ZATRA GREEN BOULEVARD

Context

The UDP has identified the informal settlements in Pejë/Pec (Zatra, Kristali, 7 Shtatori, and Asllan Çeshme) and has established the approach to address them; it also instructs that the informal settlement of Zatra should be given a priority treatment. The plan for this settlement began to be developed taking into account the size of the settlement, the geographic position and the fact that there are present legal and property related problems. The Urban Regulatory Plan on Zatra Informal Settlement was approved from Pejë Municipal Assembly on 30.12.2010

In the ZATRA URP Action Plan it was foreseen to construct 4 roads. However, due to the insufficient Municipal budget to cover this action plan, there was no implementation activity going on during 2011.

Zatra neighborhood is located South West of the city, whereas the proposed Green Boulevard is located to the South of the main road of ‘Brigadat Kosovare’. The area is mostly covered with informal housing and lacking of all public facilities. The slopes become more inclined in this area and there is a risk of erosion. The main access to Zatra is through the northern part centre of the town. Most of the roads in the area have been constructed without any planning, based on agreements and good will of neighbors. Roads were constructed as a response to demands of that time and as result of cooperation between inhabitants. Many of the roads are dead ends and are not wide enough, in fact, they are narrow and in some cases quite steep. Their regulation started only after the war, mainly with pavement cubic stones and with regulation of underground infrastructure. Parking and other additional spaces are small, not to say that they do not exist at all.

The first phase of the project was developed in cooperation with MOBKOS, including one student design workshop with Ghent University. The implementation phase is expected to start in April 2013.

Aims

The project is inter-related to a complex system of mobility to be implemented in the municipality of Pejë and in Zatra Informal Settlement in particular. The boulevard should keep the originality and privacy of Zatra settlement, by avoiding earlier by pass road connection proposed from the Municipality to connect other parts of the city and the region within the Brigadat Kosovare main and complexed road which is in conjunction with the water channel.

The project is linked to the overall objective of improving the image and living conditions in Zatra’s neighborhood and may be divided into several sub-objectives:
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> improvement of public utility services (water supply, sewerage, waste management, energy supply, telecommunications network)
> improvement of public infrastructure (roads, lighting, furnishings and roads)
> increasing the service level (access to public transport, shops, sports services, educational services, kindergartens…) 
> preservation of open space for public services (park, playground, parking space)
> improving the image of neighbourhood (establishing rules for future constructions, increasing green areas, improving public areas)
> regulation of future development (establishing the basic quality level, reducing problems for the people)
> improving the security level (constructing a fence around the water channel, providing security for pedestrians)

Special considerations

> Procurement procedures and choosing of contractor
> Change of the management might postpone the activities
> Land issue problems might impact on delay of the process
Risks which should be considered during the process: financial implication in the Municipality and lack of willingness and commitment of municipal staff.

Project details and quality of works need to be taken into consideration during the implementation to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

**Context**

From the findings of the Area Audit three (3) projects were identified. The first project was Farkatareve road, which is already implemented during the MuSPP2, the second project is a former parking place – Lidiha e Prizrenit Square and the third is Marin Barleti road. Due to its impact in the historic centre and the city as a whole, the second project was selected - Lidiha e Prizrenit Square.

The League of Prizren Square is situated within the Historic Zone of Prizren, and it connects the Shadervan Square with the League of Prizren complex, as well as through a new bridge linking the residential area in the north-eastern part of the Historic Zone with the Mill and the recreation zone. The bend in the river bank facilitates the creation of a natural flow of movement, in a simultaneously dynamic and peaceful environment.

The longitudinal area is naturally oriented toward the historic part of the town, while at the same time representing the end of the promenade route, which starts at Shadervan and goes toward the Castle, and the old historic part of the Albanian League of Prizren complex.

The Square location has mature trees, which create natural shade for visitors. This greenery will be protected in its entirety, with the exception of two trees, which it is proposed will be moved in accordance with the concept of multi-functionality. The Square will be enriched with more trees of the same type, and additional green spaces.

Until recently, this site has been used as a car park, though it is currently used occasionally for activities such as: book fairs, old car fairs, charitable activities, the Iftar supper during the Month of Ramadan, and other cultural events. The surrounding buildings on the ground floor are mostly used for hotelry activities (cafes, cake shops, fast food), whereas in the longitudinal/eastern part there is a concentration of stores for billiards, betting and gambling etc.

