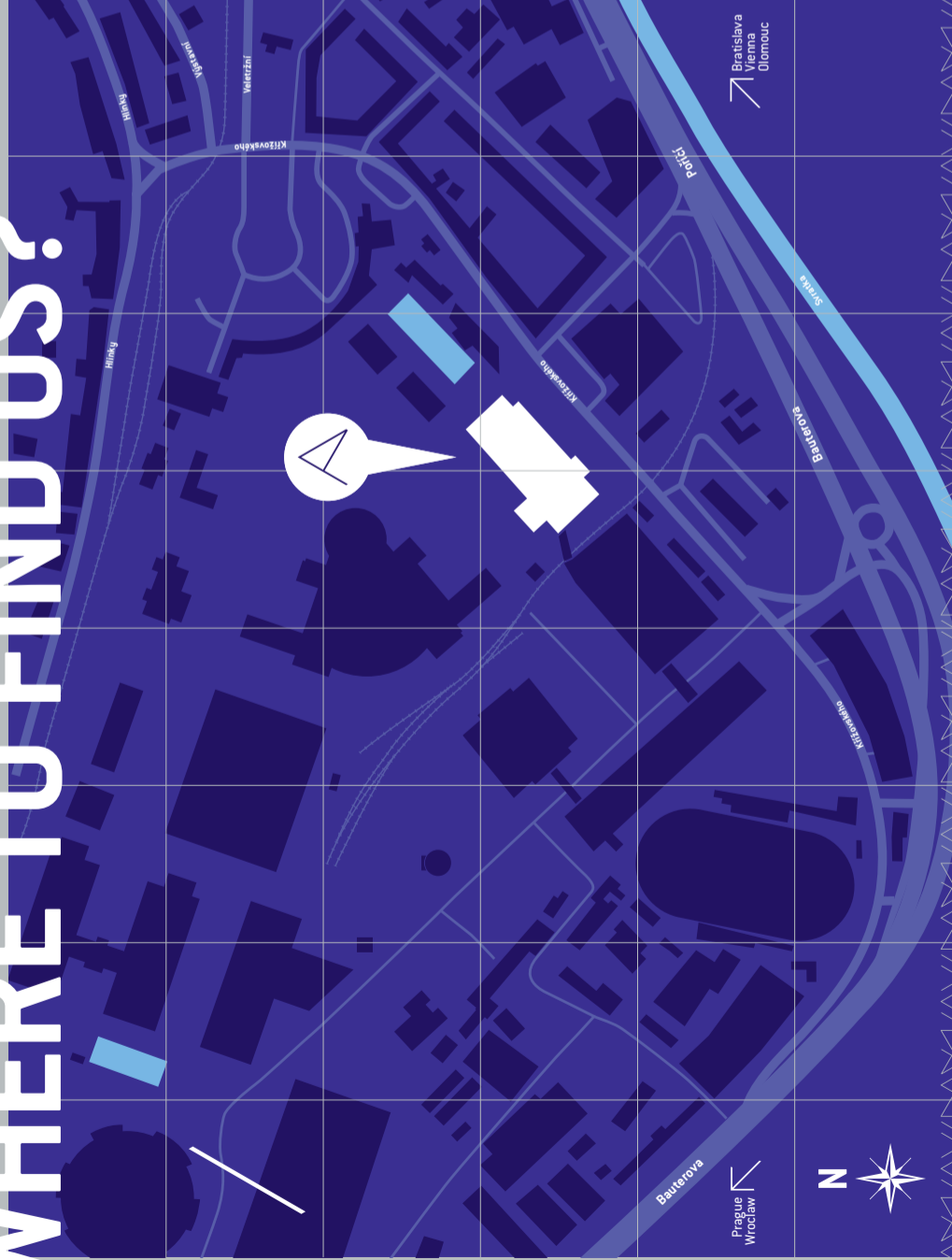


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WELCOME IN VIDA

Science centers or science centres are science museums that emphasize a hands-on approach, featuring interactive exhibits that encourage visitors to experiment and explore. The first science center was Urania founded in Berlin in 1888.

The Academy of Science of Saint Louis (founded in 1859) created the Saint Louis Museum of Science and Natural History in 1959 (Saint Louis Science Center), but generally science centers are a product of the 1960s and later.

In the United Kingdom, many of them were founded as Millennium projects, with funding from the National Lottery Fund.

In 1969, Oppenheimer's Exploratorium opened in San Francisco, California, and the Ontario Science Centre opened near Toronto, Canada.

By the early 1970s, COSI Columbus, then known as the Center of Science and Industry in Columbus, Ohio, had run its first "camp-in". It did not take long for these new-style museums to band together for mutual support.

The Association of Science-technology Centers (ASTC) was formally established in 1973. The corresponding European organization is ECSTE.

In 1971, 16 museum directors gathered to discuss the possibility of starting a new association — one more specifically tailored to their needs than the existing American Association of Museums (now the American Alliance of Museums).