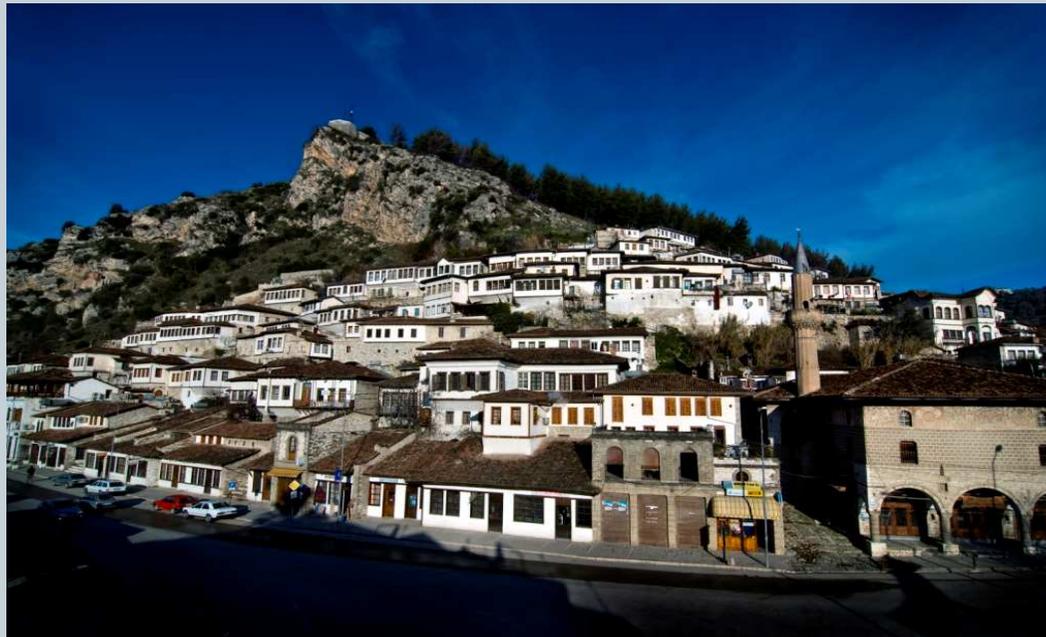


# Which evolutions for town centers ?



## BERAT- ALBANIA



# BERAT



- According to historical documentation, the city of Berat dates back to 4th Century BC. It developed during the Roman and Byzantine Period.
- The city of Berat contains intact historical documents and architectural treasures, testimony of a pacific and integrated coexistence through almost six Centuries between the Christian and Islamic Community



# Challenges



- The challenges of the city consist in the future safeguarding of the present situation by making possible the living of the Berat people within such a historic site, by improving the quality of life and developing the economical situation without altering the urban historical ensemble, the architectural heritage and the interior ornamentals of the ancient buildings.



- The regulations effective in Albania and the high awareness of the people of Berat have made possible their conservation until today. Thus it seems that their future preservation and development can be reached without particular interventions to modify the actual organizative situation.

# Site of UNESCO



- The Historic Center of the city was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List on 8 July 2008 as “ a rare example of architecture typical for the Ottman period.”





- UNESCO experts monitor the conditions and the standards of the preservation of the objects. Objects at risk are identified and assistance is offered for the intervention plan. The preservation and the revitalization of the Historical Center are the two main directions recommended by UNESCO. Berat is not in the list of the Objects at Risk declared by UNESCO.

- The Municipality of Berat already has some building regulations for the Historical Centre and for the preservation of historical buildings, but the inscription of the city on the World Heritage List requires a more accurate program and further preservation.



# The Law for Cultural Heritage



- The Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports is the highest institution that deals with the Cultural Heritage of Albania. The cultural heritage of Albania is protected by the 9080 Law, date 07.04.2003, for the protection and development of monuments.
- The Institute of Cultural Monuments (scientific research institute – development of projects in heritage protection)
- -The Regional Directorates.

