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»Prishtina is Everywhere«

Archis Interventions in Prishtina

Conference

THE STATE AS OUR HOME

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Mission Statement

Archis Interventions, a not for profit branch of Archis Foundation (also known for its magazine Volume) has set itself on a course to provide cities with clues and concepts to revive the public domain, to re-energize its urban spirit and to revitalize their trust in dialogue as the essence of civic life.



Prishtina at present



After the war, the informal building activities seriously affected the city structure of Prishtina and raised social, infrastructural, and safety problems. More than 70% of the urban fabric has been transformed.











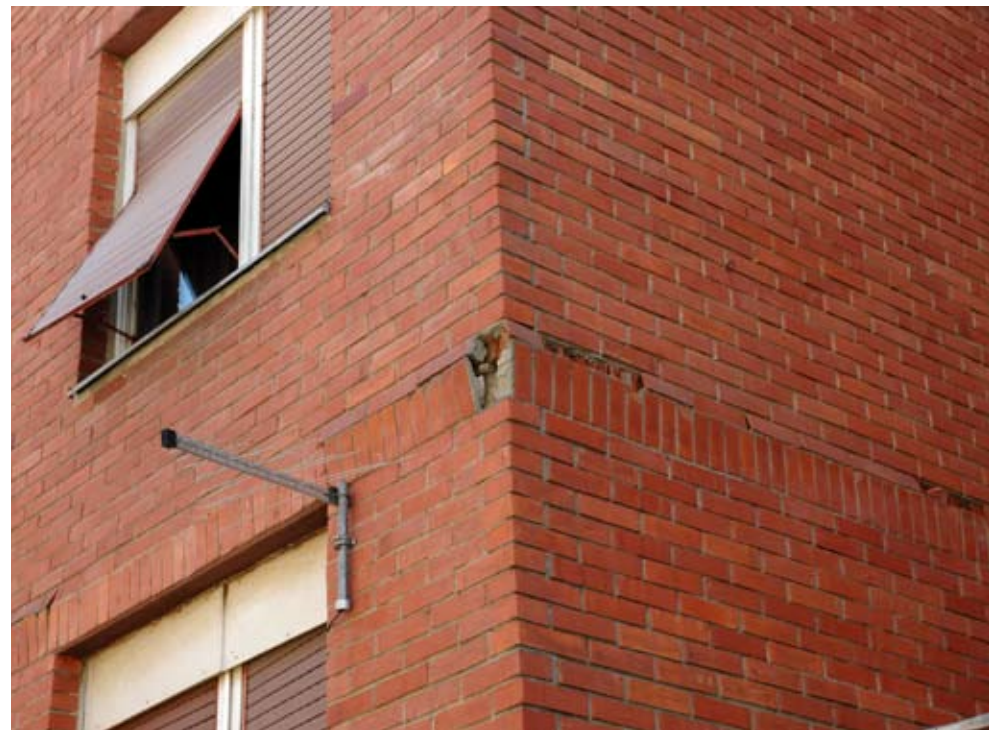






Necessary standards in the building process have not yet been put in place and there is little public awareness about fundamental problems emerging out of informal settlement. The project developed solution strategies to facilitate the private developer's meeting the provisions of laws and regulations in regard to the needs of the community development.



