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## THE VISION OF KEJ IN SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY WAS PRESENTED

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.

Regarding access and free movement, it is proposed that Kej from the Stone Bridge up to Marash be connected in its entirety, and that communicating in three levels with one another, with adequate stairs and ramps to make it accessible for all.

Within the activities, in certain sectors of Kej, there will be green spaces and benches, a minisquare for artistic performances, an art gallery, children's playground, and these conditions will also make possible the organization of fairs, small festivals, etc.

While craft shops, seasonal cafés and art galleries can be the new services along the Kej, which can increase the interests of the passers-by. It is also foreseen to construct public toilets.

The shadows created by high greenery aims to make this a pleasant space for walking or even relaxing during hot days, while lighting and surveillance cameras will increase security.

Besides the vision for the reconstruction of Kej, on Tuesday evening, there was also introduced an alternative for utilizing the river, entitled "E kam një Propozim" (I Have a Proposal), presented by Jeton Jagxhiu.

The Document of Kej Vision in service of the community is open for suggestions, and EC Ma Ndryshe welcomes the contribution of the neighbourhood community and the citizens of Prizren, until its finalization.

"Inclusive City..." is a EC Ma Ndryshe project, which aims to articulate the needs of community groups and transform them into viable urban plans for the municipality of Prizren. Community groups which are working on this project are distributed in different neighbourhoods of the city.

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