

**EAST PARK DESIGN COMPETITION**

**PUBLIC DEBATE MINUTES/REPORT**

**PART OF THE POPULATION CONSULTATION PROCESS**

On Tuesday, 04 February 2020, at 18:00 o'clock, the Centre for Innovation and Civic Imagination (CIIC) in Cluj-Napoca city hosted the public debate part of the population consultation process on the topic of the architectural design competition „*Protection of the aquatic habitat and landscaping of the East Park area*”, organized by Cluj-Napoca City Hall, having as promoter the Romanian Order of Architects (OAR). A number of over 80 people enrolled in the register of participants, who expressed their opinion on the competition brief.

After the presentation of the directions for substantiating the competition brief by the competition team - the professional advisors together with the competition coordinator made the following observations in the presence of the representatives of the Contracting Authority:

1. Due to the particularly rich biodiversity for an urban area that can be found in the northern area of the study area, it was requested to introduce a specialist in Biology and Ecology in the team of professional and technical advisors;
2. The issue of compensating the owners of a portion of the study area was raised;
3. Due to the proximity of Becaş Creek – on the south-eastern boundary of the study area perimeter - a flood study thereof was requested and a “safety” perimeter was drawn.
4. The lack of bicycle lanes, corroborated with the considerable distance from a public transport station, led to the request for easy pedestrian and bicycle access, as well as the construction of a reasonable number of parking spaces;
5. It is desired to introduce bicycle tracks not only on the perimeter, but also inside the park, without causing the fragmentation of spaces;
6. The issue of carrying out maintenance interventions on the future park with the help of electrical means has been raised;

7. The problem of air quality in Gheorgheni and Între Lacuri neighborhoods is of great importance for the inhabitants, which is why the future park is seen as a solution for the air purification of the area and of this part of the city;
8. For the inhabitants of the area, the connection with Iulius Mall and Iulius Park is very important, therefore measures must be taken to ensure good accessibility from its western and north-western side;
9. Several opinions were expressed regarding the preservation of the special and wild nature of this unique habitat of the city of Cluj-Napoca.

Professional advisors

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