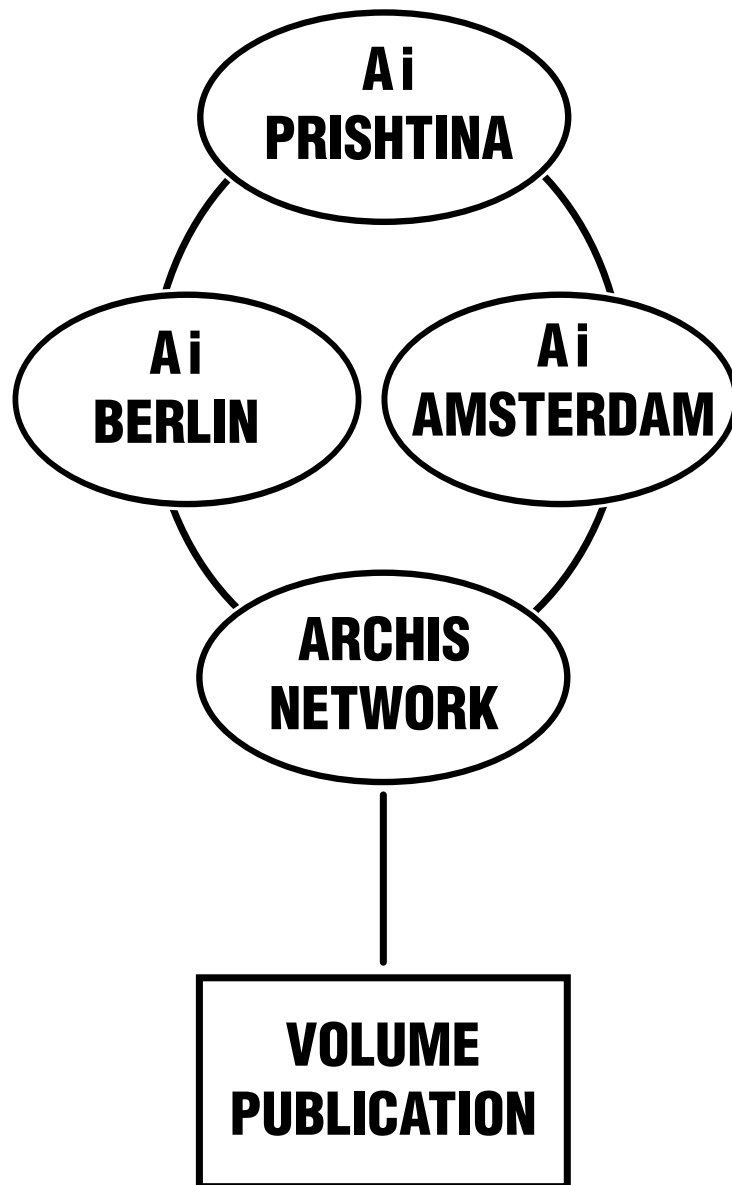


Turbo Urbanism



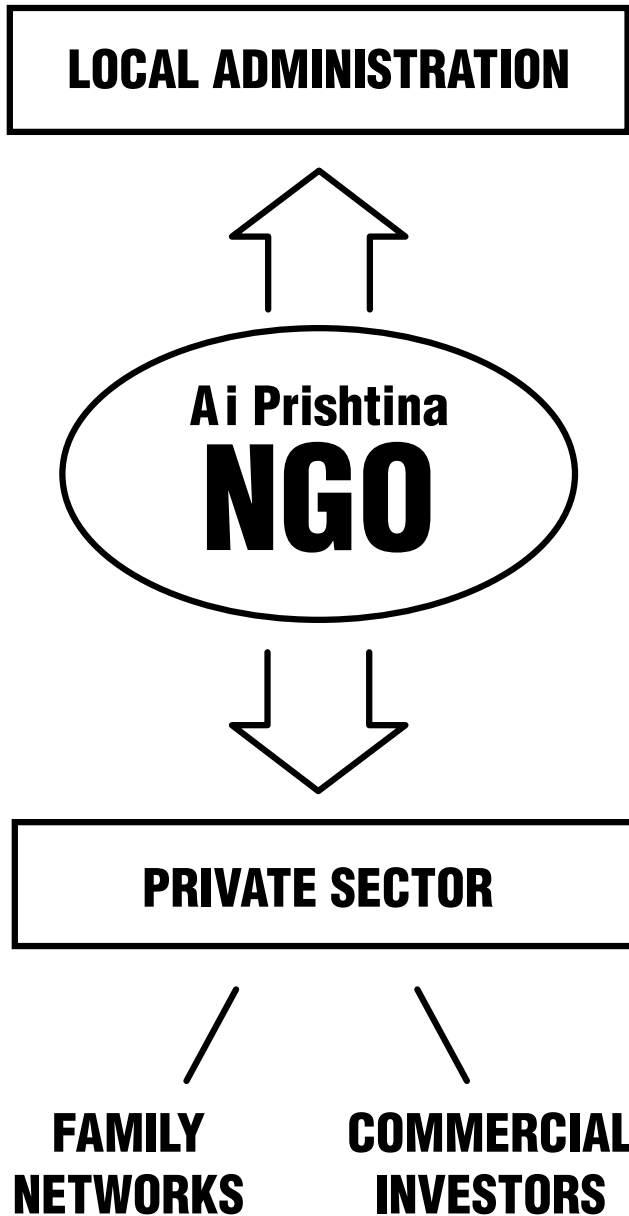


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In August 2005 Kai Vöckler on behalf of Archis founded together with three architects from Kosovo, Visar Geci, Florina Jerliu and Vlora Navakazi a local NGO with the aim to develop solution strategies for the structuring of the city housing development.



Archis Interventions / Prishtina is a non for profit organization and part of the Archis network. It