# Urban Master Plan



- *The Municipality of Berat is also preparing the Master Urban Plan of the city , and the regulatory rules for the protected area (buffer zone that surrounds the Historic Center ) .*





- The Regulatory Building Plan will include:
- limitations of the heights of buildings;
- prescriptions of the constructive techniques and the colours to be used (for example it will be defined a list of allowable colours (plan of colours), and the techniques compatible with the historical constructions; wide areas covered with incongruous materials like glass, coloured marble or coloured plaster, will be forbidden by regulation;
- limitations in volume (the buildings will have to respect the traditional volumes); formal limitations (the buildings will have to have forms compatible to the regular and symmetric traditional ones, and the complex geometric shapes being in contrast with the local tradition will not be allowed);

# Cultural Heritage



- *The tangible values of the cultural heritage are as follows:*
- *a) centers, zones and regions, dwelling or non-dwelling, of archaeological historical, ethnological, architectonic and engineering value. Here are included also objects of such characteristic being of ruin situation, of over 100 years old.*



# Cultural Heritage

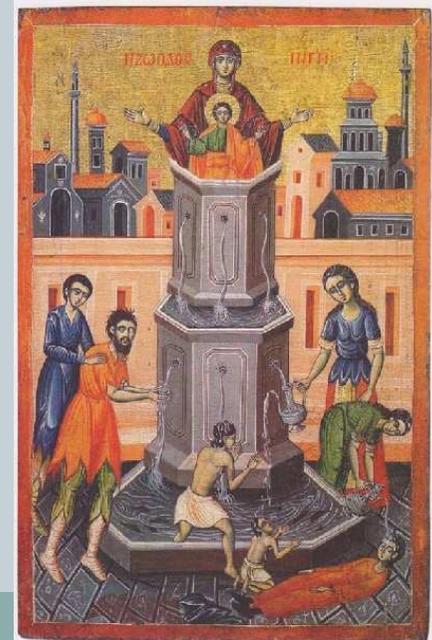


- *b) Urban, architectonic and historical ensemble , buildings or building constructions of particular values; As such are the objects of this kind in ruin status, of over 100 years old;*



# Cultural heritage

- 2. *Objects of movable cultural heritage, where there included:*
  - a) *Objects, parts or elements of objects, as described in letter “b” of point 1 of this Article, such as mosaics, capitols, sculptures, columns, mural pictures, icons, iconostate, characteristic ceilings, epitaphs, tombs, of 100 years old.*



# Cultural Heritage

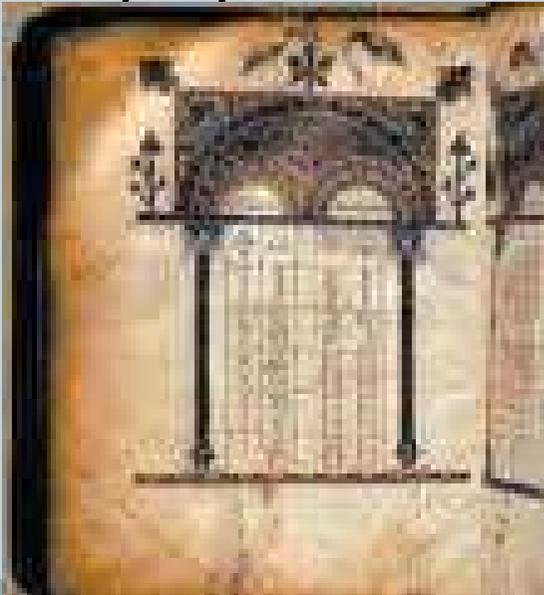


- *b) Archaeological movable stuffs, coming out from archaeological excavations, are collected by the archaeological searches or they come as occasional findings or which are preserved in collections or other various funds;*
- *c) The artistic creations of all kinds and types. Here there are excluded the creations of the living authors;*

# Cultural Heritage



- *d) Archive documents of national historical importance*
- *e) Manuscripts and publications, books and periodicals of particular historical and bibliographical values.*



# Public Services in Historic Town



## Waste processing:

- This service covers all the zones of the Historic Center , with the placement of the big bins out of the Castle and small and appropriate waste bins within the streets of the Historic Center . Because of the sharp terrain and the narrow streets of the Historic Center , it is impossible for the vehicles of the waste management to enter in this areas. For this reason the wastes are collected at each house by the workers who transport them in the big waste bins closed to the historic center .

