



THE PROJECT OF THREE YOUNG ARCHITECTS WON FOR THE COTEST 'CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER TOWER IN DIMITROVGRAD'

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The project "On the steps of time" by the author's team of architects - Milena Raeva, Iva Miteva, and Isabel Todorova was the project awarded first place by the jury in the open competition for students and young architects for a conceptual project development, renovation and reconstruction of the Water Tower in Dimitrovgrad. In the presence of the mayor of the municipality Mr Ivo Dimov, journalists and participants, the chairman of the jury, architect Vladimir Milkov - chairman of the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria,



announced the winners. Six project proposals were submitted for the competition. The projects were presented in the order of their entry into the municipality, and some of the presentations were online.

The first place winner is the project "On the Steps of Time" which presents the Water Tower as a monument with an important role for the history and identity of the city. Its authors are a team of architects.

The second place, the jury ranked the project presented in the competition by a team of two young architects - architect Tsvetelina Gadzhelova and architect Plamena Draganova. They transform the existing space, understanding it as a "place of memory".

The jury awarded the third place to the design proposal of architect Mihail Dyankov presented in the concept "Every drop matters". The goal of the current project is the integration of the Water Tower into the pedestrian public spaces of Dimitrovgrad and its transformation into a unique and recognizable symbol welcoming visitors to the city. The idea for the intervention was inspired by the historical role of the tower - storing and using water for the needs of the railway infrastructure. The project offers an effective modern interpretation of this original function, bringing into focus the theme of the reasonable and sustainable use of water resources.

The mayor of the municipality thanked the citizens who



voted on the contest website. 669 people have joined in with an opinion about the vision of the tower. Their preferred project is the one presented in the competition by a team of two young architects - architect Tsvetelina Gadzhelova and architect Plamena Draganova. Their project was preferred by 25.1% of citizens who voted.

The authoritative jury, which also includes Prof. Dr. Arch. Todor Bulev - Chairman of the Union of Architects in Bulgaria, Dr. Arch. Aneta Vasileva from the University of Architecture and Geodesy - Sofia, Department of "History and Theory of Architecture", Dr. Arch. Mila Nikiforova from the University of Architecture and Geodesy - Sofia, Department of "Urban Planning", Arch. Nina Tancheva, Eng. Snezha Yaneva-Zhekova - Chairman of the Haskovo Regional College of the Chamber of the engineers in the investment planning and the chief architect of Dimitrovgrad municipality arch. Elisaveta Georgieva evaluated all the presented projects, according to the criteria for originality and applicability of the concept for the purpose of the building and the surrounding spaces; the aesthetic qualities of the volumetric spatial solution of the building, the interior and the surrounding spaces; the unity and consistency of the studies, concept and design solution and the economic expediency. According to the regulations of the contest, in addition to certificates, the winners of the first three places also receive cash prizes. The value of the prizes is BGN 3000, BGN 2000 and BGN 1000, and the citizens' prize



is equivalent to BGN 500.





