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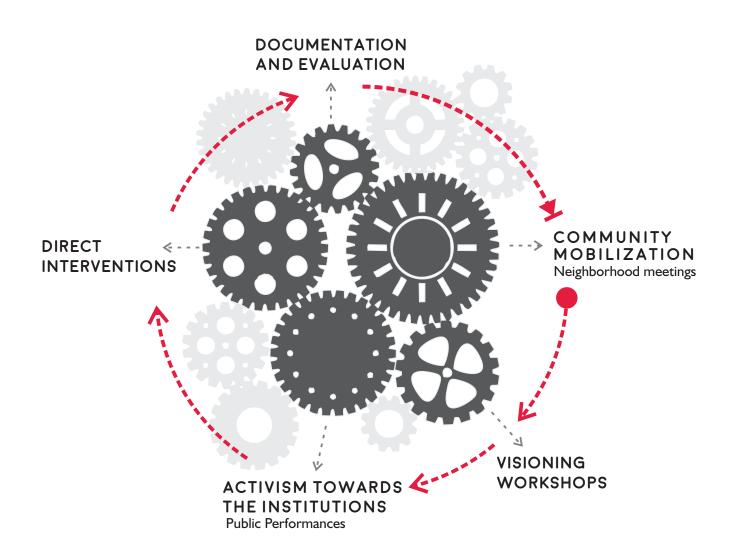
About EC Ma Ndryshe

VISION and MISSION

EC Ma Ndryshe (EC) is a community based civil society organization. Since its founding in 2006 EC has been working to help shape a better environment through fostering genuine community organization, aiding democratization of institutions and enriching cultural life in key hubs (with special focus on Prizren and Prishtina). EC works across many areas, including heritage, urban planning, cultural policies, and public space management. These areas generally remain underaddressed in Kosovo.

The non-governmental organization "Emancipimi Civil Ma Ndryshe" was established in March 2006 in the culture-rich city of Prizren, Kosovo. EC is engaged in active citizenship to create a living environment by promoting an appropriate organization of the community, democratization of institutions and enrichment of cultural life in the main centers of Kosovo, with a special focus on Prizren and Prishtina. Whereas the work of the organization is led by the following values: impartiality, activism, results-driven and the community as the basis for action. EC Ma Ndryshe is one of the founding organizations that represent Kosovo in the South East European Heritage Network (SEE Heritage Network) of organizations that deal with issues regarding cultural heritage. Furthermore, EC Ma Ndryshe is the founder of the Cultural Heritage Forum of Prizren, the Network of Cultural Organizations (RrOK) of Prizren, and the Network of Independent Cultural Organizations in Kosovo's Cultural Forum. Since its establishment, EC Ma Ndryshe has been exercising direct pressure on the local government in Prizren to generate greater access for civil society and its citizens in the decision-making process. In addition to direct participation in the public consultation processes, EC Ma Ndryshe has regularly advocated for adherence to legal requirements for public consultations, wider community involvement, and the inclusion of the community's needs in public policy documents.

PUBLIC SPACE INTERVENTIONS OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE











PUBLIC SPACE IN "ORTAKOLL"

This vision is the result of a workshop with the residents of "Ortakoll" neighborhood who are not satisfied with the area around the building where they live. More greenery, more seats, expanding space near the entrances, public lighting, fountains, and water for irrigation have been some of their demands. They complained about the presence of dust, lack of space, lack of shadow and the lack of places for rest and recreation. The move to change this space includes the master plan in which the new functional solution has been designed, which also contains parking lots for bicycles and games for children.

For more details:



THE VISION OF KEJ (River Bay) IN SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY

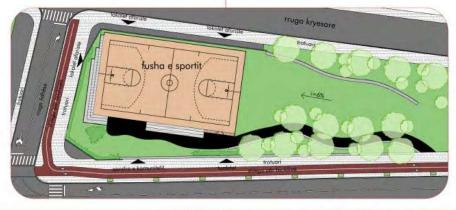
The vision for reconstructing the public space along the river (Kej) in Prizren was presented on Tuesday evening to residents of this neighbourhood and other participants. The first version of this proposal has been drafted after a number of workshops and many discussions with the various neighbourhood community groups, while it will be further supplemented with the proposals coming from residents and other stakeholders.

