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The executive branch to draft a plan for promotion of the traditional values of Prizren

'EC Ma Ndryshe', within the "Urbanism of Prizren under constant watch" project, has closely followed the appointment of new directors of municipal government, daily work of whose is related to urban planning, conservation of cultural heritage and promotion of tourism as well as economic development.

Since the mayor of Prizren municipality has appointed new directors in charge of the Directorate of Urbanism, Directorate of Culture and the Directorate of Tourism and Economic Development, it would be proper for these senior municipal officials, that along with their work plan, to draft a joint plan for conservation and promotion of the values of Prizren in function of tourism and economic development.

Local governance in Prizren has never so far operated with the logic of the planning and integrated management for cultural heritage protection. Coordination among the Directorate of Culture, Directorate of Tourism and Economic Development, Directorate of Urbanism and that of Inspections is indispensable for the suppression of city's urban degradation and utilization of cultural assets for purposes of local development. These four directorates should, within the shortest possible time, to coordinate their actions within an action plan for the protection and development of the Historic Centre of Prizren.

The grounds of this coordination among directorates are set in the Conservation and Development Plan of Historic Zone of Prizren, a document adopted by the Municipal Assembly in 2008. An integral part of this joint action plan for the conservation and development of the Historic Centre should be also the process of assessing the situation, to determine the level of degradation of cultural heritage and urban fabric of the Historic Centre. At the same time, this plan should be compatible with the national legal framework and to include the input of the central state institutions, civil society organizations, independent experts and community groups.

Considering all the above said, the newly-appointed directors of Prizren local government are recommended to draft the plans for their respective directorates and a joint action plan for conservation and promotion of Prizren, as a tourist destination;

They are also advised that, during this process, to work closely with the relevant stakeholders in this field of expertise;

EC Ma Ndryshe seeks that, within three months from assuming office, the directors have the plan ready and put it into function with the aim of providing a better environment for conservation of cultural heritage and for providing an enhanced well-being for citizens.

'EC Ma Ndryshe', in July, began with the implementation of the "Urbanism of Prizren under Constant Watch" project, financially supported by the Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS). The need for overseeing developments in the sector of urbanism has naturally emerged as a result of a numerous adverse developments during the post-war and transition period that were manifested in urban degradation and lopsided spatial planning. The project will continue to monitor and publish findings from the field of urbanism and spatial planning, as well as in addressing institutional responsibility.

With regards,

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