

Decentralization of local government for the management of Historic Centers



The process of decentralization of the local government :

- *Is organized based on the Legislation :*
 - The Law for the organization of the local government
 - The Law for the public services

Efficiency of the local government

- The Reform of Decentralization has increased the efficiency of the local government.
 - Extension of the services in territorial aspects.
 - Increase of the variety of the services
 - Increase of the quality .

Local Services

- The local services are more qualitative when they are under the competency of the local government.
- The Municipal human capacities have been developed .
- The citizens feel the presence and the efficiency of the local government

Local Services

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- Waste management
- Water supply and sewages
- Public lighting
- Management of parking areas

Main challenges

Which are the main challenges :

- The Municipality hasn't the full right for the management of the Historic Center
- The responsibility body for the maintenance and the management of the Historic Center is the Ministry of Culture and the Institute of National Culture .
- The local representatives are the Directorates of the National Culture.

Which are the main challenges :

- Sometimes there are overlapped competencies and responsibilities
- There are over lasting procedures that a citizen has to follow when applying for a construction or restoration or a new business in the Historic Center .
- The existing structure for the administration of the H.C. isn't flexible for the vitalization of this area.

Partnerships :

- The Municipality is partner for the implementation of some project in the Historic Center , covering the budgets for the rehabilitation of the streets , public lighting and green areas.
- The Directorate of National Culture is responsible as a partner for the reconstruction of the cultural monuments, decorative lightings, and rehabilitation of the dwellings.

Partnerships

- The citizens are partners in joint projects for the reconstruction of their houses which are cultural monuments.
- They contribute through the co-financing of the total value of the reconstruction through the payment of 40 % of the total budget .

Tourism and Local Government

- The Local government has under its structure the Directorate of Tourism and manages the Touristic Information Office .
- The Municipality has prepared the Action Plan for Tourism .
- The Municipality still feels the lack of proper structures for tourism, due to the limited local budgets

Urban Planning

- The Municipality has prepared the new Master Plan for the City .
- The Master Plan will be submitted for approval in the National Council for Urban Regulation
- The Master Plan doesn't include the urban planning in the Historic Center .
- The Ministry of Culture is the main stakeholder which approves the rules for intervention in the Historic Center

