Fostering inclusive urban planning through urban regeneration and presantation of the archaeological site in Prizren





INTEGRATED CULTURAL HERITAGE IN SPATIAL PLANNING
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INTEGRISANO KULTURNO NASLEĐE U PROSTORNO PLANIRANJE

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THE LOCATION?

The archaeological site is located within the Historical Center of the city of Prizren.

It is part of the League Square in Prizren, a highly frequented and dynamic public space, rich in cultural, commercial and recreational activities.



Nearby Lumbardhi, the archaeological site is located in an area that has many historical layers, surrounded by many other monuments of cultural heritage.





HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Archaeological Site in Prizren was uncovered during the revitalization of Prizren's League Square, in 2014.

During the rescue excavations carried out until 2016, two cultural layers were encountered: the ruins of the Roman period, which are believed to be the structures of a house (villa) and belong to the c. III-IV, and the ruins of the Ottoman period, presenting the walls of the "bylmet bazaar", which existed until the middle of the c. XX.



"Bylmet bazaar", which existed until the middle of the c. XX. Source: Archaeological Institute of Kosovo.



METHODOLOGY



Inclusive working group

Collection of material and analysis of the field situation





Public discussions and inclusion of the community in the process

Drafting detailed project design





Conservation of the archaeological site

Project implementation











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Regional Center for Cultural Heritage in Prizren

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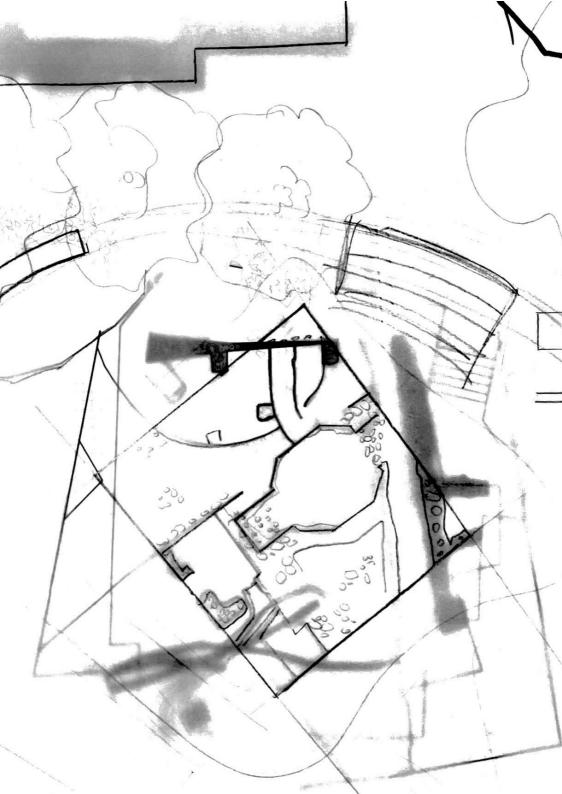
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FIELD ANALYSIS

Before starting the drafting of the plan, all the existing material on the archaeological site was collected, as well as the analysis of the existing situation in many fields.

Cultural heritage monuments

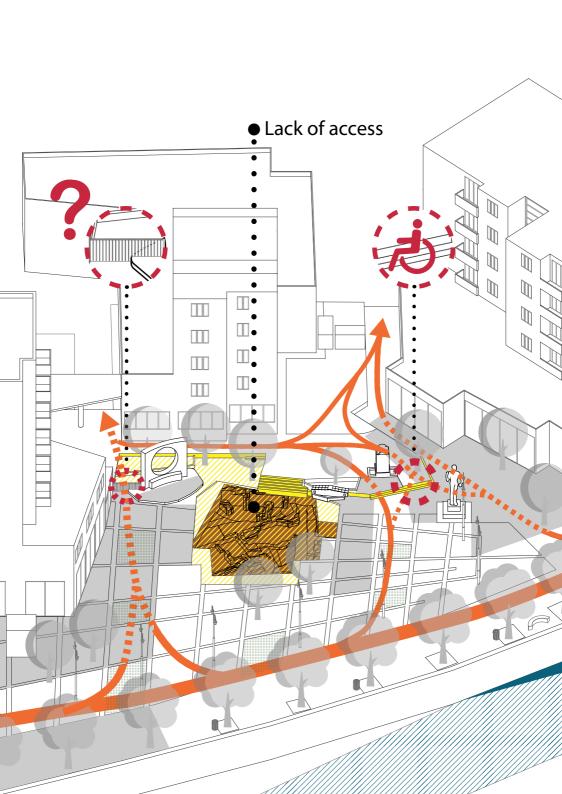
Accessability and mobility

Activities

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Urban furniture

Functions













INCLUSION OF THE COMMUNITY

In order to present the initial project design, a series of meetings were held with citizens of Prizren, representatives of businesses in the vicinity of the archaeological site, the professional community, as well as representatives of civil society.

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

Call for

Public Discussion

Archeological Site - Prizren

May 31, 2022 Public discussion with neighborhood residents and business community near the Archeological Site

for the Presentation and Interpretation Plan of Archeological Site in Prizren

June 2, 2022 Public discussion with community of professionals and civil society in Prizren

for the Presentation and Interpretation Plan of Archeological Site in Prizren



















DETAILED PROJECT

The detailed project was drafted by the working group based on the analysis of the situation, researched material, recommendations and comments received during public discussions.

This project design presents the archaeological site, making it an integrated part of the League Square, offering access to all and creating new socio-economic opportunities.











CONSERVATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Prior to the implementation of the project, the structure of the archaeological site was cleaned and documented.

This activity took place parallelly with the revitalization of the public space and was carried out by the group mandated for conservation, documentation and presentation of the archaeological site.



This team consists of different institutions of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports:

Regional Center for Cultural Heritage in Prizren

Archaeological Institute of Kosovo

Regional Center for Cultural Heritage in Prishtina

Archaeological Institute of Kosovo

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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The last step of this process was the implementation of the project for the presentation of the archaeological site in Prizren.

This step was carried out under the supervision of a monitoring team consisting of three members of the working group, representatives of the three main institutions in this process.















ACCESS FOR ALL

Now the archaeological site is accessible to everyone, without distinction. Through the integration of slopes and use of adequate materials, access to the archaeological site is possible for all community groups.

Through 3D modeling of the archaeological site and the use of technology, the site is readable by all. All community groups, especially the most marginalized, can enjoy this public space.















