

Green Roofs in the Historic Old Town



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One of the most common difficulties we face in historic old towns is how to integrate new architecture with the old, especially when the Old Town is a UNESCO world heritage site. Vilnius has a long, rich history with many building types. All too often we see the old and new clash in not so harmonious ways, but the green roof offers an opportunity to essentially blend new construction into the urban landscape, making a less visible impact on the city center.

We already see examples of this in the underground parking along Gediminas Prospect and other subterranean parking garages in the Old Town. However, the green roof offers many other opportunities, such as disguising new functions between buildings or providing a pleasant cover to a flat-roofed building that allows it to be a usable roof deck. Such an example being the new Swedbank building on the north side of the Neris River.



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We would like to invite you to a presentation on the Green Roof by Ivan Christ, regional sales manager for ZinCo, a German-based company that is one of the world leaders in green roof technology. It is a great opportunity to better understand this roofing system and see how it can be adapted to the historic city center.

The presentation would be followed by a discussion on the viability of green roofs in the Vilnius Old Town, noting successful examples in Europe and abroad and citing current proposals in Vilnius and Trakai. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated.

This event will be held **March 12 at 1 pm**, and is sponsored by the **Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency** and **Žali Stogai**.