
EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

The process of editing a journal is an amalgam of rational, experienced, emotional, fearless, wishful and intuitive endeavours. Needless to say, sometimes it is accompanied with 'speed bumps' on the road.

"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better."

- Samuel Beckett, from his short prose *Worstward Ho!*

This issue of *Spatium* (No. 54) would not be in front of you, dear readers, without the support of our Guest Editor for this issue, Dr. Sanja Simonović Alfirević. She took complete care of the second and third articles presented in the Contents. She also provided many useful insights from her professional and personal experience, which, I believe, brought additional kindness and comprehension to our editorial team – so I thank her for that as well!

There were a number of aspirants who wished to publish their articles in this issue of *Spatium*. Yet, in the end, we managed to present only 6 articles based on the highest scientific rigour. Our authors come from Algeria, Iran, Turkey, and Serbia, whose original research is based on a variety of themes and topics related to spatial planning, tourism, urban systems, the urban fabric, housing, and indicators by which the digital and physical realms merge.

We hope that the scientometric evaluators of our journal will acknowledge our efforts this year to enhance the quality of *Spatium*. All being well, the results of their work will help us to maintain, if not to improve, the present journal ranking and categorisation of *Spatium*.

A brief presentation of the journal's statistics according to the OJS statistics for *Spatium* is: 86 articles were submitted to the journal in 2025. Out of those articles, 68 received a desk rejection (79%) and 5 received a rejection after review (5.8%). The acceptance rate is 15%. During 2025, the average time spent on the evaluation process from the initial submission until the paper's acceptance for publishing was **5.9** months.

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