

New Belgrade – between yesterday and tomorrow

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1 ABSTRACT

New Belgrade was a huge project in ex Yugoslavia. Ideas were very ambitious, but it has turns into a very poor realization and whole part of town, instead of being the best and the only one fully realized Le Corbusier dream of ideal city in the world, become a **BIG SLEEPING ROOM**, as we, call it.

Great urban ideas were gorgeously planned, but realizations were very poor. Blocks of specially planned, programmed and realized high class social housing were developed without any additional functions in most cases, and stood self isolated for many years.

In the past few years, after political handover, in a period of transition, which is still in progress, New Belgrade is becoming new re-finding, re-reading and remapping field, reforming itself into a genuinely **NEW** city, grabbing attention for himself and making a new identity, without compromises.

Supported by new set of legislative, new establishment and new system of urban planning philosophy, New Belgrade is becoming a great new city, most developed part of Belgrade, supported by everything- politics, economy, statistic, legislative,

Inheritances of building structures were fascinated material to be remodulated and fill in the gaps in the area. In several examples of regenerating, New Belgrade blocs and formatting new urban forms will be presented by transformation in process, which is still in progress, as a transparent picture and result of transition which is happening in our society now.

Showing various options how to remodelate **BIG SLEEPING ROOM** into a very livable part of urban contemporary useful product for our local needs, imposing question is very simple- Are we, as urban planers, supported by the government and contemporary legislative, capable to solve this huge challenge by changing and making a new face of 60 years old part of the city? Are we passing this primary test or not?