This was presented based on the needs of the community, and the experts involved in the process, Genc Gafurri and Betim Vitija have announced that the vision for Kej proposes solutions for access and free movement for all persons, accommodation of various activities, new services along Kej, as well as focusing on the aspect of comfort and security.

For more details:

https://mahalla.info/sq/vizioni-per-lagjen/keji-ne-sherbim-te-komunitetit







YISIONING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD "JETA E RE"

In March 2016, a meeting of representatives of EC Ma Ndryshe with the residents of the neighborhood was organized to discuss the problems they face. Based on the findings from this meeting, the visioning workshop as the next stage of this process is focused in addressing one internal neighborhood road and its accompanying components including public spaces.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/161021101825_Visionimi_i_lagjes_leta_e_Re__RAP ORTI__2_.pdf



VISION FOR "MARIN BARLETI" STREET

The vision of the "Marin Barleti" street in Prizren is the initiative of EC Ma Ndryshe as a public call for local and state institutions to tackle more seriously this important street of the historic area of the city. Community-based planning is a contemporary approach to dealing with and developing common spaces, resulting in a product that is representative of the will of different groups in a country's society. Inclusion is the main element of this process, which in this report is narratively presented.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/180618150827_Vizionimi_Marin_Barleti_Raport_reduced.pdf



SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE

The right to attend school is provided by the Law on Education in the Municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo but this right is not fully provided to the people with disabilities. It is this law that promotes a non-discriminatory education system in which each person's right to education is respected, but the infrastructure offered in these schools creates an exclusionary environment for a large category of the community with special needs. This vision serves as a model of how comprehensive schools should be designed that would provide a welcoming and convenient environment for everyone.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/70331141131_170209181017_SHKOLLA_PER_TE_G <u>IITHE_2017.pdf</u>



BICYCLE LANES

This proposal promotes the freedom of movement for bicycle users. The research of the past years has raised the concern of the citizens of the lack of bicycle trails in the urban parts. This report was conducted based on these requests of the citizens and it serves as an example of how bicycle paths can be applied on the streets of Prizren. Visioning also serves as a catalyst for empowering the call for more attention to the creation of bicycle paths, as this community should also enjoy the right to move freely and safely in traffic.

For more details:

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PUBLIC SPACE IN "BAZHDARHANE"

This vision is a response from residents to the proposal to build a multi-purpose facility in the only free space of the Bazhdarhane neighborhood. On the surface destined to be a park, they have given their proposals, helping to create this vision which has been addressed to the municipal bodies. The proposed park aims to create: a green space across the main road; recreational spaces for the residents; a place for everyone' and good visitor views for the tourists to the city entrance. The proposed park also includes the space for market, games and recreational centers for the elderly.

For more details:

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YISION FOR THE VILLAGE OF PIRANË

The residents of Piranë implemented the vision for the village park, under the leadership of the village council and village chairman Mr. Skënder Elshani. EC has supported residents and village councils in visioning the settlement for the village park, producing the visualized project based on the needs of the residents themselves. The main purpose of this activity is that this public space be in use by the inhabitants of this area.

For more details:

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WOMEN AND PUBLIC SPACE

Women being categorized today as 'active mothers' are more engaged in family obligations, including attending children to the school, performing payment obligations, etc. However, these obligations do not exclude the fact that they equally with men try to be active in the labor market. All of this transforms them in the biggest users of public content of the city. The results of the 'Women and Public Space - Safety in Public Spaces' workshop show a series of problems relating to public space that they face constantly in the city of Prizren.

For more details:

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VISIONING OF THE MUSHNIKOVË PARK

In the framework of meetings with the residents of the village of Mushnikovë, the latter have shown the need to revitalize an untapped space in this settlement. Their demand to turn a space into the park has pushed EC to support residents and the village council in visioning the settlement for this park. In this way, a visualized project based on the needs of the inhabitants themselves was produced. The main purpose of this activity is to make this public space available to the inhabitants of the village.

