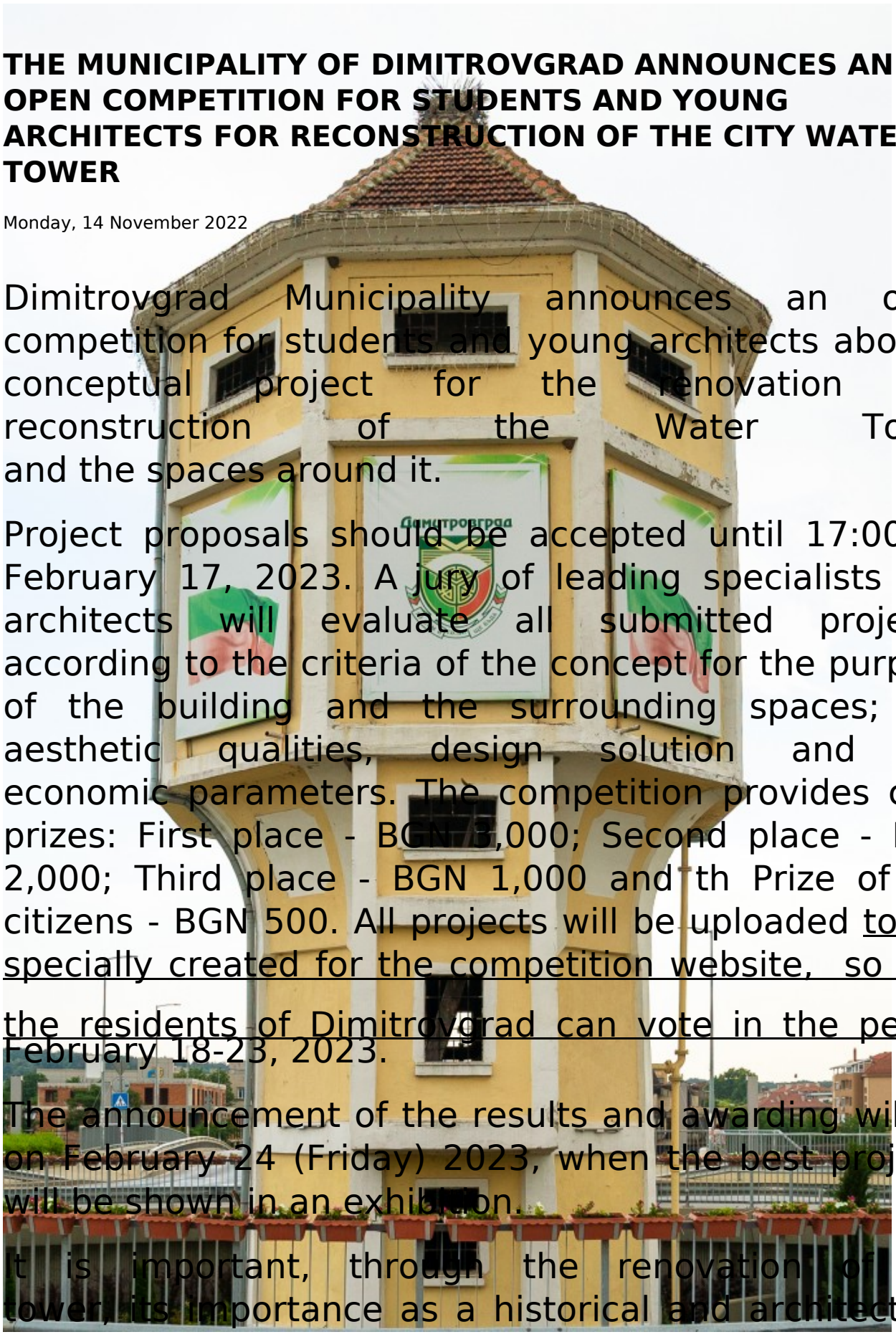
THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIMITROVGRAD ANNOUNCES AN OPEN COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG ARCHITECTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY WATER TOWER

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Dimitrovgrad Municipality announces an open competition for students and young architects about a conceptual project for the renovation and reconstruction of the Water Tower and the spaces around it.

Project proposals should be accepted until 17:00 on February 17, 2023. A jury of leading specialists and architects will evaluate all submitted projects, according to the criteria of the concept for the purpose of the building and the surrounding spaces; the aesthetic qualities, design solution and the economic parameters. The competition provides cash prizes: First place - BGN 3,000; Second place - BGN 2,000; Third place - BGN 1,000 and th Prize of the citizens - BGN 500. All projects will be uploaded to the specially created for the competition website, so that the residents of Dimitrovgrad can vote in the period February 18-23, 2023.

The announcement of the results and awarding will be on February 24 (Friday) 2023, when the best projects will be shown in an exhibition.

It is important, through the renovation of the tower, its importance as a historical and architectural

object to be emphasized, as well as to strengthen the role of an architectural and design accent in the urban environment. The desire of the Contracting Authority is the building to be turned into a tourist attraction after the reconstruction. Participants in the competition have the freedom to propose ideas that range from maximum preservation and restoration of the existing building to more substantial redevelopment, which includes intervention not only in the interior, but also in the facades and volumetric construction.

The building proposal must be considered in the context of the surrounding space and visualized through facades, three-dimensional images or photomontages in which the entire environment, including the road facility.

The water tower in Dimitrovgrad was built after 1873, when the Haskyoi railway station was opened. It is part of the infrastructure of the Tsarigrad - Belovo railway, which is owned by Baron von Hirsch and was put into operation between 1870 and 1874. In 1888 this railway line connects Constantinople with Vienna and the rest of Europe.

The need to fill steam locomotives with water was phased out between the 1960s and 1980s, but the Water Tower was not removed. In 2012, in connection with the project for the reconstruction and electrification of the railway line Plovdiv - Svilengrad, a new communication solution, for the road overpassed the tower, was approved. The result of the new design

was realized in 2015.

The water tower in Dimitrovgrad is one of the oldest preserved in the country. It is built with a reinforced concrete structure. Its height is 25.44 m to the ridge of the roof. Inside, there is a wooden staircase to reach the level below the water tank in the upper part.









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