



TERMOKOS

The abandoned Termokos building is located in the outskirts of Prishtina, in an area which is experiencing a great urb-architectural development. It is situated on a very important intersection serving as a bridge between the Dardania neighborhood, Emshir, Bus Station and Dardania Primary School. The building plot has almost a triangular form, bordered at north by Iliaz Kodra Street, at south-west by "M2" highway and at south-east by a very frequented pedestrian path.

Kosovo, including Pristina, experiences the four seasons with quite extreme temperature differences. Termokos is a building made of prefabricated concrete structure and nothing else, no windows or roof shell. Taking this into account and the other characteristics of the place and the building, our focus was to find flexible solutions that can adapt to the existing conditions and the needs of the area nearby.

Our goal was to come across temporary uses of the building, until a more permanent function is decided. Except the on finding a proper destination, we also worked in the outlook of the building in order to soften the brutality of its concrete structure. In the end, we have come to four main solutions where we tried to be ecological, temporal (they may also remain permanent), low cost and practical.

1. "The bird nest"

The first proposal is about housing. Inspired by the bird nest, we have designed inhabitable capsules which will be joint in the external perimeter of the building. Inside the building is planned a reception and a relaxation park. The capsules are modeled to be removable and will be made by wood. Their interior is minimalist and practical. All capsules will be energy efficient and ecofriendly with solar panels and recycled water.

2. "The Spirit of Solidarity"

The "The Spirit of Solidarity" is a contemporary expression of religious life and as such must be expressed in an equally modern architectural language. A mosque and church, under the same roof, and with it, a meeting place. The two religions have travelled different routes, but they actually have the same goals. They will each observe their own traditions, and will use these as a starting point for seeking out dialogue with each other and with those from outside the two faiths. This new address for praying and learning is place for dialogue and for all people of goodwill. Here, justice, peace and reconciliation will have a home.

3. Skate park

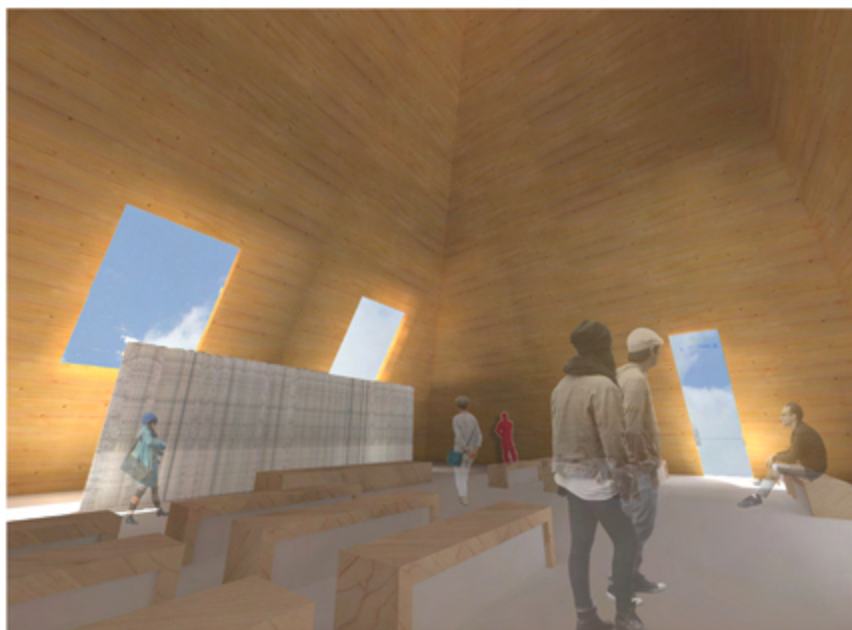
After making the analysis of the problems and taking them all in consideration our final proposal was to convert the building of Termokos into a Sport Complex including the existing sportive fields nearby. We took in consideration the presence of the primary school "Dardania" and the neighborhoods close to the site and assumed the dominance of the youth. Taking into account the seasons the building will provide skateboarding during summer and ice-skating during the winter.

4. "The Temple of Dardania"

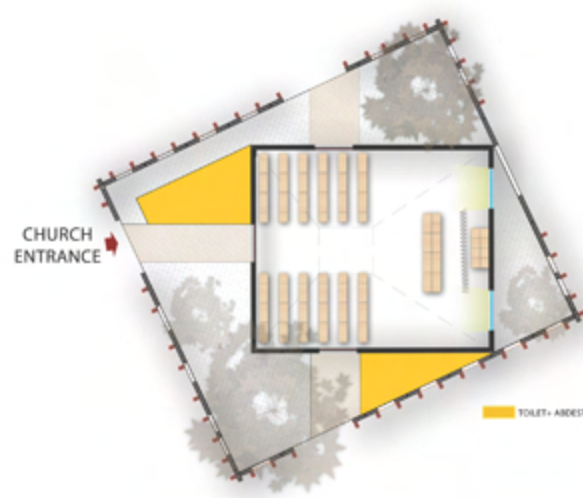
Based on the analyses and the shape of the building, we created the concept of using the existing object as a "temple" and also as a botanic garden that creates a "lung" for the area to breath where its habitants can socialize and gather. The neighborhood "Dardania" encouraged us to name the object "The Temple of Dardania" which also has a historical meaning. In order to make the object look less heavy and raise the curiosity to look 'what's happening inside' we decided to relocate some of the prefabricated panels and place them around the building. In order to provide a safe place during the night we decided to use lights which will also create beautiful architectural effects.

