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Status of Urban Regulatory Plans in the Municipality of Prishtina

The project for overseeing transparency of the Directorate of Urbanism, Construction and Environmental Protection of Prishtina Municipality aims at elevating the level of transparency in local decision-making through monitoring the executive branches of municipalities and reporting on local decision-making practices. Part of the project will also be technical assistance for bringing urban order in Prishtina.

Specific objectives of the “Online Transparency of Prishtina Municipality” project consist of: increasing the level of public information on local decision-making; instigation of governmental and judicial mechanisms for addressing malpractices (violation of the laws and procedures); enhancing the level of transparency in local decision-making; increasing the watchfulness of local decision-makers about the legality in municipal governance and raising participation of community groups in local decision-making.

Within the project of overseeing transparency of the Directorate of Urbanism, Construction and Environmental Protection of the Municipality of Prishtina, EC Ma Ndryshe, in the first months of this year, has studied and analysed the status of Regulatory Plans and Decisions of the Municipal Assembly in relation to the drafting and approval of Regulatory Plans since 1999 to date.

Based on the Law on Access to Public Documents (03/L-215) NGO EC Ma Ndryshe, in the onset of January, has requested from the Directorate of Urbanism, Construction and Environmental Protection access to all regulatory plans and decisions as well as the detailed plans for Prishtina urban quarters that are still in force. The table below is based solely on the material presented to us by this Directorate as a reply to our application.

According to the new Law on Spatial Planning (Law No. 04/L-174) Article 17, paragraph 8 stipulates that, *“The municipality shall review and if necessary amend Detailed Regulatory Plan every five (5) years.”* (Henceforth, with the new Law on Spatial Planning, municipalities must draft Detailed Regulatory Plans unlike the previous Law when the municipalities were foreseen to draft Regulatory Plans). According to this law, from the material we received from the municipality in relation to Regulatory Plans, it turns out that from a total of 21 Regulatory Plans adopted by the Municipal Assembly from 2005 to 2013, eight (8) of them had an expired term for the final review.

According to the Municipality of Prishtina, the review of some of these plans has been temporarily suspended due to the need for drafting of the Detailed Regulatory Plans based on the new Law on Spatial Planning of the Republic of Kosovo.

From the research it was ascertained a great number of Detailed Plans for the urban quarters of

Prishtina (plans drawn up in the '70s and the '80s of the past century) which are still applicable. From the decisions rendered by the Municipal Assembly it is noted that for some of them there are decisions for starting with their drafting, however the procedures were not brought to the end and as a result there has neither an approval decision nor a Regulatory Plan. One such urban quarter that is vested with an applicable Detailed Plan from 1978 and which has a decision from the year 2006 for the beginning of drafting the Regulatory Plan is the zone of *Qyteti i Vjetër* (Old Town), a quarter which has undergone quite badly from urban havoc and with its state still deteriorating in stages. Regulatory Plan of this zone has been initiated (with tendering procedures) three times successively by the Municipality of Prishtina, later being terminated due to the requirement for prior preparation of the Detailed Regulatory Plans.

And at the end, a few words about the transparency of public documents of this Directorate. During our research we encountered that not all the Regulatory Plans, which are public documents, are easily accessible to citizens. A large number of them are either missing on the official website or are incomplete and poorly maintained.

For the said reasons, EC Ma Ndryshe recommends the Municipality of Prishtina the following:

- Following the adoption of new Regulations by the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP), under the Law on Spatial Planning, to immediately begin with the review of the expired Regulatory Plans,
- Following the adoption of new Regulations by the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP), under the Law on Spatial Planning, to start review/drafting procedures of new plans for urban quarters of Prishtina for which Detailed Urban Plans are in force since the '70s and '80s of the past century,
- To increase the transparency on public documents – releasing of all Regulatory and Detailed Plans in force on the municipal official website.

EC Ma Ndryshe's project for overseeing transparency of the Directorate of Urbanism, Construction and Environmental Protection of Prishtina 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 Prishtina will be regularly published on the project's website: www.online-transparency.org.

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TABLE OF THE URBAN REGULATORY PLANS, APPLICABLE DETAILED URBAN PLANS AND OF THE DECISIONS ON SPATIAL PLANNING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRISHTINA*