# Historic Center

- Level of noise:
- The level of noise in the Historic Center is according to the normal rates . Actually there's no problem with the noises caused by certain activities . The traffic is very imitated within the Historic Quarters and there's a quiet area for the visitors and the inhabitants living in this area.



# Services in Historic Center



- There are some necessary public structures for the inhabitant of the Historic Center , but there's still the need of spreading other services in this area.
- There is a nursery in the Historic Center , two elementary schools , an Administrative Unit of the Municipality of Berat which takes care for the administration of the services for the citizens. There is public transport from the city center to the Castle every day, thus serving to the citizens who live there .

# Cultural Offer



- There are several cultural activities that are organized in the Historic Center , mainly in its open areas , usually in the upper part of the Castle known as “Acropolis “.



# Cultural Offer



- The activities are mainly organized in the Spring , with the opening season of the tourism , included in the so-called “Festival of Berat “ which lasts for 2 weeks in May, and aims the vitalization of the heritage and the cultural values of the city’s historic Center



## Cultural Offer

- The Cultural Center of the City and the Art Gallery “Edward Lear” are placed next to the Historic Quarter of Mangalem, while there are two Museums in the Historic Zones ; the National Museum of Icons called “Onufri” and the Ethnographic Museum which together with the other monuments and old churches in the Historic Zones offer a special tour for the visitors.



# Cultural Offer



- There are some private art shops and art galleries in the historic centers, open in the spaces of traditional houses for the visitors .



# Tourism



- There is an increase of economic potential in the businesses that operate in tourism. This happens also because of better promotion of the values of the city which now has a special status. It has 11 Hotels and 25 restaurants which are mainly tourism-oriented.



# Tourism



- The city is preparing the Management Plan of the Historic Center according to the global strategy of UNESCO for the revitalization of the old city Center.



# Tourism



- Tourism
- -Estimation of the number of tourists visiting the city
- -in 2000: 18.000
- -in 2010: 40.000



# Tourism



- The tourism information office is near the city centre. The office is managed by the municipality of Berat and welcomes domestic and foreign visitors, providing information of the resources and tourism potential of the city of Berat and the region.



# Tourism

- There are also four agencies that offer travel and accommodation facilities for the tour operators. The new tourist signage of the city helps the visitors to get informed of the points of interests in the historic center .There are also guides for the visitors in the Castle and the audio guide services offered in three languages with the whole information of the city .



# Facilities



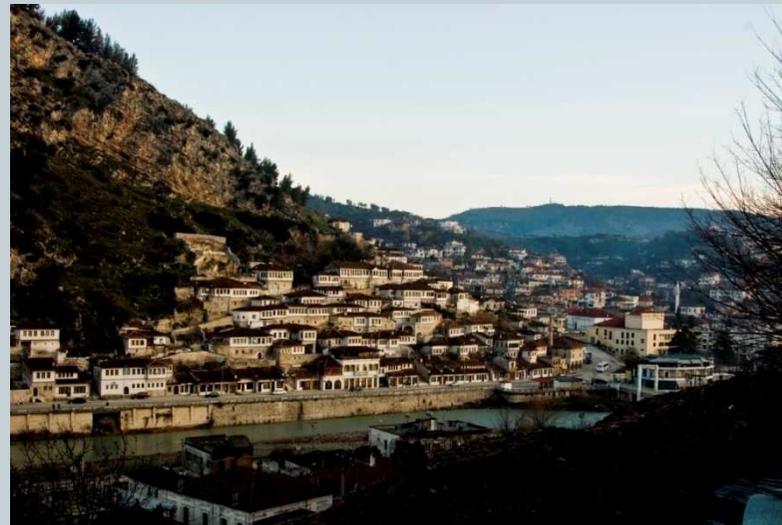
- There are 5 hotels , one hostel and some guest houses in the old city center who offer the accommodation, restaurants and typical environments for the visitors .



# Tourism facilities



- The receptivity, hotel and related services, is at present sufficient for the tourist flow of nowadays, but it will be insufficient for the number of tourists that might visit the city after its inscription on the World Heritage List and the consequent public advertisement.



Thank You !



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