focusses on improving, channeling and integrating informal building in a city in transition through creating better living conditions and a sense for the cultural values of architecture and urban design.

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Documentation

English

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Amsterdam: Archis 2008

German

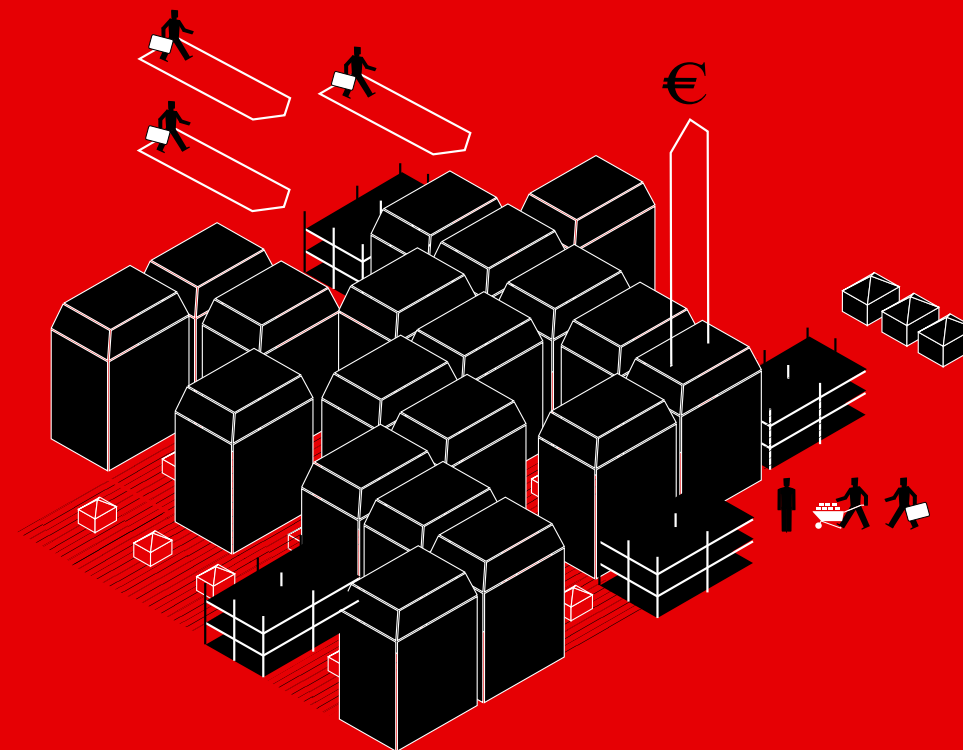
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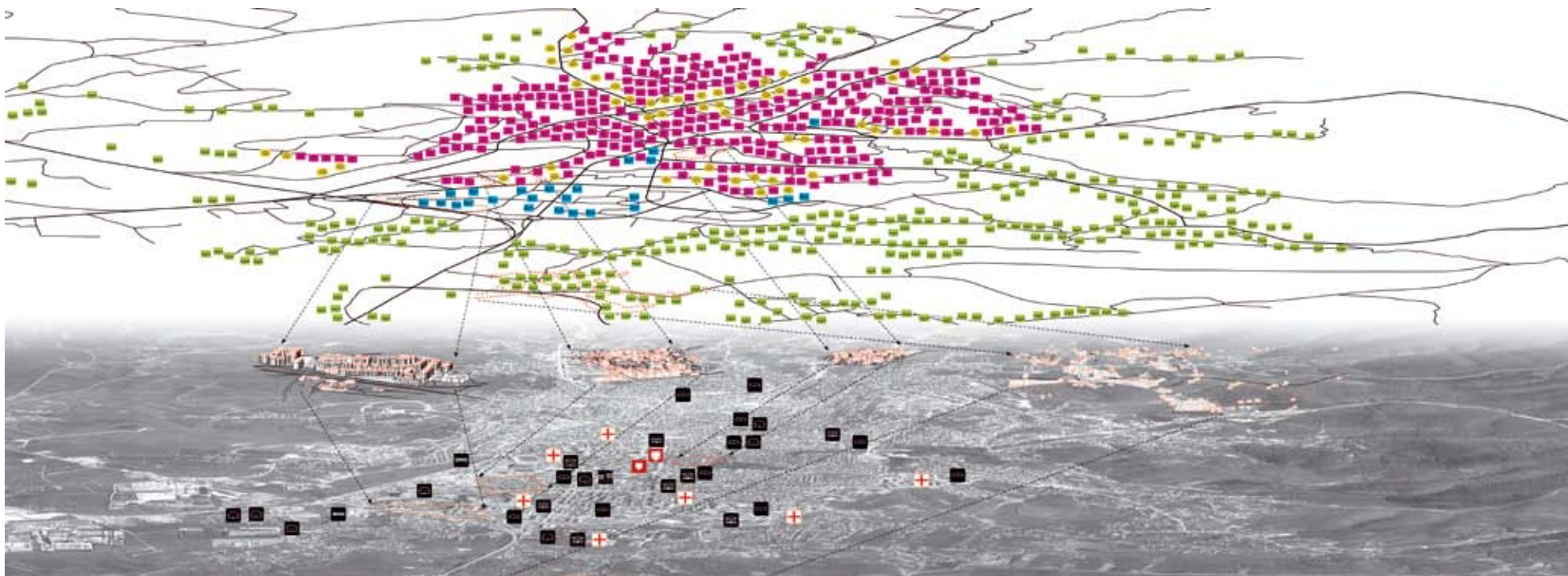


