

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is this an invited competition or an open one to all architects?

This is an open International Competition structured in two stages.

In Stage I, all eligible professionals are invited to submit a Design and Experience Statement describing their design approach, qualifications and experience. An Evaluation Committee assisted by the Professional Advisors and the Technical Secretariat will evaluate the Design and Experience Statements and prepare a short-list of not more than five (5) submissions to proceed to Stage II.

2. Is there a team leader required?

Each of the participating teams is required to have a team leader, or as stated in the competition brief, a Project Entrant.

3. Are all the team members required to fill the "Application Form"?

The "Application Form" is required to be filled only by the Project Entrant

4. What is the time schedule of the competition?

The launching date of the competition is 15th of April 2009.

The deadline for phase I submissions is the 11th of May 2009.

The five short-listed finalists will be announced on the 16th of May.

The deadline for phase II submissions is the 10th of July .

The Public Presentations and the Jury Deliberations will be on the 15th & 16th of July 2009.

Announcement of Winner will be on the 16th of July.

For more detailed information, please visit the Competition Calendar Session in the competition website: www.bashkiakorco.gov.al/sqkcompetition

5. What is the time frame for the development of the square?

It is planned that after the competition winner is announced, which is by 16th of July 2009, a contract will be signed between the Client –

Municipality of Korca – and the winning studio for developing the implementation project. The time required for this part of the program is 3 (three) months.

6. How many competitors have been invited and, how many competitors will be allowed to enter the competition?

This is an International Open Competition, where every team of architects, urbanists, landscape architects proving eligible according to the conditions described in the competition brief.

At the end of the first phase, a short-list of five finalists will be required to prepare the necessary materials for the second phase.

7. Will the municipality be acting as client?

Yes, the Municipality of Korca is the Client.

8. What is the ambition of the client for the project?

Municipality of Korca is looking to professional designers to create an exciting and inspired revitalization plan for one of the most important areas of the city. This plan will be implemented over a period of 10 to 20 years.

9. Who are the members of the jury and will there be the possibility of a personal dialogue with the jury and/or the developer during the process of the competition?

The five short-listed finalists will be evaluated by an international jury of remarkable professionals of the related fields of architecture, urban design, art.

The jury members will be announced two weeks before the second phase deadline.

Secondly, there will be a meeting with the Client, as stated in the competition calendar, an organized site-visit and also, a question-answer session.

10. Is there an individual/ personal presentation of the design included in the competition process or will it be an anonymous selection?

There will be an individual/ personal presentation of the projects in front of a wide public. Even though, the project submissions should reach the destination prior to the presentation date – they have to be submitted according to the second phase deadline, as announced in the competition calendar.

Please refer to the competition calendar for the exact dates, at www.bashkiakorca.gov.al/sqkcompetition

11. Is a fee offer expected for the competition?

No, according to the competition brief, that is not expected.

12. Is there a reimbursement of production costs for all competitors or is it based on a award for the winning team?

All the five finalists will get a reimbursement of 7,000 Euros.

The international jury will award two prizes, valued as:

1st place = 10,000E,

2nd prize = 5,000E,