MENDING Varna: Authentic Landscape as a Fountainhead and Essential Element of Urban Continuity and Identity

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Cross-section of the current state of the harbour

Cross-section of the design proposal
The existing vegetation is shown in white

Salix chrysocoma
Cupressus sempervirens
Elaeagnus angustifolia
Prunus spinosa
Rosa canina
Berberis vulgaris

Vision 5. Dialogue with the Horizon
Vision 4. Transition to the New Place
Visions 1-3. Dialogue with the Past

Opening of the view at the future of Varna harbour
Panoramic view within the New Place

Local scale design proposal. Cross-section. 1:100
Port Varna East is one of the two major ports located at the Varna Lake. Its strategic location at the edge of the sea and inland has been first adapted to “a port” in XIX century during Ottoman times in Bulgaria. The initial wooden structure has been later transformed into a hard surface quay wall, which was later extended to its current area.

Nowadays, the part of the port adjacent to the coast line is planned to be moved further inland, due to the intention of develop cultural and ecological qualities of the site. The location of container terminal strategically has the greatest potential for cultural development. However, despite the existing strategy for land-use development from the Municipality of Varna, the demand exists for various ideas for the area. The intention is to develop a park, a residential zone and cultural activities. However, the vast size and complexity of the area leaves large projects unrealized.

Current project intends to regard the site from the perspective of landscape architecture, and with special attention to the cultural potential of the site.