Visar Geci, co-founder of Archis Interventions/Prishtina, runs one of the most renowned cocktail bars in Prishtina from which he broadcasts a satirical talk show that provokes the planners and politicians of his day and brings the discourse on informal building into public awareness.



International Workshop

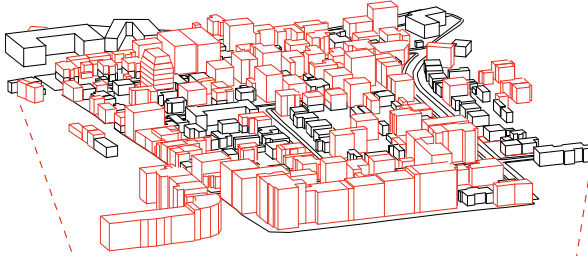
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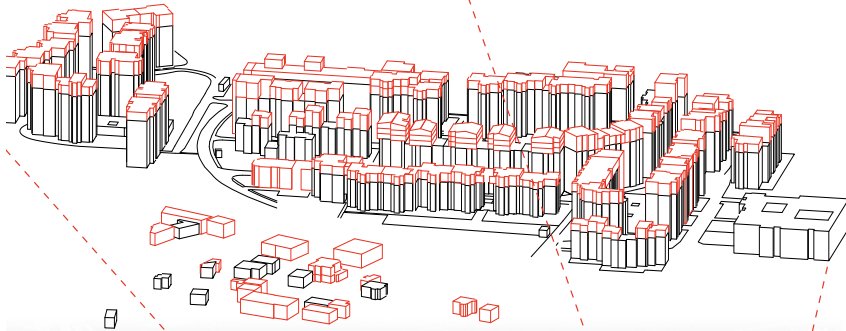
Prototype 2
Urban Density

