing infrastructure systems and not on their technical, planning dimensions, except for their physical manifestations. Concerning particular functional elements of local (communal) infrastructure only two have been shown, namely public transportation, an element of development and rational use of urban space, and sports infrastructure.*

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