



“Skenderbeu square”

City Centre Capital Investment Project in Peja/Pec (Phase II)

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Project location

The Municipal Spatial Planning Support Programme in Kosovo (MuSPP), implemented by UN-HABITAT and funded by the Swedish International Development and Cooperation Agency, (Sida) started in 2006. The Programme's intention is to support selected municipalities in Kosovo with on-the-job assistance and technical advice regarding spatial planning and urban design. Peja/Pec is one of the partner municipalities of MuSPP.

After the Urban Development Plan (UDP) of Peja/Pec was approved in 2007, UN-HABITAT together with Peja/Pec Municipality formulated a concept for the renewal of public spaces in the city centre. The first area to be re-designed was the Korzo and MuSPP assisted the Municipality with technical support in re-designing this area in 2007-2008. To continue with the planned implementation stages the project area was extended to include the Skenderbeu Sq. and a new capital investment project (CIP) was designed in 2009. The CIP has been co-funded by the Municipality of Peja/Pec and the MuSPP CIP fund and implemented by the two partners.

The aim of the CIP is to demonstrate, through the on-the-job assistance, a methodology of formulating, preparing, designing and implementing a participatory project for the improvement of a public space.

The project site is located in the city centre of Peja/Pec, on the northern side of the river Lumi i Bardhë. The total area, for which the re-design project was prepared, is nearly 9000 square meters and several versions of the project were subject to public consultation during its design. During the process, it became clear that the project was too costly to be financed in one phase, therefore the area was divided into two parts, of which 3500 square meters have been re-designed and upgraded under the current project.



Cycle path through the project area in the UDP of Peja/Pec
 From the UDP ***'Wherever possible the squares should leave room for children's' playgrounds, for instance small basketball courts. Cars should be avoided on the squares. Heavy traffic through the centre shall be diverted.'***

The objective is to live up to the motto of the city (stated in the UDP)

'Peja/Pec - green and vital city'* by:

- making the area for everyone; young, old, women, men, vulnerable groups for social cohesion,
- increasing usage and improving quality of greenery to make the area more environmental friendly and land-use efficient,
- giving the area back to the pedestrians, bikers, rollers etc. for improving the air quality and the quality of life,
- reducing bushes and dark areas in the night for improving safety,
- vitalising public spaces, more businesses will open up and boost life in the economy of the area
- involving the public during the design process for increased local democracy, awareness and ownership

ANALYSIS



In house analysis: traffic, networks, greenery and pedestrian flow.

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT



Several scenarios were developed based on this analysis

PUBLIC REVIEW MEETINGS

SWOT - analysis exercise with the community in Oct. 2009 and the final public review meeting in March 2010 regarding the final design proposal



Public review meeting

SCENARIO EVALUATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The scenarios were evaluated and discussed with stakeholders such as business owners, Banks, Tax Administration, women representatives, Handikos, Rotary Club etc.

During the whole process the steering group: Deputy Mayor, Directors of Urbanism and of Public Works, Chief of Urbanism and staff from Urbanism and Public Works Departments were involved.



Meeting with stakeholders

FINAL DESIGN

The final design was developed and approved by the selection panel. As a result of a joint agreement between MuSPP funded by Sida and the Municipality of Peja the project was cofounded by both parties.

This was followed by cooperation agreement between the Municipality of Peja and UN-HABITAT.

TENDERING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The tendering process started in August and the contractor was selected for the implementation.

The implementation started on the 2nd of October 2010 and ended in the end of May 2011. The municipality has been in charge of supervising the works, while UN-HABITAT's role has been to monitor the implementation of the project.





Street furniture in the implemented project



"Skenderbeu Square" before implementation

"Skenderbeu Square" after implementation

PROJECT IN BREIF:

TOTAL SIZE: 3500 m²

PRICE: 245,292

IMPLEMENTED BY: Municipality of Peja/Pec and MuSPP/UN-HABITAT

CONSTRUCTOR: Vraga

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