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Prototype 4
Urban Density

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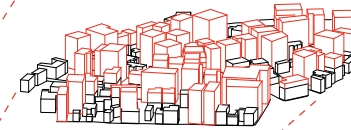
Prototype 1
Urban Extension

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Prototype 3
Urban Density

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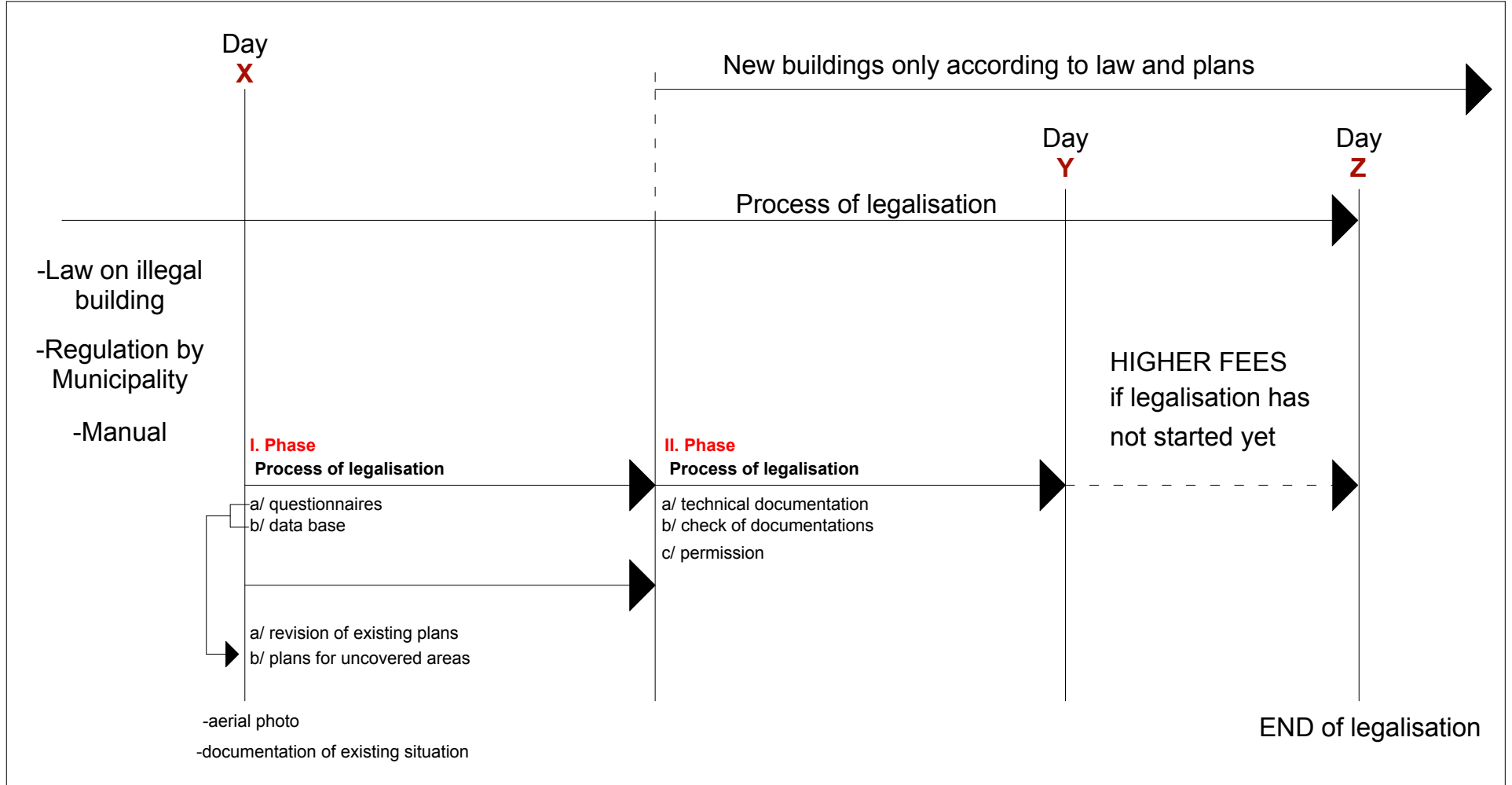




Dr. Isa Mustafa, the mayoral candidate, who was later to become Mayor of Prishtina, took the time to listen to the students' explanation of the problematic aspects of future development of the city.

