



Mitrovica Capital Investment Project

Lushta River Green corridor

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ABOUT THE PROJECT



The Municipal Spatial Planning Support Programme in Kosovo (MuSPP), implemented by UN-HABITAT and funded by Sida started in 2006. The Program's intention is to support municipalities in Kosovo with on-the-job assistance and technical advice, regarding the spatial planning and urban design.

The Municipal and Urban Development Plan of Mitrovica were approved in 2009, and they include the plan to develop "green corridors" along the rivers crossing the city: Ibar, Sitnica and Lushta. Areas along rivers represent the main leisure, recreation and meeting spaces in the city. These corridors would have a variety of functions as non-motorized transport paths, leisure facilities, harbors of bio-diversity and regenerators of urban atmosphere.

The project was identified in the consultation with the municipality in the course of the implementation of strategies and actions provided in MDP/UDP. The Municipality of Mitrovica and UN-HABITAT agreed that the Green Corridors were an important concept for the structural improvement of the entire city, for its links with the rural environment and for the neighbourhoods that are in direct vicinity of the corridors. In autumn 2009, the project site was chosen as a co funded Capital Investment Project (CIP).

The overall objective of the project is to make a decisive contribution to the creation of the Lushta river green corridor by improving the environment and functionality of the Lushta river path and its links to the urban road network.

CONCEPT

From MDP/UDP: **"Areas around rivers represent the main areas for rest and recreation for the city. Small parks and sports facilities for leisure will be distributed throughout city. Internal network of roads in the city will be replenished in order to link the disconnected areas of the settlement."**

As main goals for achieving this vision, the MDP/

UDP has determined:



Excerpt from the Mitrovica MDP: "Green corridors"

- Improvement of the existing public space in the city
- Protection of landscape and enhancement of quality/attractiveness along the riverbanks
- Building up a network for slow traffic (pedestrian, cyclists,..)
- Mobility for all (young, elderly, handicapped, pedestrians, cyclists, users of public transport, users of private cars..)

The aim is to live up this vision for Lushta River by providing people with opportunity to move, meet, relax and experience nature by:

- Creating a coherent link with city center for pedestrian/cyclists and quality public space
- Creating free barrier access for people with special needs
- Improve traffic flow on the crossroad
- Create areas for leisure and recreation
- Public involvement in the design process

WORKING PROCESS

The detailed analysis of the situation and the elaboration of the solutions implemented by this project are the fruit of a participatory planning and capacity building process involving municipal and civil society stakeholders (a coordination of CSO including organizations of women, elderly and mobility impaired; Traffic management class of the Technical high school of Mitrovica; the owners and tenants of real estate and shops in the immediate project area and the general public).

A participatory audit and design process component was developed and conducted through several project activities with municipal and civil society stakeholders (Traffic counting on Teutë / Selaci crossroads, several formal site visits and project workshops).

AREA AUDIT and PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

The Audit Workshop that was held in February 2010 has enabled better understanding of the characteristics of the project location and reflected the way it is

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

perceived from numerous perspectives, recorded through questionnaires filled by each participant.

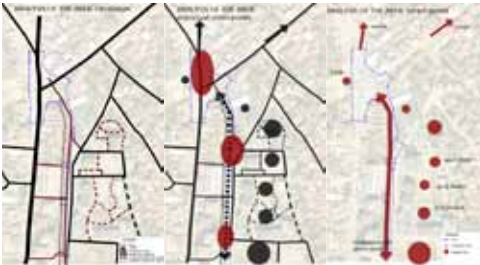


Photos from area Audit

ANALYSIS

Data from the questionnaires were processed and accordingly determined a range of interventions which will clearly address the raised issues in accordance with objectives of good planning.

Analysis of access and movement, town and streetscape open space was done as well.



Analysis of area circulation, target points and important cross points

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

Based on the results of the Area Audit and analyzed problems, a concept solution of the urban design was prepared.

- for everyone
- green
- identity
- simple
- modern
- accessible



The proposed scenarios were discussed and evaluated with stakeholders in end of April 2010, and agreement on the proposal for further detail elaboration was achieved.

DESIGN CONFIRMATION

The consultation on the final design with the citizens was organized in July 2010. The elaborated project plan and the key features were reviewed in order to ensure that the values and concerns that have informed the process are well understood and are reflected on the final design.



After the approval of selection panel, the co-financing agreement for implementation of the project between the Municipality of Mitrovica and UN-HABITAT/MuSP programme was established in January 2011.

FINAL DESIGN

The finalization of the detailed designs was developed by municipal staff and their support (LINPROJECT), with active engagement of UN-HABITAT staff.



TENDERING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

After the completion of tendering procedure, in May 2011 the selected contractor has signed a contract for implementation of the works. Under the supervision of the municipality and monitoring of UN-HABITAT, the implementation has started in June 2011 and ended in November 2011.



PROJECT IN BREIF:

PROJECT VALUE: 120 289.22 Euro

IMPLEMENTED BY: Municipality of Mitrovica and MuSPP/UN-HABITAT

CONSTRUCTOR: Kalaja

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