For more details:

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VISIONING OF THE PRIZREN CITY PARK

This visioning report has come out as a necessity to eliminate the architectural barriers in the City Park to enable the free movement of persons with disabilities, but also to other communities that at some point may be unable to move. This visioning is intended to provide solutions for eliminating these spells and provide spatial solutions through physical interventions to specific areas of this space.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/161208123218_RAPORTI_I_PUNETORISE_SE_VIZIONIMIT_PARKU_I_PRIZRENIT_RBASHA.pdf





VISION FOR BUNKER AT "ORTAKOLL"

The reconstruction of the underground bunker space in "Ortakoll" neighborhood in Prizren is the initiative of EC Ma Ndryshe in cooperation with neighborhood residents. Participatory community design is a driving force towards changing access to the management of common areas of the city or neighborhood. This description represents the process of community participation in the workshops organized on rethinking the utilization of the underground bunker space.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/180618152530_Raporti_Final___Rimendimi_i_hap__sir_s_s_bunkerit.pdf









RIGHT TO THE CITY

This manual is a product derived from a comprehensive process with young people and children, organized by EC Ma Ndryshe to support their representation rights as one of the most underrepresented groups in Prizren. Workshop "The right of young people and children over the city (from the perspective of youth rights)" is the basis of this document, but its purpose beyond the reckoning of the findings of the workshop is to serve as a manual and guide to all of us. As children, as young people, as adults and as decision-makers, we create cities where the voices of young people and children are heard and their ideas are taken into account.

For more details:

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2. PUBLIC TOILETS

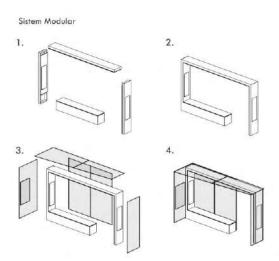
This document is drafted through a consultative process and addresses the lack of public toilets, a concern that has arisen from citizens to whom it has a direct impact. This vision has resulted from the emergence of the lack of public toilets as a basic concern of citizens and tourists who constantly frequent the Historic Center of Prizren.

For more details:

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3. A PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYBODY

The following document presents the Public Transport Manual, which aims to increase the efficiency of the urban transport service by providing concrete examples of the possibility of planning urban standstills based on current lines, the types of buses for their suitability for all community categories, urban stations designed for the needs of all community groups as well as providing comprehensive services.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/180206151157_TRANSPORTI_PUBLIK_I_QASSHEM_PER_TE_GJITHE.pdf



WELCOMING AND SAFE PUBLIC SPACES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

The workshop called "Welcoming and safe public space for women and girls" was conducted together with Prizren women and girls and addressed the issue of the public space in front of "Remzi Ademaj" Gymnasium, since this space was previously identified as a problematic and unsafe zone.

For more details:

http://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/180530172432 Raporti Remzi Ademaj .pdf



5 UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA CAMPUS

This visioning report addresses the serious problems faced by the University of Prishtina Campus. This conceptual project addresses issues such as lack of activities, identity, basic infrastructure, accessibility of people with disabilities, etc and provides practical solutions to them.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/180712113334_Kampusi_i_Universitetit_te_Prishtin_es_reduced.pdf