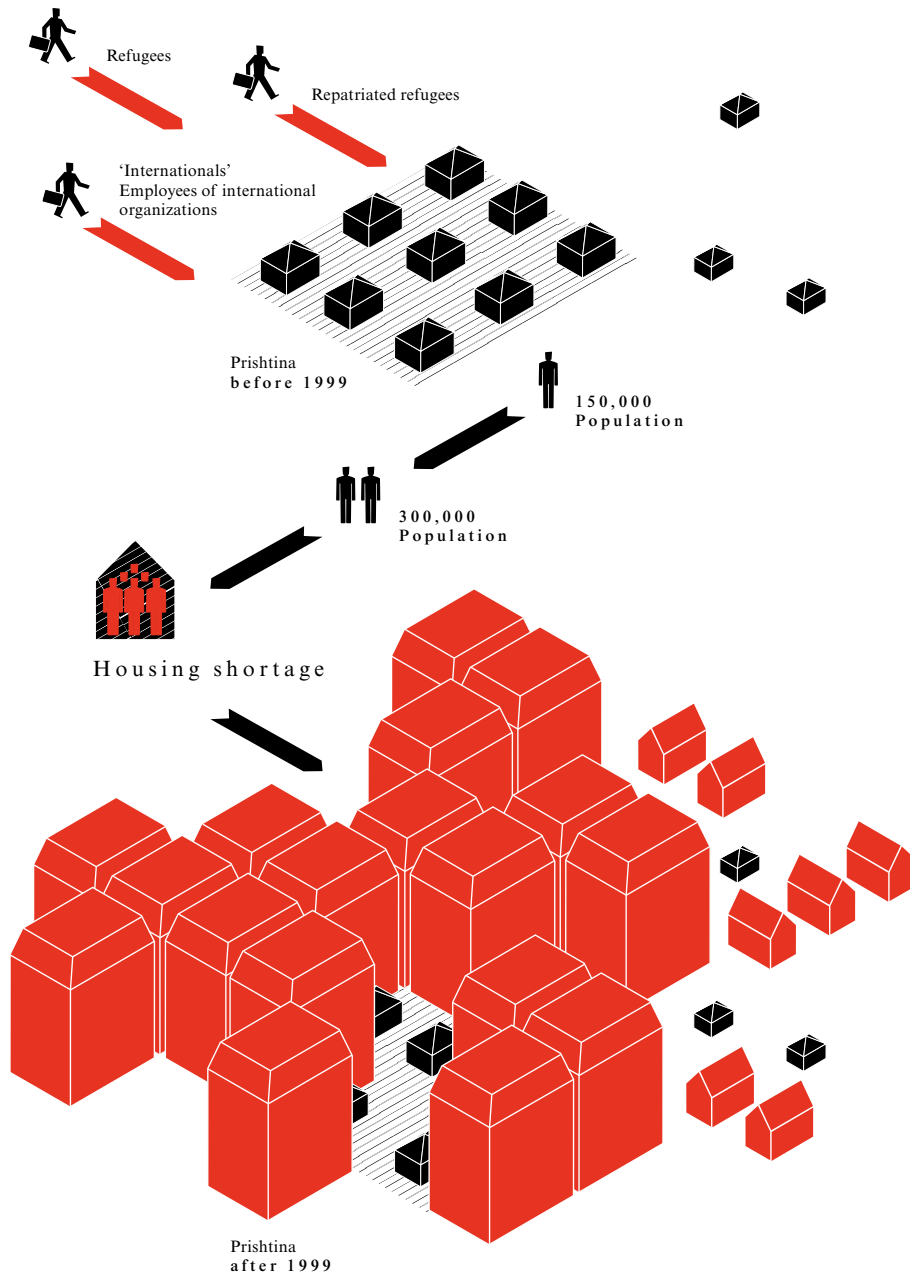
Work in Progress

In January 2008 Florina Jerliu was appointed Adviser for urban issues to the Mayor of Prishtina. The readiness of local politicians and administrators to cooperate created a favorable atmosphere for the successful implementation of the developed strategies. In the meantime, a public debate had begun about how to deal with the 'illegal' buildings, while the theme had already played a central role in the mayoral campaign. We are working on the process of implementation.

