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The archeological discovery in Sheshi i Lidhjes is left without safeguards against frost

The archeological discovery in Sheshi Lidhjes also during this winter is left without safeguards against frost. This archeological site has remained open since 2015, being exposed to the outside conditions, while during the last days also by snow, cold weather and frost.

The Archaeological Institute of Kosovo in 2016 has continued archaeological excavations with the intention of preservation in Sheshi i Lidhjes, and has concluded that it is an architectural remnant of the Classical Roman period, namely from the II-III century. At the same time, it announced to temporary cover the monument to protect it during the winter.

Based on the observations made at the location, there has been no implementation of safeguards against snow and frost.

EC Ma Ndryshe recalls that they had reacted also a year ago, requesting the application of safeguards in this archaeological site, which was discovered in late 2014 during the infrastructure works in the Sheshi i Lidhjes. Last year, as a result of cold weather, it came to the outbreak of water pipes that pass through this area, covering with water certain parts of the locality.

Therefore, EC again urges the responsible institutions to seriously treat this valuable cultural heritage. To take appropriate actions to protect it from the cold, and in the shortest period of time to start the professional treatment of the locality in accordance with legislation and with the best practices for the protection of archaeological heritage, so that it is put in service for the public and visitors of Prizren.

The project "Spatial Planning Transparency in Prizren" aims to open the spatial planning documents of Prizren, in order to meet the obligations of the Charter for Opening Data, and to increase the level of public accountability in this sector. The opening of the database and of the spatial planning documents will create greater opportunities for supervising the work of public authorities in relation to urban planning, building permits, development planning and management of cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

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