



Urban acupuncture

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Budget

Varies by individual project



Municipal contribution

Partial Investor (Workers)



Municipal sectors/ directorates

General Directorate of Planning and Territorial Development, Department policy and environmental education

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Tirana has become the victim of rapid economic growth, increased population and construction density, and more importantly to an urban development without proper planning and vision.

Urban acupuncture is a socio-environmental theory that combines contemporary urban design with traditional Chinese acupuncture, using small-scale interventions to transform the larger urban context. Sites are selected through analysis of aggregate social, economic and ecological factors, and are developed through a dialogue between designers and the community. Just as the practice of acupuncture is aimed at relieving stress in the human body, the goal of urban acupuncture is to relieve stress in the built environment. Urban acupuncture is intended to produce small-scale but socially catalytic interventions in the urban fabric.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Urban acupuncture opens the door for uncontrolled creativity and freedom. Citizens are enabled to join the creative participatory planning process, feel free to use city space for any purpose and develop their environment according to their will. It is therefore intended that communities within neighborhoods will support the design and revitalization of selected spaces.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY

This strategy views cities as living, breathing organisms and pinpoints areas in need of repair. Sustainable projects, then, serve as needles that revitalize the whole by healing the parts. By perceiving the city as a living creature, thoroughly intertwined, "urban acupuncture" promotes communitarian machinery and sets localized nucleus - similar to the human body's meridians. Satellite technology, networks and collective intelligence theories, all used to surgically and selectively intervene on the nodes that have the biggest potential to regenerate.

PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

- ⇒ Pillars for creating a new way of thinking and engaging within a community and the city.
- ⇒ Good investment for the real estate by growing up the values of a neighborhood
- ⇒ Good investment for the tourism, it can create itineraries and destinations for visitors
- ⇒ Reduce air pollution, due to the addition of parks
- ⇒ Encourage people for a better life,
- ⇒ Encourage Social awareness.



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