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## 1. Construction Contract Ref. No. EBRD/AITP/W/2023/29 - Reconstruction of the Urban Infrastructure regeneration of Durrës Entrance and Taulantia Promenade"

### 1.1 Project Background

The project is implemented by the Albanian Development Fund (ADF) within the framework of the Albanian Infrastructure and Tourism Enabling Programme (AITP). The programme is financed through a grant from the European Union and a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The project aims to improve urban infrastructure, mobility, public spaces and the attractiveness of Durrës as a tourism and economic destination.

### 1.2 Project Location

The project is located in the Municipality of Durrës and includes two intervention areas: Adria Road, located east of the railway station.

Taulantia Promenade, located in the city centre along the seafront.

### 1.3 Description of Works

"Reconstruction of the Urban Infrastructure Regeneration of Durrës Entrance and Taulantia Promenade" is a sub-project implemented by the Albanian Development Fund within the framework of the Albanian Infrastructure and Tourism Enabling Programme. This initiative supports innovative models of local economic development that leverage tourism potential and is financed through a grant from the European Union and a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The project includes the reconstruction of:

1. "Adria" Road, located east of the railway station.
2. Taulantia Promenade, located in the city centre of Durrës.

This investment aims to improve urban infrastructure, mobility, public spaces, and to increase the attractiveness of Durrës as a tourist and economic destination.

#### ➤ Adria Road

**Adria Road** is one of the main roads in Durrës. The project area starts from the overpass at Dajlan Bridge and ends at the roundabout connecting with Egnatia Road. The Durrës railway station runs parallel to Adria Road.

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The section of Adria Road included in the works is approximately 1.7 km long. The road is asphalted and the pavement layers are generally in good condition, except for some minor areas. In cross-section, the road width varies from 16 m to 25 m. At the beginning of the road, in the section between the two roundabouts near Dajlan Bridge overpass, the road has no sidewalks.

The main works included in the construction of Adria Road are:

- Demolition, clearing and site preparation works,
- Earthworks (excavation and filling)
- Road Works
- Installation of engineering networks for stormwater drainage and irrigation systems
- Electrical works

