



## Reconstruction of the Tirana Zoo Park (5.5 ha) A standardized and qualitative City Zoo

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# L17



### Budget

EUR 2,500,000 (Ex. VAT)



### Municipal contribution

Financial contribution of the Municipality of Tirana /TPRA up to 20% of the budget. Maintenance expenses following project implementation, administration of the ticket service and personnel, and provides the territory for the project implementation.



### Municipal sectors/ directorates

Tirana Parks and Recreation Agency



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project aims at the creation of a modern Zoo Park with European standards and respectful of international animal conventions. It will be a children friendly infrastructure that will serve both an entertaining and educational purpose. It will allow for an interactive experience where children can experience and compare several natural ecosystems, and animals living within, such as: swamps, forest fragments, water surfaces, etc. The space will be organized in a labyrinth-like style, facilitating the interaction among visitors, ecosystems and animals in the Zoo.

### Project structures:

- I. Parking area.
- II. Exhibit pavilion for the transitional animals from neighboring Zoos
- III. A visitor's train that will connect the Park with the city through a miniature train station at the entrance of the Park
- IV. The animal shelter structures, integrated within the visitor's labyrinth and with interaction facilities.
- V. Natural museum for embalmed animals (the pavilion of the birds, butterflies, etc.)
- VI. Business structures like conference hall, shops, cafes etc.

### Project characteristics and principles:

- a) The Tirana Zoo Park will have regional characteristics by preserving some historical aspects, especially the bird pavilion.
- b) The Park will be designed with the low cost maintenance principles.
- c) The project must predict a future connection between the Zoo Park and the Botanical Garden nearby; by connection "green bridges" through the in-between territory (not part of this project budget).
- d) The visitors path must follow the linear characteristic of the territory through a tree-like path grid and a logical organization of the visitor's journey, by gradually revealing the Park to the visitors through a certain theme (for example; revealing the "animal farm" areas first, and then gradually leading to the "wilderness").
- e) The Park must include businesses within its activities to generate income for the park's financing, such as conference hall, shops, cafe shops, etc.
- f) The Park must include children friendly entertaining sport activities, like; children's playground, acrobatic structures, tree climbing, etc.

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Creation of a modern Zoo which radically transforms the sad and gloomy conditions of the existing animals in the Zoo and provides them with a habitat space where the animals enjoy a stress-free life.



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### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY

Specification of the territory for the project implementation (geographical information, entrance specifications, transportation, parking, etc.).

- Collecting graphical information and data about the territory, engineering grid, ownership information, existing activities and structures, relationship with the city, etc.
- Preparation of the terms of reference, according to the modern standards, keeping as primary objective the community's needs.
- The creation of cooperation between private and public sectors, and a coordination of this cooperation.
- Preparation of the final detailed project.
- Creating/facilitating conditions for the project through graphical and informative infrastructure.
- Implementation of the project in the field through; bidding, surveying, legislative control and further administration of the completed Park.
- Personnel training.
- Creating the administrative infrastructure.

### PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

The project will affect the quality of life of Tirana's citizens. It will transform the area into an important landmark for visitors from all around the country, and positively affect the local economy and Municipal income. The educational impact will influence the conscience of the young generation for the nature and make them more sensible to the preservation of the environment, and also introducing the knowledge of the regional wildlife and their habitat. The project will increase the income of the Tirana Parks and Recreation Agency, facilitating the maintenance of its assets. The impact will not only be felt in the capital, but the whole country. Because this is a unique service, it become an important attraction point which invites visitors from neighboring countries as well.

