



**Translation from Romanian**

**Urban regeneration of the central area - Mircea cel Batran Square, Unirii str. and Trei Fantani area, Tulcea**

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MINUTES 25-26.07.2024

**Round Table 01** - 25.07 at 10:00

Consultation with local government representatives

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Tulcea County Council hall, the meeting with representatives of the Tulcea local administration took place as part of the public consultation process regarding the competition brief "Urban regeneration of the central area - Mircea cel Batran Square, Unirii str. and the Trei Fantani area", organized by the Romanian Order of Architects, with Tulcea Town Hall as Contracting Authority.

Following a presentation by arch. Sorin Istudor of the underlying structure and intentions of the competition brief, the following aspects were discussed with the participants:

1. Local urban planning regulation and the need for a democratic approach in defining the city's development objectives were discussed.
2. The approach and structure of the competition brief proposed by the OAR professional advisor were agreed upon by all the participants, and the idea of the municipality of Tulcea's touristic dimension in relation to tourism in the Danube Delta was debated.
3. It was proposed to approach the historical multiculturalism of the municipality of Tulcea through the competition brief.
4. It was agreed to approach the historical component in the urban regeneration program of the central area by reintegrating the built heritage elements into the urban structure of the contemporary city.
5. The need to strengthen the pedestrian links in the city center with both the Ivan Patzaichin embankment and the nearby historical districts was debated and agreed upon.
6. The integration of guided tours and information panels on the history of the city, historic districts, and historical monuments into future tourist routes and their accessibility for all categories of users was debated.



7. The topic of urban forest green areas and the network of green spaces that can contribute to reducing the greenhouse effect in the city in the summer and absorbing stormwater was raised.
8. The problem of floods and the specific problems related to the capture of water through the newly created sewage system were discussed.
9. The regulation of outdoor commercial and cultural activities in Mircea cel Batran Square was discussed by creating programs with more rigorous selections and regulations.
10. The issue of parking spaces in the city center, for residents and visitors, was debated. The possibility of an underground parking lot in the central area, although tempting, is not an economically viable option for the local budget.



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**Round Table 02** - 25.07 at 13:00

Consultation with the representatives of the profession

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the headquarters of OAR Dobrogea, Tulcea branch, the meeting with local architects took place as part of the public consultation process regarding the competition brief "Urban regeneration of the central area - Mircea cel Batran Square, Unirii str. and the Trei Fantani area", organized by the Romanian Order of Architects, with Tulcea City Hall as Contracting Authority.

Following a presentation by arch. Sorin Istudor of the underlying structure and intentions of the competition brief, the following aspects were discussed with the participants:

1. The approach and structure of the competition brief proposed by the OAR professional advisor were agreed upon by all the participants.
2. The possibility of studying the central area on several levels was discussed: architectural, historical, social, economic, etc.
3. Discussions were held on the possibility of expropriation in the study area in order to implement more radical urban solutions to reconnect the historical urban structure with the current one. The possibility of demolishing/abolishing the parasitic structures that appeared after '90.
4. An important topic was also the operation of public spaces such as fairs and flea markets, a practice increasingly present in Romania in recent years, given that the Central Food Market is located in the vicinity of the center. It is proposed to ban such manifestations in the new configuration/arrangement of the public space.
5. Also, the problem of rainwater management was pointed out as a key element of the redevelopment solution.
6. The issue of parking in the city center is a disputed and difficult topic to resolve. Encouraging public transport and alternative solutions is much more accessible to a city the size of Tulcea than building parking lots and underground passages.
7. The possibility of opening the dam on a small portion near Trei Fantani Park in order to restore the visual connection of the city with the Danube and possibly prevent flooding from the hills of the city was discussed.



8. It was also pointed out that although most of the spaces proposed for redevelopment are largely dysfunctional, the chess players' area in Trei Fantani Park is a space loved and frequented by Tulcea inhabitants.

9. The problem of arranging the spaces in the portico of the flat buildings on Unirii Street was pointed out, given that they are owned by the associations and not by the town hall.



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### **Round Table 03** - 26.07 at 10:00

Consultation with owners' associations, NGOs, representatives of ethnic minorities

Friday, July 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the hall of the Tulcea County Council, there was a meeting with the representatives of property owners' associations, NGOs and ethnic minorities from the municipality of Tulcea as part of the public consultation process related to the Competition Brief "Urban regeneration of the central area - Mircea cel Batran Square, Unirii str. and Trei Fantani area", organized by the Romanian Order of Architects, with Tulcea City Hall as Contracting Authority.

Following a presentation by arch. Sorin Istudor of the underlying structure and intentions of the competition brief, the following aspects were discussed with the participants:

1. The approach and structure of the competition brief proposed by the OAR professional consultant were approved in principle.
2. Traffic and parking in the area of Unirii Street was discussed, and it was proposed to close it temporarily, on the model of Victoriei Street in Bucharest, just before the end of the competition.
3. The representation of Tulcea multiculturalism in the public space through interventions dedicated to ethnic groups was discussed.
4. The issue of green spaces and parks in the municipality of Tulcea and the creation of green routes from the neighborhoods to the center and the embankment was raised.



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### **Round Table 04** - 26.07 at 12:00

#### Consultation with local economic agents

Friday, July 26, 2024, at 12:00, in the hall of the Tulcea County Council, the meeting with representatives of riverside economic agents and from the wider area of Tulcea municipality took place within the public consultation process related to the Competition Brief "Urban Regeneration of central area - Mircea cel Batran Square, Unirii str. and Trei Fantani area", organized by the Romanian Order of Architects, with Tulcea City Hall as Contracting Authority.

Following a presentation by arch. Sorin Istudor of the underlying structure and intentions of the competition brief, the following aspects were discussed with the participants:

1. The approach and structure of the competition brief proposed by the OAR professional advisor were approved in principle.
2. The necessity of reconnecting the historical structure of the city with the contemporary one and integrating it into a new centrality was agreed upon and discussed.
3. The issue of public and private spaces behind the flat buildings and their redevelopment was raised.
4. The vital issue of long-term management of public spaces and in particular the management of waste and green spaces was raised.
5. Creation of Park&ride type parking lots for tourists and visitors on the outskirts of the city to reduce traffic in the center.
6. Discussions were held and it was recommended that the winning solution be economically sustainable and financially adapted to the local budget.