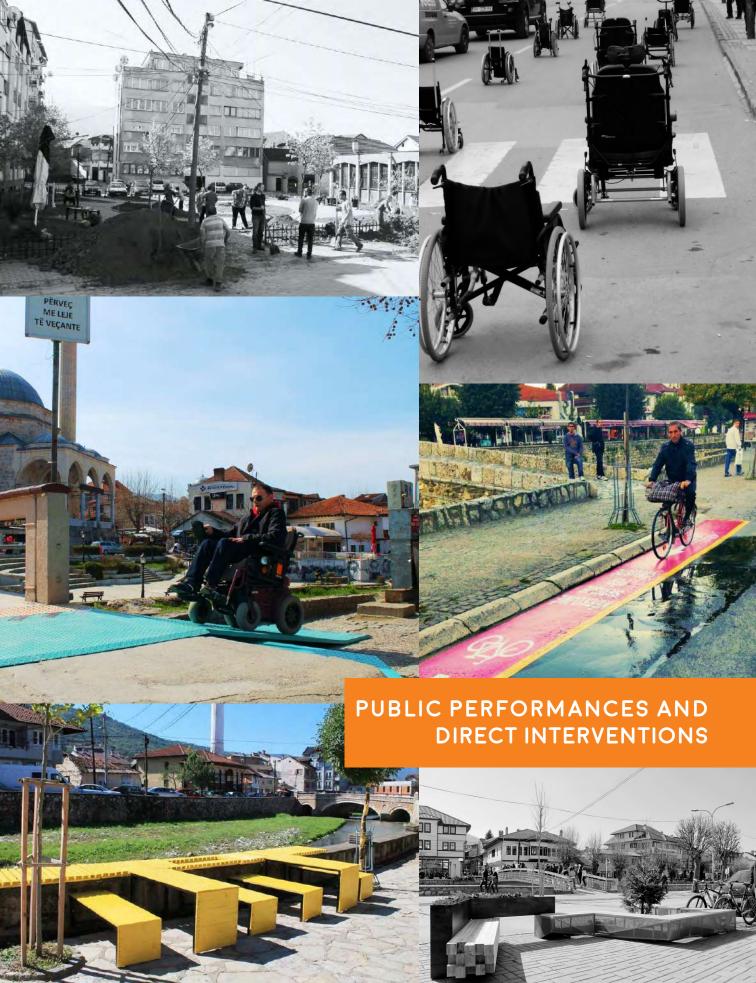


6. GJAKOVA: CYCLING, PUBLIC, YOUTH

The following proposal is an urban space intervention around the river "Krena", integrating the bicycle as a pushing and identifying element of this area. This intervention encourages the joint use of infrastructure by car and bicycle drivers, which improves the use of the road in terms of function and social composition.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/repository/docs/180924115548 Gjakova Shtegu i ciklizmit.pdf





SIDEWALKS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

The public performance "Accessible Sidewalks for All" was conducted as an activity to respond to the negligence and inactivity of municipal authorities in undertaking appropriate measures to ensure free movement on the sidewalks and main roads of Prizren City for People with Disabilities.

Through this activity, symbolically, by placing a ramp on the pavement (on the Arasta Bridge) on Remzi Ademaj St., was emphasized the right of disabled people to access and secure a free movement within the urban area.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,446#.W-Iaa-hKhPY



THE SIDEWALK AS A PUBLIC SPACE

The performance "The sidewalk as a public space" was conducted in response to the blockage of sidewalks from illegal parking and other physical barriers that violate the free movement of pedestrians. This module presented on a sidewalk in Remzi Ademaj St., consists of a space for sitting, including a space to stay for People with Disabilities, also a bicycle parking and green space. The module except that it aims to be a direct barrier for illegal parking of vehicles, also tends to promote the use of the sidewalk as a public space. In this case, the primary purpose of the pavement except for movement of pedestrians, it is also used as a public space by the neighborhood community.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,445#.W-1bLuhKhPY



PERFORMANCE IN THE RIVER FOR MORE GREEN PUBLIC SPACES

During the days of the International Biennial of Contemporary Art in Prizren, EC Ma Ndryshe and Autostrada Bienale have organized the public performance for the use of greenery and the Lumbardhi river bank. This activity aimed to bring attention to the issue of lack of green spaces and the large number of unused public spaces in Prizren, with the intention of encouraging the responsible local and central authorities to take appropriate action in this regard.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,456#.W-IgGehKhPY



THE SIDEWALK THAT OBSTRUCTS THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

