



The Resilient Design Competition, jointly organized by the NGO Building 4Humanity (based in Coimbra, Portugal) and by the [8th International Conference on Building Resilience \(ICBR\)](#) (to be held in Lisbon between 14 and 16 November), will feature a very special award: the **Marielle Franco Community-Design Award**.

This honorary award pays a tribute to the memory of Marielle Franco, sociologist, social activist and former *favela* (slum) resident (as always proudly recalled by herself), cruelly murdered in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in March 2018. As an elected city councillor of the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, Marielle had been working closely with professional entities and municipal bodies towards the legitimation of architecture as a public service, to be provided free of charge to disadvantaged families through the local government (as medical or legal services presently are). The need to celebrate the co-work of residents of *favelas* and specialists – namely architects, social scientists and development practitioners – frames the proposal of a new distinction (to be in the future attributed on a regular basis), which intends to memorialise a suddenly silenced human-rights champion who has gained the admiration of the international community.

The **Marielle Award** is meant to recognize and foster the **day-to-day activities of architects immersed in interdisciplinary teams working within slums or other deprived and high-vulnerability areas**, such as communities threatened or affected by disasters, extreme poverty, armed conflicts, forced displacements, eviction or urban violence. Following Marielle’s legacy of defending the minorities, this prize stands for a full commitment towards engaging with and empowering vulnerable residents of deprived communities, which shall be demonstrated by the award candidates through the narrative of a structured, continuous and consistent shared process, having as output, for instance, the improvement of housing, urban-service infrastructures, educational or cultural collective equipment, or public spaces. The prize, with an initial value of 10,000 euros, intends to be an incentive for the continuity of successful interventions in deprived contexts, their scaling up or their replication elsewhere.

The recipient of the **Marielle Award** can be either **an architecture practitioner, a group of professionals or an organization** with a long-standing experience and substantial achievements in co-working with families and neighbourhood associations. The objective is to recognize not only the **result** of physical interventions but also the participatory **process** behind projects and works that have effectively contributed to the **betterment of the living conditions** of the concerned communities, the **reduction of disaster risks** and the **strengthening of local resilience**.

Applications to the **Marielle Award** can be self-nominated or nominated by third parties (such as other involved stakeholders, public or private implementing entities etc.) and should include a presentation of the candidate and a substantive justification of his/her/their nomination. All materials should be presented in English, the official language of the award.

The winner of the first edition of the **Marielle Award** will be announced during the 8th ICBR. For additional information and the submission of applications, please visit the [Marielle Award’s website](#) (accessible through the 8th ICBR’s website).

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