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The excess of building permits in the Historic Center of Prizren is continuing

The practice of not respecting the consent of the cultural heritage authorities during construction activities in the Historic Center of Prizren is continuing. According to the officials of the Regional Center for Cultural Heritage in Prizren, the latest occurrence of this nature is happening in a building opposite the Sinan Pasha Mosque.

RCCH officials say that the permission for internal and roof renovation has been issued for the building in question by the competent authorities, but that the permission is not respected during the works. They also state that 3 times within 2 weeks RCCH has notified the Inspectorate of the Municipality of Prizren and that this body did not react on this case.

EC Ma Ndryshe recalls that they have repeatedly called for more rigorous oversight of any construction activity in the Historic Center of Prizren, which based on recent information from RCCH is not happening. EC also recalls that RCCH leaders last year confirmed that in 90 percent of construction permits in the Historic Center of Prizren are excesses of different types, such as in contours, number of floors, details, or facade.

In recent visits in Prizren, the leaders of the ministries of MESP and MCYS have pledged to protect and promote values in the Historic Center of Prizren. EC considers that this is the time for these institutions to act more specifically on the implementation of the legislation for this protected area and the functioning of the central inspectorate, because the local one has so far failed to establish order in this area.

Sincerely,
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