EC Ma Ndryshe has conducted the public performance on the square in front of the Post Office building in Prizren respectively "Freedom Monument", whereby the dissatisfaction of placing the obstacle in the middle of the pavement was expressed. In this public space of the historic center of the city, the intervention of the Municipality of Prizren with public funds instead of creating an accessible sidewalk for everyone has created an environment that prevents freedom of movement for all categories of society. During the performance, one part of the obstacle was covered with a mirror box. This way the path is reflected on both sides to achieve the optical effect that supposedly the passage is open.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,495#.W-liouhKhPY



5. THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC SPACE IN LAKURIQ NEIGHBOURHOOD

After several meetings with residents, visioning and planning with the neighborhood community and the Public Services Directorate of Prizren's municipality, the public space of Lakuriq neighborhood has been transformed into a usable space for residents. This activity was designed after a number of meetings and discussions with residents of the Lakuriq neighborhood. The main purpose of this activity was to make this public space available.

For more details:

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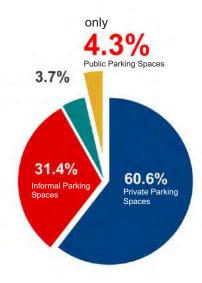


6 PRIZREN, A CENTER OF CHAOTIC PARKING LOTS

"Shadërvan Parking" was a performance that brought the attention to the issue of private parking lots in the historic area of Prizren. Due to this performance, "Shatërvan Square" for one hour turned into a parking lot in response to the demolition of old houses to become private parking areas, while on the other hand state institutions did not take any action to enforce the law.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,438#.W-IIT-hKhPY





7. NOW THE URBAN TRANSPORT IN PRIZREN HAS INFOGRAPHICS

EC Ma Ndryshe has designed info-graphics, respectively maps for the transit bus lines, the timetable of these lines, infographics on transit bus stops and inside the busses, as they previously had defined the locations and the names of the local bus stops. Through the performance "The Map of the Urban Transport and busses marking" they are put into function with the intention to make the access of information easier for the citizens who use this service.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,435#. W-IpdOhKhPY





TRAILS FOR THE CYCLING COMMUNITY IN PRIZREN

EC Ma Ndryshe in cooperation with the cycling community has performed the performance "Cycling trails", where through this activity has reacted to the inactivity of municipal authorities in taking adequate measures to ensure the equal participation of cyclists in the traffic that takes place in the main streets of Prizren. Through this activity, symbolically by setting improvised paths, on "Remzi Ademaj" road (near the Stone Bridge and the Arasta Bridge), is highlighted the cyclists' right to safer traffic within the urban area.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,432#.
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9. THE HAMAM OF SPIDERS

An improvisation of spider webs was located in Gazi Mehmet Pasha's Hamam in Prizren, in response to the negligence of institutions for renovating this facility. EC Ma Ndryshe was featured with this installation on Hamam's fences in Prizren by setting spider webs and spiders to express dissatisfaction with leaders who have neglected the refurbishment of this facility.

For more details:

https://mahalla.info/sq/performancapublike/hamami-i-marimangave



GREEN CONTAINERS FOR A BETTER CITY

"EC Ma Ndryshe" conducted a public performance entitled "Green Containers" in order to convey a message for no littering and more carefulness for public spaces. Upon this performance, eight painted containers are placed in certain locations within the city center. This artistic intervention aims at restoring public spaces of the city through the public art by transforming them in attractive sites for the community. As the artist stated, the containers are transformed into green bins, which tend to provoke the citizen in the aesthetic aspect in order to be more careful towards the environment as well as to cultivate a sense for the beauty and nature, but also it witness irresponsible actions, namely wild littering, thus neglecting collective responsibilities.

For more details:

https://mahalla.info/sq/performanca-publike/kontejneret-e-gjelber-



TABLES AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR SAVING TREES

Based on the concerns of citizens, environmentalists and institutional officials about the damage to the trees in the city center, as a result of the continued attachments of promotional posters and announcements, EC Ma Ndryshe has carried out the public performance "Clean Wood", which was a call for more care in preserving the city's natural values. The trees are the main attributes of air purity, greenery and are also an important ingredient in the city's landscape. Still those trees are constantly being used as advertising surfaces, which causes damage to them.

