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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **First steps on the mapping of structures built without a construction permit in Pristina**

As part of the “Online Transparency of Pristina Municipality” project, EC Ma Ndryshe, in the opening months of this year, has developed and tested a methodology for identification and mapping of structures built without construction permits. The primary objectives of this methodology were the on-the-site scanning of constructions, identification and recording of violations and graphical presentation of their expansion on the map. The purpose of identification is a disclosure of construction violations in Pristina as well as to raise the level of transparency of the Directorate of Urban Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection in the Municipality of Pristina.

Key components of this methodology are: determination of the factual situation on the ground; analysis of the latest regulatory plan of the attended neighbourhood (but also of the detailed plans where necessary) and other documentation (orthophotos, etc.); analysis of permits issued for each structure in the treated neighbourhood and also of the permit applications; data extraction from the records of the Construction Inspection for the attended neighbourhood and extraction of data from the Cadastre and Property registry. The testing of this methodology has been carried out in Peyton quarter of Pristina, whereas other data were partially collected through applications for access to public documents at the respective directorates in the Municipality of Pristina. Mapping methodology, as well as the data collected thus far in the pilot neighbourhood, EC Ma Ndryshe has handed over to the Directorate of Urban Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection of the Municipality of Pristina, with the request for further amendments and its implementation.

To continue with addressing the issues of urban chaos in Pristina, but also for updating and enriching the methodology with any additional component, EC Ma Ndryshe intends to apply this identification methodology on illegal constructions in at least two neighbourhoods of Pristina. The project of overseeing transparency of Pristina Municipality (with a focus on Urbanism) aims at raising local-level transparency in decision-making by monitoring the executive branch and reporting on local decision-making practices.

EC Ma Ndryshe’s project for overseeing transparency of the Directorate of Urbanism, Construction and Environmental Protection of Pristina Municipality will continue with publicizing monitoring findings through regular press releases and the project’s website, where the findings will be posted directly by the monitors. All monitoring findings, including regular press releases and other information in relation to the local government of Pristina will be regularly published on the project’s website: [www.online-transparency.org](http://www.online-transparency.org).

Thank you,

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