

# Madrid Río

## XII Veronica Rudge Green Prize in Urban Design

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Burgos & Garrido | Porras La Casta | Rubio & Á.-Sala | West 8

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We are delighted to announce that the Madrid Río Project, designed by the team lead by Ginés Garrido and composed of the architecture offices Burgos & Garrido, Porras La Casta, Rubio & Álvarez-Sala and West 8, has received the XII Veronica Rudge Green Prize in Urban Design, awarded by the Harvard Graduate School of Design [Harvard GSD].

The award, probably the most important one in the world, is granted to urban design projects and honours projects built in the last ten years which stand out for their excellent design and ability to transform cities through carefully planned interventions comprising responsible social strategies that improve public space and the citizens' quality of life. Eduardo Souto de Moura for the metro in Oporto, Weiss/Manfredi for the Olympic Sculpture Park in Seattle, Foster and Partners for the Carré d' Art in Nimes, Fumihiko Maki for the Hillside Terrace Complex in Tokio, Alvaro Siza for the Malagueira neighbourhood in Evora o Ralph Erskine for the Byker Development in Newcastle are some of the winners of previous editions of the prize.

The prize is awarded biennially since 1986 as a celebration of Harvard University 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

The award ceremony will be held at the GSD on February 2, 2016 and the exhibition on the project will be on view at the GSD's Gund Hall gallery from January 18, 2016 and will remain open to the public for three months.

Madrid Río, finished in 2015, is a project we have worked on since 2005 and which took place as a consequence of the burying of 40km of urban motorways that belonged to Madrid's first high-intensity traffic ring, built on the edges of the Manzanares River and which had erased the bonds between the city and its river.

Madrid Río connects the heart of the city to the exterior landscapes that surround it and thus, the Manzanares River is transformed into a connection point between the city and its geography.

Madrid Río occupies 150 hectares of green areas and 7 hectares of public facilities, such as sport areas, art centers, urban beaches, playgrounds, kiosks and cafes.

More information available at:

[www.gsd.harvard.edu/#/news/madrid-r-o-wins-2015-veronica-rudge-green-prize-in-urban-design.html](http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/#/news/madrid-r-o-wins-2015-veronica-rudge-green-prize-in-urban-design.html)

