

Skate park Izgrev

Type of action: playgrounds / long term action



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Type of solutions: Sport based solution

Location of the Good Practice: Izgrev Park, Burgas, Bulgaria

Investor/s: Burgas Municipality (15%) and EU (85% - ERDF)

Extension of the area: 1 602 square meters of sport area are constructed, 1 947 square meters of alley networks are developed, while 2 571 square meters of lawns are refreshed.

Rational and overall scope of the intervention:

The construction of the skate-park was a part of the Integrated project for renovation of significant spaces in town of Burgas. Within park itself – equipped with dustbins, fence, benches, animal waste baskets and signs – also surrounding green surfaces and streets were

renewed. Skate park is intended to lovers of rollerblades, skateboard and cyclists (BMX, scooter, ...). The space is designed in such a way that provides opportunities to learning for beginners and is also attractive to more advanced skaters.

Community engagement process / Participatory process

Target groups addressed and related needs: Mostly young people (skating community)

Description of the designing/co-designing process

The design of the place followed consultations between the municipal administration, the Municipal Council, NGOs, and an informal group of residents. The idea was to create a modern skate-park on the ground of previous abandoned location in a peripheral city area. The park is designed following the construction models of similar facilities in Germany and California.

Impact on the place aesthetics

The place was transformed from an empty useless field to a modern facility for practicing sports and physical activities and socialization.

Impact on the community wellbeing

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Coherence with sustainable development goals

This high-density housing complex needed urgent improvements to reach the quality and access-level of the other parts of the town. The aim was to improve the living conditions by providing access to facilities for physical activity for around 70,000 people, and fulfill the needs of the young residents. The extreme sports sponsor Red Bull facilitated a sport gathering, which helped branding the place as ‘cool’. It was promoted through local newspapers (including electronic ones), local TV and radio, and on the website of Burgas municipality. There were also events organized to promote the skate park. The park is also suitable for the organization of regional and international competitions.

Potential of improving people’s health: high.

Level of creativity: Medium-high

Attention to gender equality and inclusion: Medium-high.

Aesthetic impact on the urban environment: Medium-high.

Level of sustainability: High.



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