

Envisioning Technique in PARTICIPATORY PLANNING



Visioning is an activity that brings citizens and stakeholders together to shape a common vision for the future of their community (municipality, city, town or village). The goal of visioning is to derive written and visualized statements of a community's long term goals and strategic objectives for sustainable urban and spatial planning. With this Leaflet we want to promote the concept of Visioning as a crucial element in local inclusive spatial planning processes, applicable to all municipalities in Kosovo.



Why Visioning?

- To inspire, focus the attention and mobilize all residents, communities, stakeholders, politicians and officers in creating the desired future for the (municipal) area.
- To mobilize investors to invest in the desired future developments
- To comply with the Law on Spatial Planning in providing a vision as a core element of the Municipal Development Plan in your municipality
- To build up consensus and local ownership to the Municipal Development and Urban Plan

Mitrovicë/a

Mitrovica Workshop was the first visioning workshop, organised by UN-HABITAT's Municipal Spatial Planning Support Programme. It was held in January 2007.



Joint vision statement:
A tolerant, contemporary, prosperous, clean, green and accessible riverside city that provides economic, educational and cultural opportunities and an environment attractive to all.

Motto:
Treasure of Kosovo
Where crystals and rivers meet tradition and culture



Ferizaj/Urosevac

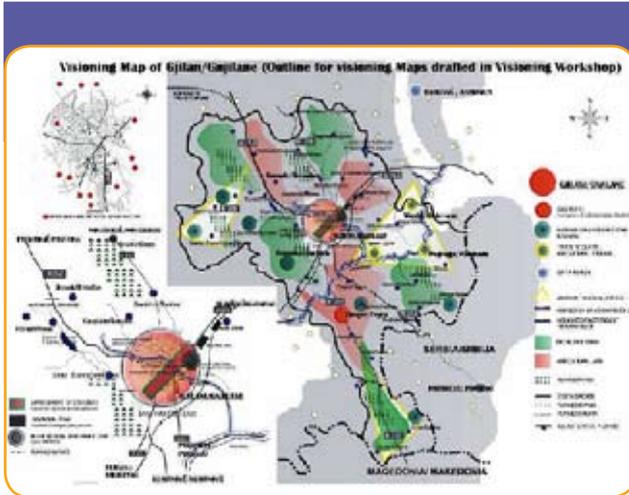
Ferizaj/Urosevac Visioning Workshop of Ferizaj/Urosevac took place in February 2007. It was one of the most intensive visioning workshops. Ideas and commitments derived from this workshop were translated into concrete projects. One of them was Mobility Centre of Ferizaj/Urosevac, a project that gathered 43 proposals from all around the world, from an international competition that was organised on 2008.



Joint vision statement
A An attractive place, with dynamic development, the regional terminal. Open and perspective City. The bridge for economic, trade and cultural communications. Open door to the ridge, where the bifurcation invites for recreation. Integration city between capitals. The place who promotes investment potential of his citizens, when can be lived worthily in an ecological environment.

Gjilan/Gnjilane

Gjilan/Gnjilane's workshop was known for the high commitment of both municipal officers and Civil Society in this municipality. Beautiful and detailed drawings derived from this workshop, were a good input for concrete projects to be implemented in this municipality.



Joint vision statement:

Gjilan using its central position as modern bridge between Prishtina - Ferizaj/Urosevac and Kumanova/ Bujanoc, called the metaphor "Double Triangle". This means a municipality which is oriented to a high quality service, that respects a sustainable environment, improves modern adapted technology based on the dynamic educational process to increase the economical growth with main focus on agriculture. Therefore a balanced urban and rural Partnership will be developed empowering the cultural identity and the overall improvement of the quality of life.

Prizren

Prizren's visioning exercise was mainly based on its rich historic and cultural heritage. This is also reflected in its joint visioning statement. Beautiful logo designed by the civil society, describes the creativity and distinction of this city. It was organised in June 2007



Joint vision statement:

Prizren, centre of natural and cultural heritage, with economy that creates potentials for development of the society and a crossroad in the region where tolerance and rule of law prevails.

Joint logo and motto:



Gjakova/Djakovica

Gjakova/Djakovica's visioning was organised in June 2007. It involved civil society, municipal officers as well as decision makers, which made them commit themselves to realising short term objectives that derived from this exercise.



Joint vision statement :

Gjakova/Djakovica with the rich cultural, historical and natural heritage, city of rivers, main centre of Gjakova/Djakovica highland and economic, agricultural development in the region. Free customs zone and opened for collaboration with all cities in region and Europe, bridge connection with the world via airport. Healthy ecological environment, attractive for foreign and local investors. City with modern infrastructures with touristic offer. Integrated in structures of European development ready to confront with current challenges. University city for training specific professionals.

Pejë/Pec

Peja/Pec's workshop was held in August 2007. It was more specific than other workshops. The visioning was done for one part of the city as regulatory plan. Participants named this zone "EST" and the vision statement for this zone was as follows.



Joint Vision Statement:

Educative, Sport and Tourism zone- "EST" will be developed at the verge of "Damned Mountains" National Park, between "Zatra" and "Dardania" neighborhoods, "Karagaç" Park and Bellopoja neighbourhood, which will be attractive and easily accessed from all other centres of the region. In the year of 2015, "EST" Centre will be a part of tourism offer, developed through private sector consolidation and its promotion in region. "EST" will be a spot where nature and health come together, and it will create the future for the city. "EST" will be Dukagjini brains centre, where youth will gain knowledge in order to confront with market demands.

