Tirana New Paradigm:
From Post-Communist towards a Sustainable City
TIRANA, ALBANIA
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Sustainable "Tirana" brings to the city a new approach of urban regeneration which lies in the legacies of the contextual urban fabric and touches all the scales of designing: from the level of metropolis to the scale of public life. Through a modernized system of public transportation, it connects the economically growing metropolitan area, which by passing through the most important city poles appears to be the biggest arteria of human flows.

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The strategy aims to create the basic conditions for a sustainable economic growing of Tirana and its elemental axis as the backbone of this strategy involves all the aspects of urban interventions: dealing with the monumentality, recycling of communist architecture, new housing blocks, a specific museum cluster and a new sport complex, and makes Tirana a distinguished metropolitan city for the emerging democracy.

The design proposal aims to create the spatial-economic condition for connecting the informal area with the rest of the city. It focuses on five design interventions which on the other hand are characterized by five different urban complexities.

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