No.	Urban quarters of Prishtina	URP **	Date of the approval of the proposed plan	The date of the decision for drafting of the URP	Dates of the approval of the URP	Start date of the revision/ amendment of URP	Dates of the approval of completion /amendment of the URP	Expiry date of the final review of the URP	Status
1	Arbëria 1	NO		23.07.2009	/	/	/		There is a Detailed Urban Plan. A decision was taken in 2009 for drafting the plan, but there is no approval of the Urban Regulatory Plan.
2	Arbëria 2	NO		23.07.2009	/	/	/		There is a Detailed Urban Plan. A decision was taken in 2009 for drafting the plan, but there is no approval of the Urban Regulatory Plan.
3	Arbëria 3	YES	19.08.2005	/	22.11.2005	12.07.2012	24.07.2007 03.04.2008	03.04.2013	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
4	Dardania	YES		/	05.06.2009		/		Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
5	Dodona	YES	21.06.2005	/	03.08.2005		/	03.08.2010	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
7	Kalabria	YES	21.06.2005	/	03.08.2005	27.05.2011	/	03.08.2010	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
8	Kodra e Diellit	NO							There is a Detailed Urban Plan of 1976. No decision was taken for review/drafting of the plan.
9	Kodra e Diellit 2	NO							There is a Detailed Urban Plan of 1976. No decision was taken for review/drafting of the Regulatory Plan.
10	Kodra e Trimave 1	NO		16.07.2008	/		/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan. There is a decision from 2008 for drafting the plan, but there has no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
11	Kodra e Trimave 2	NO		16.07.2008	/		/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan. There is a decision from 2008 for drafting the plan, but there is no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
12	Kolovica e re	NO		23.07.2009	/	/	/		A decision on drafting the plan was taken in 2009, but there has no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
13	Lakrishte	YES		29.03.2007	24.07.2007	12.07.2012	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.

14	Mati 1	YES	21.06.2005	/	03.08.2005	/	01.04.2010 14.07.2011		Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
15	Mati 2	NO		12.07.2012	/	/	/	/	A decision on drafting the plan was taken in 2012, but there has no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
16	Mati 3	YES	/	/	29.03.2007	/	/	29.03.2012	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
17	Medrese - Çameri	YES	/	16.07.2008	29.12.2011	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
18	Muhaxhirët	YES	/	22.11.2005	29.06.2010	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
19	Prishtina e re - Lindje (East)	YES	/	12.05.2009	02.10.2013	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
20	Prishtina e re - Qendër (Centre)	YES	/	12.05.2009	02.10.2013	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
21	Prishtina e re - Perëndim (West)	YES	/	12.05.2009	02.10.2013	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
22	Qendra 1	YES	21.06.2005	/	03.08.2005	/	26.11.2008	26.11.2013	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
23	Qendra 2	YES	19.08.2005	/	22.11.2005	/	/	22.11.2010	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
24	Qendra Ulpiana	YES	/	05.04.2005	22.11.2005	/	/	22.11.2010	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
25	City's Historic Zone and Qendra Zejtare (Craft Centre)	NO	/	27.12.2006	/	/	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan from 1978. There is a decision of 2006 for drafting the plan, but there has no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
26	Qyteza Pejton (Peyton)	YES	/	16.07.2008	06.01.2011	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
27	Sofalia	YES	/	29.03.2007	24.07.2007	12.07.2012	/	24.07.2012	The final review has expired/no new plan approved.
28	Taslixhe	NO	/	23.07.2009	/	/	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan from 1982. There is a decision of 2009 for drafting the plan, but there has no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
29	Tophane	YES	19.08.2005	/	22.11.2005	/	24.07.2007 03.04.2008 27.08.2013	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
30	Ulpiana	NO	/	/	/	/	/	/	Final review – complementing of a Detailed Plan in 1975. No decision was taken for its review or for the drafting of the Urban Regulatory Plan.

31	Vellusha	NO	/	16.07.2008	/	/	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan. The decision of 2008 for drafting the plan exists, but there has no approval for Urban Regulatory Plan.
32	Vreshta	NO	/	/	/	12.03.2002	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan of 1982. There is a decision of 2002 for approving the review/partial amendment. No decision was taken for its review or for drafting of the Urban Regulatory Plan.
33	Velania	NO	/	/	/	/	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan of 1976. No decision was taken for its review.
34	The zone of construction material warehouses and of Construction-Crafts Operations	NO	/	/	/	/	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan of 1977. No decision was taken for its review.
35	Zona Ekonomike (Economic Zone)	YES	/	16.07.2008	31.05.2012	/	/	/	Urban Regulatory Plan within the legal deadline.
36	City's industrial zone	NO	/	/	/	/	/	/	There is a Detailed Urban Plan of 1977. No decision was taken for its review.

* All data listed above were made according to documents provided by the Directorate of Urban Planning, Construction and Environment Protection of the Municipality of Prishtina, based on a request for access to official documents, with which were sought all applicable Urban Regulatory Plans and Detailed Plans, as well as relevant decisions related to these plans.

** URP – Urban Regulatory Plans.

Remark:

- According to the new Law on Spatial Planning (Law No. 04/L-174) Article 17, section 8: The municipality shall review and if necessary amend Detailed Regulatory Plan every five (5) years.
- According to the previous Law on Spatial Planning (Law No. 2003/14), Article 15.2: Each Municipality shall review and, if necessary, revise its Urban Regulatory Plan every five years!