

**HANDLE
WITH CARE**



**6TH BIENNALE SVIZZERA DEL TERRITORIO
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CALL FOR PECHA KUCHA

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The 6TH biennale svizzera del territorio, organised by Istituto Internazionale di Architettura in Lugano, is launching a Call for Pecha Kucha on the theme “handle with care”. The call is open to students and professionals of all ages and from all over the world.

HANDLE WITH CARE

Building, demolishing, building again... that is easy. But caring for things, making them last, keeping them alive, repairing them. That is a difficult task. You have to observe, listen, pay attention. Study, understand. Recognise what exists, even if it's fragile, even if it's not perfect. You need allies. It's a task for those who know from experience the consequences of destruction, who know the price of maintenance, who know a thing of beauty is a joy forever. If you can handle it, caring is power.

FORMAT

Contributions can consist of research, photographs, collages, texts, videos, as well as realised or theoretical projects, as long as they are strictly related to the theme of the call. The selected contributions will be presented during the 6th biennale svizzera del territorio within a dedicated session, featuring the work of the selected participants. Each participant may present only one contribution per session, following the Pecha Kucha format. As required by the Pecha Kucha format (www.pechakucha.org), each presentation must have a maximum duration of 6 minutes and 40 seconds and be accompanied by 20 slides, each displayed for 20 seconds.

SUBMISSIONS
WITHIN JUNE 28TH 2026

Questions? Please contact:
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Please fill out and submit the registration form available at biennale.i2a.ch/form, by attaching a CV and a brief project description. All materials must be written in English and submitted on A4 page. To facilitate the selection process, the proposal must be structured as follows:

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CV of the contributor

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Project title and description (maximum 300 words)

AWARD

The winners of the call will be announced by August 2026. The selected Pecha Kucha presentations will be included in the programme of the 6th biennale svizzera del territorio. Selected contributors will be entitled to free accommodation and full access to all three days of the biennale.

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