Junik

Junik Visioning Workshop was organised in September 2007. It was the first workshop organised for the pilot municipality. High committed participants made this municipality a success story where the vision output was -



Joint vision statement:

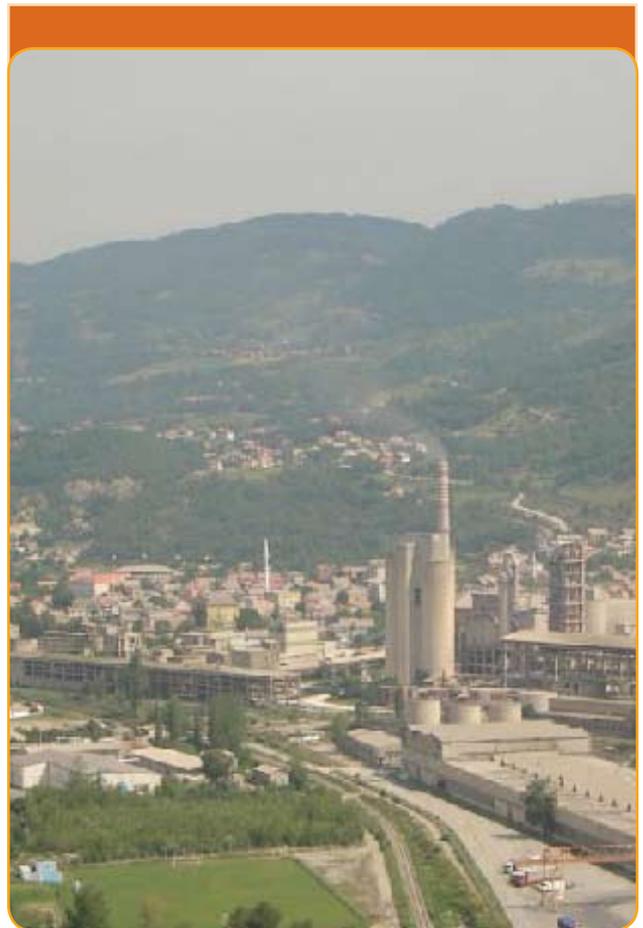
Junik, the cradle of tradition and institution of "oda", "Ethnographic Park" of natural and cultural heritage, preservation of which will generate sustainable development and welfare to its citizens, with a deserved place within the regional touristic offer and European integration.

- the main substance for the municipal planning documents MDP and UDP. Joint Vision Document was adopted after a through discussion between participants from the Informal Council of the Civil Society and municipal representatives. This document gathers all the information and conclusions arrived at during the workshop, which were presented to the public on 13 November 2007 in the Kulla of Rame Zyberi in Junik.

Hani i Elezit/General Jankovic

Hani i Elezit/General Jankovic Visioning Workshop was one of three pilot municipalities workshops.

As a south gate of Kosovo, the Municipality of Hani i Elezit/General Jankovic defined its vision, focused on cross border cooperation and economic development with main focus on industry.



Joint vision statement:

City - the developed gate where the harmony between communities, industry, inter-border circulation and healthy environment prevails and empowered by transit tourism. Housing, education, health, culture and sports for all.

Mamusha

Mamusha visioning workshop was held in June 2008.

Mamusha's representatives in the visioning workshop expressed the vision of their city through the rhyme as follows:



Mamusha's Vision Declaration

Mamusha was a village,
Mamusha is a Municipality!
Mamusha's municipality is full of
agricultural resources,
actual potentials,
economic links,
and a force for creating
other alternative resources.

Mamusha is fortunate!
It has the best agricultural land
in Kosovo!
Its valleys transform the wind into breeze
in the South and North part and with
eyes looking straight through
Sharri and Dukagjini mountains,
hoping that they can see their future!

Mamusha will be developed!
Through creation of economic
alternatives
Through engagement of different sectors
Through getting together the tradition
with the contemporary
With a strong infrastructure
With a wide social spaces
With a clean environment,
For the nice and strong people,
as an asset to Kosovo and Mamusha it
self.
Viva Mamusha's people!
Viva Kosovo!

UN-HABITAT has been actively assisting Kosovo institutions in the field of governance, spatial planning and municipal administration since 1999. At present, it implements the 2nd phase of Municipal Spatial Planning Support Programme (MuSPP2) funded by the Government of Sweden through Sida. MuSPP2, under its 3-year activity schedule, will continue to support municipalities in the consolidation of participatory urban and spatial planning, implementation of capital projects, and will strengthen their capacities for regional and cross-boarder cooperation.

"Making Better Cities Together", as the motto of the Programme, puts an emphasis on the

participatory and inclusive local development planning, to which men and women contribute equally. A long-term vision for the future of a city is a crucial element in planning process and in defining goals of sustainable development aimed to improve the life of citizens. Dreaming is part of the vision, too. Nine envisioning workshops have been held so far for MUSPP partner and pilot municipalities. These brought together different stakeholders including civil society, planners, media, and business community representatives. The vision declarations derived from these workshops are shown in this leaflet.