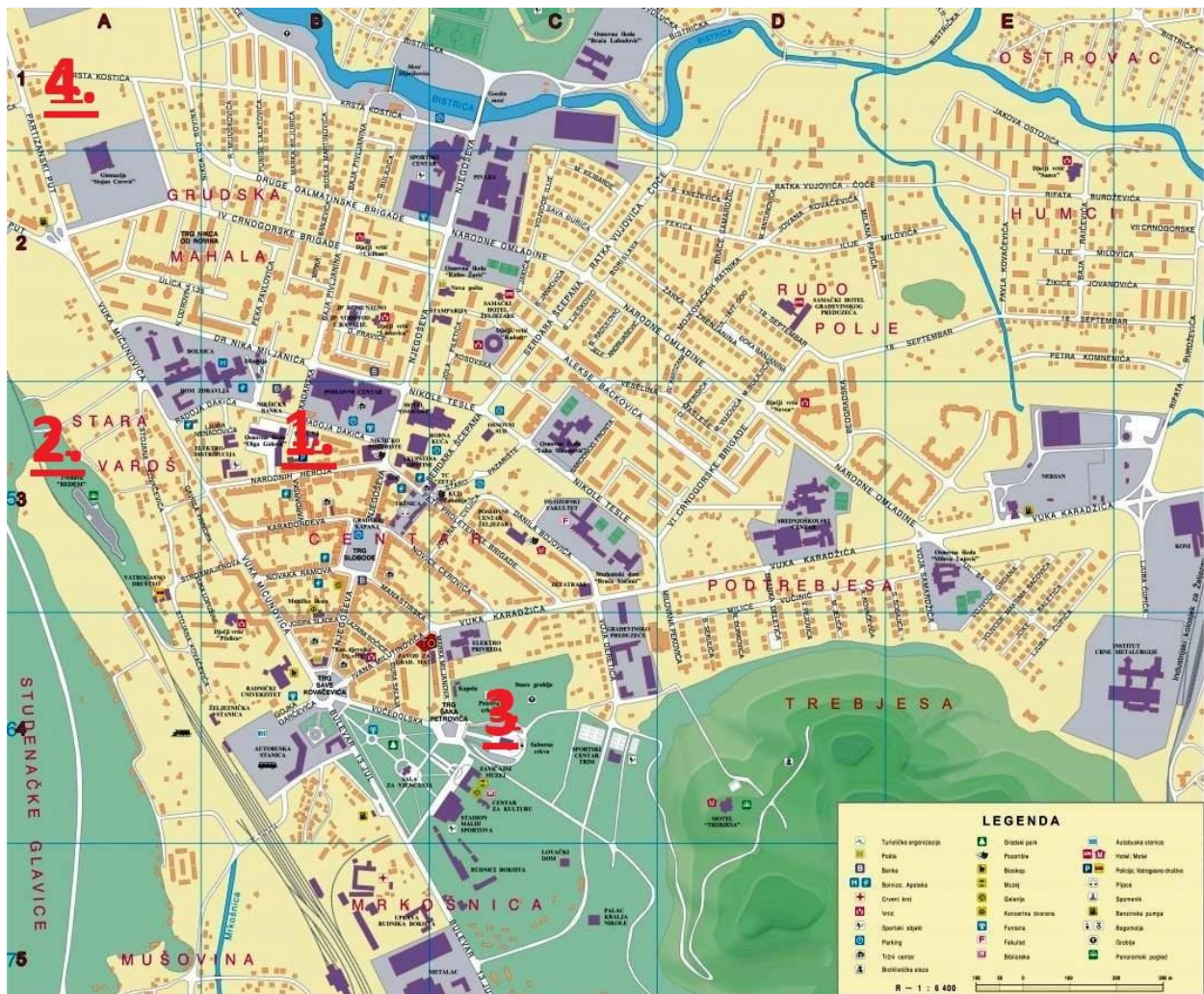




**Mapping cultural heritage sights with potential for adaptive re-use:
Nikšić, Montenegro**

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Map of cultural heritage sites in Nikšić with potential for adaptive re-use

1. Old Police Station

2. „Bedem“ Fortress

3. Small sports' stadium

4. Gymnasium School Yard

Old Police Station

Original purpose of the site:

Old police station was built in after WWII. It was police station with the parking line in its backyard in the mere center of the city. In the beginning of the 21st century the police got bigger and more modern facilities. The building was emptied.

Current use:



Now the building is emptied and sealed as well. It started to deteriorate.

Potential adaptive re-use:



In its activities and initiatives to open discussion on creation of the youth centre in Niksic - Local Democracy Agency Montenegro did wide consultations with young people on ideal space and location for this centre through many

projects. This building was recognized as one of the most suitable for the Youth Centre to be during the 2017 and 2018. Unfortunately, the initiative couldn't been realized to its end due to property land dispute between private person and municipality – the court process is still ongoing.