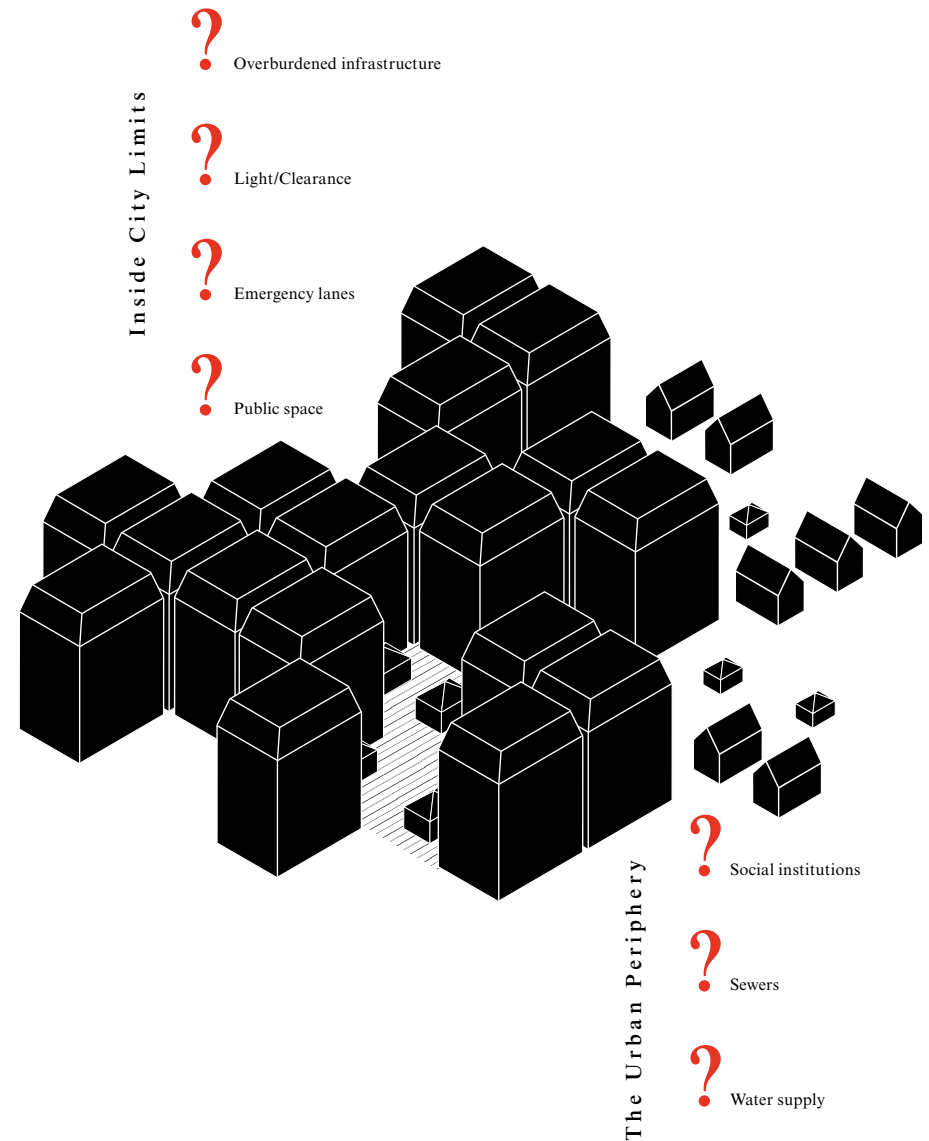


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