**Aims**

The aim of project is to deliver a tangible exemplar project, through a series of interventions to create pleasant conditions for pedestrian flow within a heritage precinct using a range of participatory planning technique, innovative design standards and project management techniques.

The project area will be integrated into Shadervan and will allow citizens to better enjoy the public space and riverside. This will be achieved by making it easier to walk by reducing the barriers, complement the area’s landscape character to reinforce the areas contribution to the image and identity of the city, provide an attractive and appropriate transition to the heritage and tourism core of town by Improving lighting to enhance safety etc.

The urban and architectural concept of the League of Prizren Square has been constructed on the basis of the existing quality of the location: the existing greenery, the views, and the existing form of the location, and does not infringe on these spatial qualities, but emphasizes and supplements them.

Bearing in mind that at the moment, the town has no space which is a multi-functional square, fulfilling the many cultural and social needs of the town (such as holding the Docufest festival, open concerts, fairs, etc), the project has been constructed with the objective of creating:

- a multi-functional space or arena;
- a promenade;
- a space for rest and recreation;
- Greenery, the millrace and other spaces for water fountains, which are planned, demonstrate an emphasis on Prizren’s natural heritage.

The Square in its entirety is treated on one level, so that there are no physical barriers for persons with special needs.
GREEN CORRIDOR

Context

The Municipal and Urban Development Plans in Ferizaj/Urosevac were adopted in 2009. The LEAP was approved in 2010. DRAM document which addresses the Disaster Risk issues as component to MUDP was approved in August 2011 by the Municipal Assembly. All these existing planning documents have considered the need for environmental concerns in the improvement of green spaces. In the urban area of the municipality there is a lack of connectivity and green open spaces. The LEAP has foreseen particularly the improvement of green areas open space around the gymnasium and sports centre in the north side of urban area of Ferizaj/Urosevac.

Aims

The main aim is to improve the urban landscape through liking the urban design (build up areas) with environmental consideration in relation to public spaces, streams and sports recreation school yards etc.

Provide on-the-job training and assistance to the municipal administration in the fields of project development and management.

Special care needs to be considered in the selection of the company for project implementation.

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The second phase of the Project proposes the Site Inventory & Analysis study of Moronica Park, developing a scientific basis for biodiversity conservation, providing information on the environment of the natural park, management guidelines, measures for protection of the environment, proposed educational activities.

### Context
Mornica is located in the western part of Junik, in a hilly location, extending along the river Ereniku, offering a natural physical separation from the city. The area of Moronica is of great importance to the residents of Junik: it is considered the town park and dates from the 1960’s when pine trees were planted by youth voluntary action. This forestation activity was undertaken at a time when the area was an unused bare land and wasteland. During this period there were occasional landslides, due to the composition of the land. Therefore, forestation was seen at the time, as a measure of protection of the environment from the risk of landslide. Today these reasons become strengthened even more when this area is identified by the MDP to cover other gaps in Junik, namely the creation of areas for walking and recreation of the citizens.

On 28.08.2008, the Municipal Assembly of Junik issued the decision no. 01/08, "On the declaration of Moronica complex - particular area of the Municipality of Junik". Under the MDP it is foreseen:

- To prepare URP for the location Moronica and Ereniku Valley which should also include regulation of pathways, signaling and lighting, placement of benches, consider the possibility of setting up a zoo, development of touristic product of that location, etc.
- Moronica presents good potential for open spaces for rest and recreation which is large lack in Junik.
- Rich flora and fauna of this area offers the opportunity to build a botanical centre and zoo.
- Through Ereniku river provided a good opportunity to establish a center for sport and recreation and particular the development of water sports. According to the UDP the plan also must provide the development of water sports and recreational activities.

### Aims
According to the UDP and MDP for this area is assumed to be: "The future of the city park, which will be a bridge between the ethnographic park and national park Accursed Mountain (Bjeshkët e Nemuna)">

- To create a public space for the citizens
- To create regulated paths for walking, cycling, jogging, etc within Moronica
- To determine the main areas for rest and barbecue with seats and other elements
- To give support for research and scientist work with good working environment
- Maintaining the park

### OBJECTIVES
The design of the Park area should be promoted considering principles of sustainable and innovative "eco" design, within a participatory process, consulting all sections of the community.

The main objectives to be pursued through this project are the following:

- The conservation, development and utilization of the natural and cultural heritage of the area
- The Sustainable use of resources (natural or cultural) of the area
- The understanding and enjoyment (sport, recreation, nature) of the special qualities of the area by the public
- Creating a convivial inclusive public space