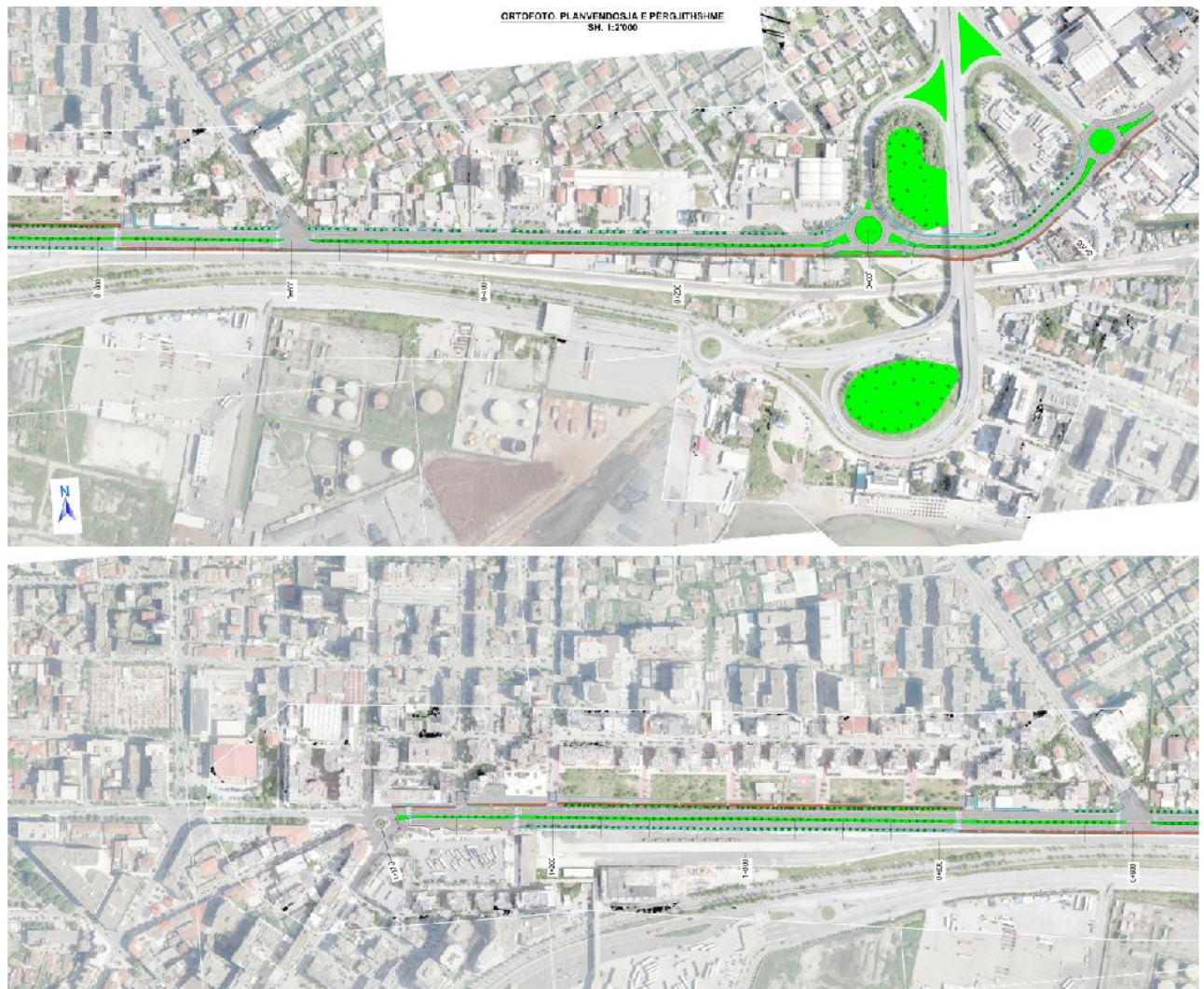


Figure 1-Reconstruction of Adria Road



➤ **Taulantia Promenade**

**Taulantia Promenade** is one of the most frequented public spaces in the centre of Durrës. The section of the promenade from the main road to Sfinksi Square has not been rehabilitated for more than ten years and now requires intervention to ensure functional and visual continuity with other previously reconstructed parts of the promenade.

In addition, the urban furniture in this area is significantly damaged and no longer meets aesthetic and safety standards.

The section to be rehabilitated is approximately 215 metres long and covers an area of about 3,735 m<sup>2</sup>. It starts approximately 90 metres from Sfinksi and extends to the seaside track, which also requires full rehabilitation to restore its functionality and appearance.

The main works included in the construction of the promenade are :

- Demolition, clearing and site preparation works
- Earthworks
- Promenade works
- Structural works
- Stormwater drainage system and coastal protection measures.
- Electrical works



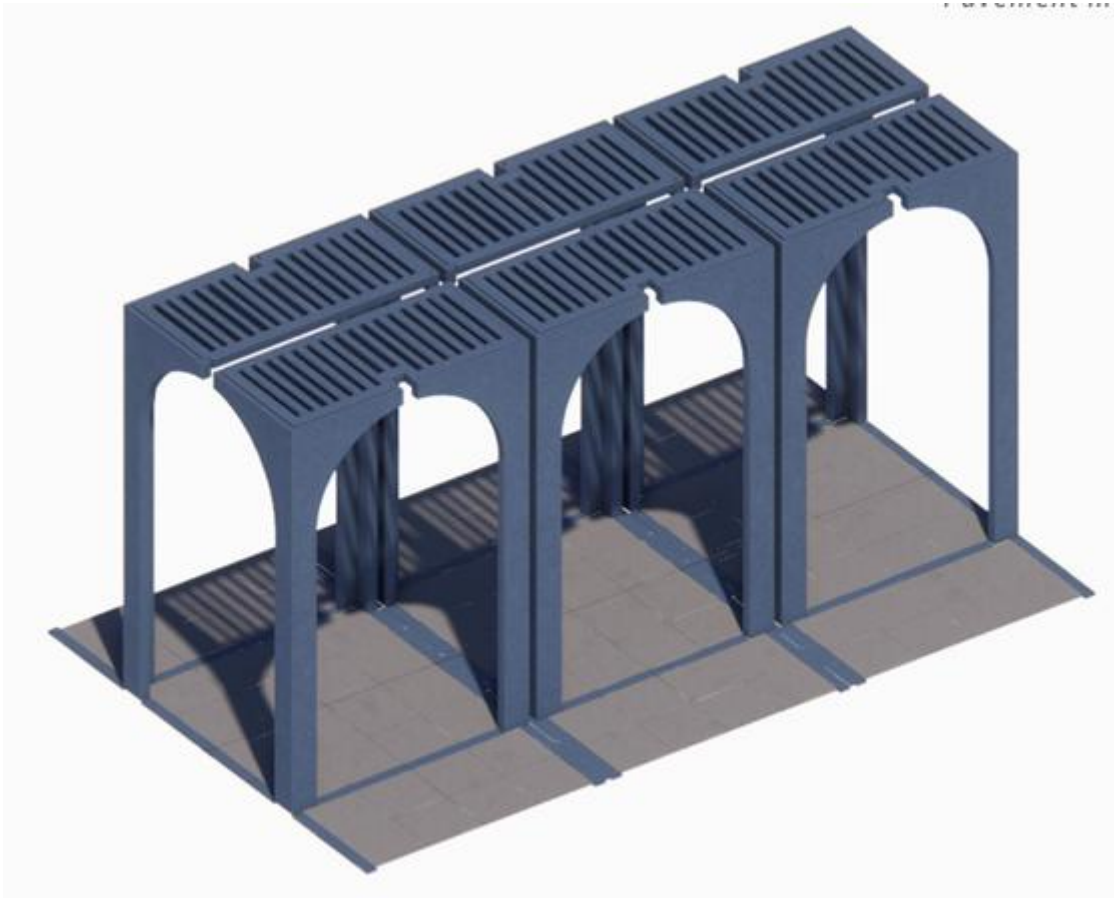
*Figure 2-Pre-reconstruction existing condition Taulantia Promenade*

