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**Urbanism of Prizren with a low percentage of revenues in 2016**

The Directorate of Urbanism and Spatial Planning in the Municipality of Prizren has realized a low percentage of revenues during 2016. In the budget implementation report for the 2016 January-December period states that the collection of revenues from land use and building permits is unsatisfactory.

"The realization of the 2016 revenues is not as satisfactory in collecting revenue from the use of Municipal property 29 percent; land use and building permits 36 percent; gaming licenses, alcoholic beverages, advertisements, etc., 34 percent, "said the report.

According to official data, the Directorate of Urbanism and Spatial Planning for 2016 had planned to receive 1 million and 950 thousand euros, and has collected over 753 thousand euros, or 39 percent. Most revenues, the Directorate of Urbanism and Spatial Planning had planned from 'Land Use and Building Permits' with 1 million and 890 thousand euros, while has managed to collect nearly 677 thousand euros or 36 percent. In 2015, budget planning was lower for 600 thousand euros, while the realization was similar to that of 2016, respectively it was planned to receive 1 million and 288 thousand euros and were received over € 676 thousand or 53.

Whereas, expenditures for capital investments, DUSP<sup>1</sup> for 2016, had planned 520 thousand euros, out of which 312 thousand euros have been allocated; realized close to 247 thousand euros, or half as planned.

EC Ma Ndryshe takes into account the fact that the DUSP's own source revenue planning for 2016 has been made mainly by taking into account the process of legalization of illegal constructions. However, the reports of the Municipality and MESP indicate that in the Municipality of Prizren were recorded about 28 thousand illegal constructions, but there are only 72 legalization applications, while this process is known to the Municipal administration.

For these reasons, EC recommends the responsible bodies to plan their source revenues for DUSP on a factual basis and considering the real-time developments. Failing to realize high revenues will cancel planned projects, due to lack of financial means.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Directorate of Urbanism and Spatial Planning

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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