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Call for Proposals: TOURISM INTO TRADITION, National Design Competition - 20 October – 15 December 2017

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The objective of this competition is to encourage the construction of new touristic hospitality structures in Albania by applying innovative solutions on tourism planning, architecture, landscape and interior design respecting the features of traditional Albanian houses.

The European Union Delegation to Albania invites young architects to participate in this competition, and to submit their concept-idea designs.

Background

Traditional Albanian architecture is one of the components of Albanian identity. The EUD is looking for innovative solutions to be applied to the typical traditional building of each of the three regions. Those designs should constitute the model for the new building and

possibly the renovation of existing ones in a sustainable way and so that the regional character is maintained.

1. Eligibility Criteria and Participation to the Competition

Participation is open to undergraduate or graduate young professionals with knowledge in architecture or other relevant fields. Each candidate can submit only one proposal for each region (up to three proposals in total).

All candidates must be 20-35 years old.

2. Concept- idea requirements

- **Geographic location-** reference buildings for each of the regions must be respectively:
 - for Shkodra region, traditional civic dwellings with mound (solarium-çardak)
 - for Fier/Berat, region traditional Berati's special houses or civic dwellings with mound
 - for Korça traditional two-stories rural dwellings of the mid-19th century (Dardha's dwelling type, Sinica's dwelling type).
- **Exteriors-** proposed architectural solutions for the facades, roofs and volumes of the new dwellings must be in accordance with the architecture of historical buildings of the proposed region.
- **Functionality-** proposed architectural solutions for the purposes of this call and interiors of the new bed and breakfast dwellings must respect the traditional functionality of historical buildings of the proposed region.
- **Structure-** the structure of the proposed dwellings should be made of load bearing stone walls and vertical and horizontal timber structural elements, in conformity to the respective structural system of the dwellings.
- **Materials-** materials used must be traditional: stone, lime and timber materials must be based on local original quarries, mines and reserves.
- **Environment-** the concept- idea design must fulfill the environment requirements, it should be friendly to the environment with the emphasis on saving energy.
- **Typical and historical elements of the region-** designers must take into account the typical and historical elements of the local traditional architecture especially of the monuments of culture of the regions where the dwellings are located by paying attention also to the ethnographic use of the buildings.

Further information about traditional dwellings proposed for each region and their historical elements can be found at the annex attached.

3. Requested format for proposals and modes of submission

Each participant may submit only one proposal for each region in the PDF A3-format, both in electronic form and hardcopy (1 copy), which will include these sheets:

- the short historic and ethnographic analysis and a survey of the conditions of traditional buildings of the proposed region (in A4-format);
- the layout plans of the object;
- the plan of each floor with dimensions;
- the plan of each floor with furnishings;
- façades;
- technical sections specifying the materials of different finishes;
- details of decorative frames;
- details of the main fragments of the volumes and entrances;
- 3D images;
- technical specification (A4 format) which should contain: necessary architectural specifications and materials, conclusions, recommendations and expectations of the concept-idea.
- Max 4 drawings (A0 format) where the entire proposal is presented.

The language used in the concept-idea must be Albanian/English. The applicants must submit the concept-ideas no later than 15 December COB.

To apply send your proposal (PDF) at info@euin.al [1], and hard copy to:

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For further information or if you have any questions, please send an email to: info@euin.al [1] until 17:00 on 10 November 2017.

Deadline: 15 December 2017

4. Awards

The jury panel will select two winners for each site, First Prize and Second Prize. The winners will be awarded with 350,000 Albanian Lek for the First Prize and 200,000 Albanian Lek for the Second Prize. The concept-ideas that will not win but will be judged as interesting, will be shown on exhibitions that will be organized in Tirana and during EU Delegation activities in the regions.

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