Except the proposals, we have also worked an installation inside the building. The aim of this creation is to show that we can make useful places

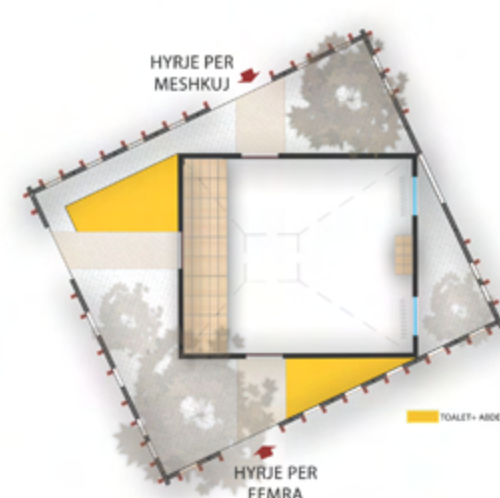
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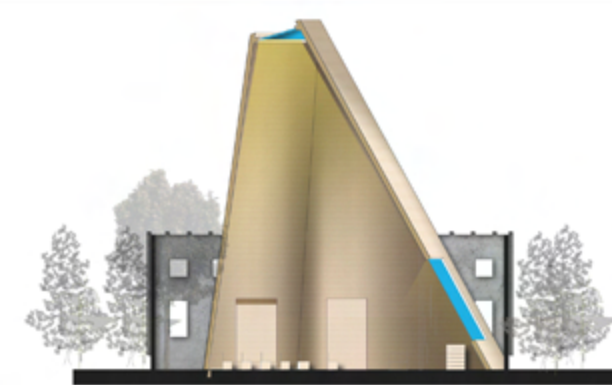
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Ground Floor, Church



Ground Floor, Mosque



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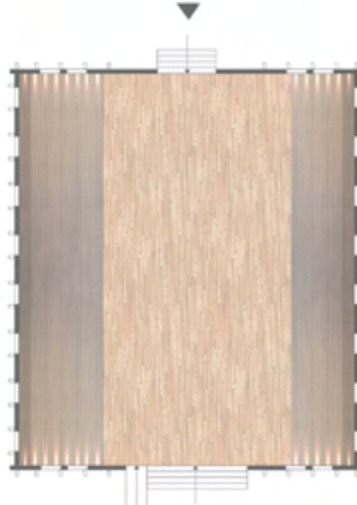
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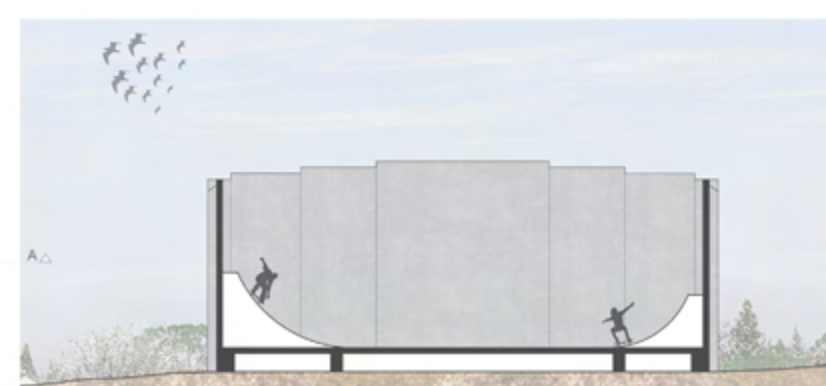
3D Render



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Ground Floor

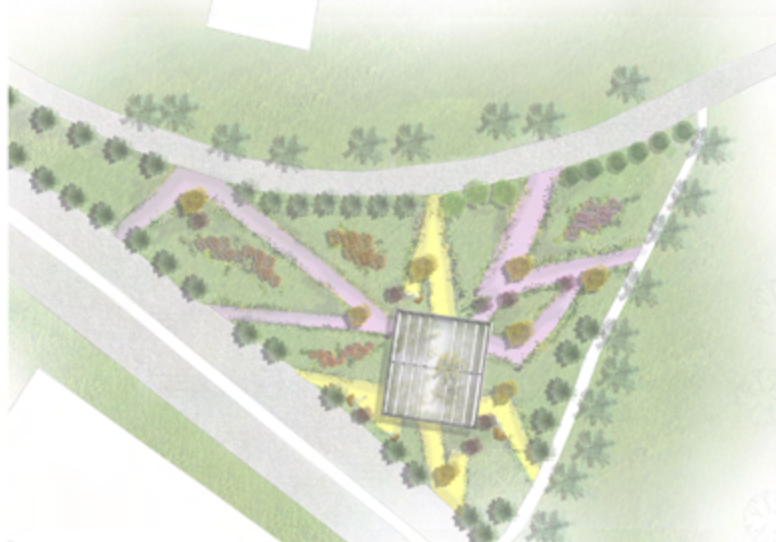


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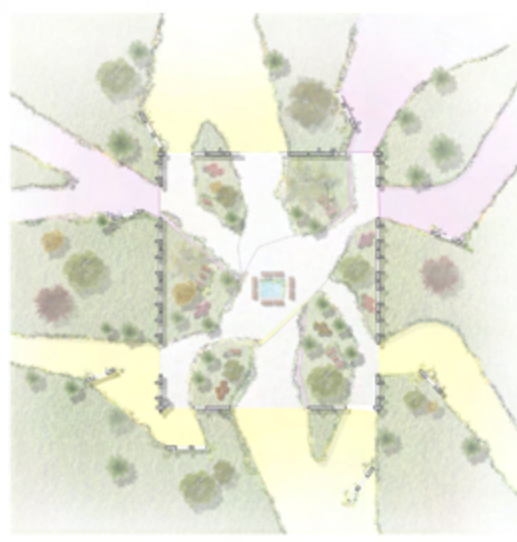
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Ground Floor



Elevation



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