For more details:

https://mahalla.info/sq/performanca-publike/tabelat-alternative-per-shpetimin-e-drunjve



THE PAVEMENT IS NOT A PARKING LOT

EC Ma Ndryshe has realized the public performance "How many m2 for a parking lot ?!", through which activity was delivered the message for promoting free movement on the sidewalks of the city of Prizren. The research of the past years within the project "Comprehensive City ..." has regularly led to the main concern of citizens which was the blocked sidewalks from vehicles.

For more details:

https://mahalla.info/sq/performanca-publike/trotuari-nuk-eshte-vendparking



SIDEWALKS HAVE TO BE IN SERVICE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF SOCIETY

"We want sidewalks for all" was a reaction to the inactivity of municipal authorities in undertaking appropriate measures to ensure equal access to the sidewalks of the main streets of Prizren for People with Disabilities. This activity emphasized the right of disabled people by symbolically placing several wheelchairs on the road "Remzi Ademaj", as a call for equal and safer access within the urban area for this category of society.

For more details:

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4 THE PAVEMENT IS NOT A PARKING LOT

EC, after consultation with the residents regarding their requests, had visioned the proposals that came out of them. The main requirements were about increasing the greenery, the placement of the seats, lighting, the regulation of the playground for children, and the imposition of obstacles against the parking of cars on the sidewalk.

These proposals issued by the residents themselves had been submitted to the Municipality of Prizren and after that, the Directorate of Public Services intervened in the terrain. According to municipal officials this is only the first phase of the works and in the next stages will be placed more stable obstacles against car parking on sidewalks, the number of planted flowers will be increased and a larger number of the seats will be placed.



5 MORE GREENERY FOR THE URBAN AREA OF PRIZREN

EC Ma Ndryshe in cooperation with OPDMK has carried out the public performance "Green spaces", an activity that has brought to the attention the lack of public green spaces in Prizren, where only 3.3% of the public spaces within the historic center are green. The performance was of temporary character and within it, in the League Square, certain parts of the public space were covered with fresh grass and there were placed several improvised tables and chairs that served to illustrate the demand for more green public spaces within the urban area.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,440#.W KrU-hKhPY



6 CYCLIST COMMUNITY OF PRIZREN PEDALS FOR TRACKS

In the public performance "Ride bicycles" organized by EC Ma Ndryshe have participated dozens of cyclists, who by riding around the city have publicly addressed the requirement for the planning of bicycle paths in Prizren. After a full tour through the city's loop, cyclists have signed a petition for bicycle lanes planning.

For more details:

https://ecmandryshe.org/?page=2,17,304#.W_KqjOhKhPY



7. "OPENED MUNICIPALITY II", THE NEXT CALL FOR RETHINKING PUBLIC SPACES

EC Ma Ndryshe has carried out the activity "Opened Municipality II". This public performance is a continuation of the demand for opening the municipality for citizens, aimed at promoting free movement in public spaces, more green spaces and transparency in public facilities. In August 2015, EC presented a proposal for re-designing the public space of the Prizren Municipality (White House), requesting the removal of the fence and the increase of the green space around the municipal building through the announcement of a public competition for inviting the architects community to compete with concrete ideas to intervene in this space.

For more details:

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PRIZREN'S ELDERS ENGAGE FOR MORE GREENERY

In the "Greater Greenery in Public Space" performance, the elderly community of Prizren intervened with the planting of seedlings in Kej in front of Sinan Pasha Mosque, which was previously identified by them as a public space with no greenery. Through this activity, public demand has been addressed that during the planning and investments of the municipality in the public space, should be payed more attention to greenery, so that these points then serve for greater interaction between different age groups and at the same time create a proximity to the environment.

For more details:

https://mahalla.info/sq/performanca-publike/te-moshuarit-e-prizrenit-angazhohen-per-me-shume-gjelberim



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