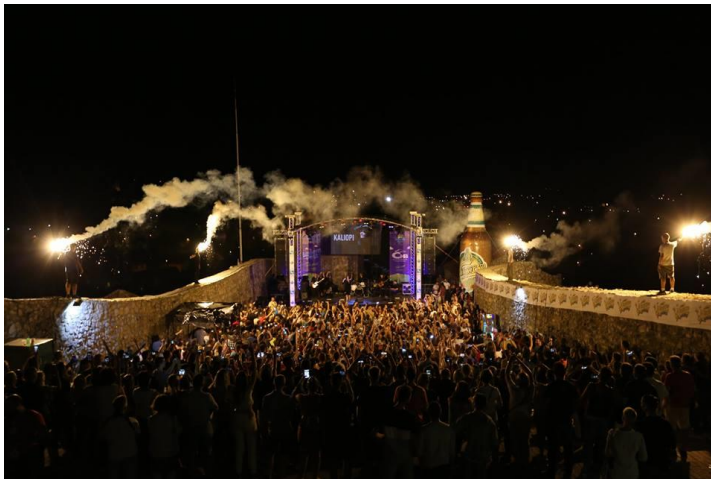
“Bedem” Fortress

Original purpose:



This fortress is thought to date even from Roman period, and its final construction was finished during the Turkish era of ruling in Balkans until XIX century. Originally it was constructed in order to protect the city from the invaders and as a guarding spot.

Current use:



The Fortress is partially adapted and reconstructed with the amphitheater. It is used for the last 11 years for regionally recognized music festival “BedemFest”, but the festival is the only 5 days in year that makes it attractive for many visitors. During the other part of the year it is a place where youth hangs out drinking and watching the city lights in the night. It still is not safe to climb some parts of it.

Potential adaptive re-use

Aside from the Music Festival that brings up to 10 000 visitors in the city, if fully reconstructed and adapted, the Fortress has potential to be splendid touristic site on the Montenegin and Regional Tourisitic Maps. There are developed some models of the adaptation and reconstruction and the most comprehensive pne is Bedem 360 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl1rn6FBUns&feature=emb_logo

Small sports' stadium

Original purpose



Designed by famous architect Slobodan Vukajlovic, build in 1968. Small sports' stadium right accros the central city park next to in those day elementary school "Luka Simonovic" was purposed for the school's and city's needs for sports, concerts and celebrations. Unique and adapted design are characterized by the critics as great "dialogue with context". Many concerts, competitions, leagues were held until the turbulent 90's.

Current use:



The building is renovated and held (as a rental) by the private person and it is the most visited caffee with the view on city-s park, but the stadium behind is recognized as the site that is lost its previous purpose. Loneliness and melancholy are the best words to describe abandoned sports court and empty seats waiting for happier times.

Potential adaptive re-use:

We could say that this space needs revival of its original purposes rather than re-use. Sports, concerts and theatre plays were originally envisaged and can if it happens it can bring refreshing cultural breeze in Niksic.

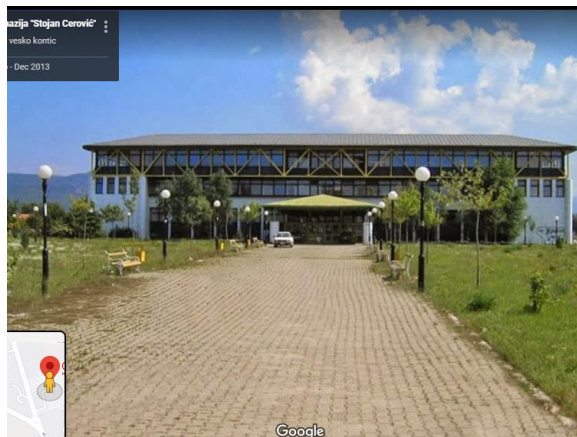
Gymnasium school yard

Original use:



Gymnasium "Stojan Cerovic" as institution moved several times, finding its final place at area of Rastoci in Niksic. The most famous building of this school was in the mere centre of city with its green and full of youth yard right across hotel's terrace. It was cult place for youth to hang out and enjoy in the sun and greenery. This building and its yard were replaced in 70's with Home of Revolution, the community centre whose construction even now is not totally finished.

Current use:



Today at new location, placed a couple of decades ago, gymnasium has enormous yard with some trees, benches and parking line. The field is not used by students.

Potential adaptive re-use

The citizens of Niksic recognize the potential of this vast space. Students need sports courts and open classroom amphitheaters. This kind of adaptation would bring previous glow to this institution.

Experiences and community engagement:

- During 2015, the Creative Europe Programme Project “**New Ideas for Old Buildings**” gathered representatives of municipality and CSOs and citizens and they did together excellent job in mapping potential building for adaptation. Conference had 40 participants and 70 proposals. Some of the buildings are adapted in the close manner it was proposed by now, so we have old military facilities adapted to nursery home, community homes that were abandoned are turned into local kinder -gardens and these are great examples that when there is public–civil partnership there are great results. Among top 8 ideas there was **old train station** on the way Niksic to Trebinje and proposal was to adapt it in Bed&Bike hostel since this is also a great cycling route connecting Montenegrin coast to northern mountains. In addition proposal to adapt **city’s theatre basement** in Alternative Culture Centre is still living among creative and prosperous citizens.



- LDA MNE started campaign in favour to organizing and establishing Local Youth center through project “From Security Center to Youth Center ” in 2017. Concerts, videos, tribunes, round tables and workshops were organized engaging many young persons in Niksic. The initial idea was that this center should be situated in old abandoned Police station in the city center, but the idea is left due to land dispute.



- Within Clink project community forum had general tone, with the accent on protection of the heritage and then putting in use/ revival or adaptation. Participants were unanimous that many sights are underestimated and not promoted enough.



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