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Figure 3-Masterplan Taulantia Promenade





*Figure 4-Pergola Details*

## 1.4 Expected Benefits

The project will provide the following benefits:

- Improved traffic circulation and pedestrian mobility.
- Better public infrastructure and urban aesthetics.
- Increased safety for residents and visitors.
- Enhanced tourism attractiveness of Durrës.
- Improved stormwater management and resilience to weather events.
- Positive impacts on local economic development.

## 1.5 Environmental and Social Considerations

The project is being implemented within an existing urban environment and mainly consists of rehabilitation and reconstruction works.

Potential temporary impacts during construction may include:

- Dust generation.
- Noise and vibration.
- Temporary traffic disruption.
- Temporary restrictions on pedestrian access.

Appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented, including:

- Dust suppression through watering.
- Limitation of noisy activities to daytime hours.
- Traffic management and signage.
- Maintaining safe pedestrian access wherever possible.

Following completion of the works, the project is expected to result in improved urban conditions, with no permanent negative environmental impacts anticipated under normal operating conditions.

Also, the project is implemented within existing public right-of-way and does not require land acquisition or physical/economic displacement.

No archaeological remains or cultural heritage artefacts have been identified during the construction works to date. Nevertheless, in the event of any unexpected discoveries, the Contractor will implement the Chance Find Procedure and notify the relevant authorities in accordance with applicable legislation.

## 1.6 Grievance Mechanism

The Contractor, GPG Company, has established a site-level grievance mechanism to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to raise complaints, concerns, or suggestions related to project activities.

Grievance submission facilities have been installed at both project sites, including:

- A dedicated complaint box at the Adria Road site;
- A dedicated complaint box at the Taulantia Promenade construction site.



A grievance register is maintained by the Contractor to record, track, and address all received complaints and concerns in a systematic and timely manner.

During the reporting period, no formal complaints were received from members of the public or civil society organizations in relation to the project.

However, informal concerns were raised by local businesses located along the promenade, requesting that construction activities be avoided during lunchtime hours due to noise generated by construction equipment and machinery. These concerns have been addressed at operational level through site management measures and coordination of works scheduling.

#### Grievance Register Summary:

- Formal complaints: 0
- Informal concerns: local businesses along Taulantia Promenade
- Status of concerns: managed at operational level
- Outstanding formal complaints: 0

All grievances, whether formal or informal, are treated with due attention and addressed in accordance with project procedures.

Stakeholders may submit grievances, comments, or requests for information through the following contact details:

Site Engineer: Eng.Angjelos Tola

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G.P.G Company Ltd.

E-mail: gpgkompani@gmail.com

All grievances received through any communication channel are recorded in the grievance register and addressed in accordance with the project grievance procedure.

## 1.7 Stakeholders

Key stakeholders include local residents, businesses operating within the project area, visitors and tourists, the Municipality of Durrës, road users and other interested parties. Stakeholder engagement activities are described in detail in the separate Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP).

## 1.8 Conclusion

The project is expected to generate significant social and economic benefits for the Municipality of Durrës through the improvement and modernization of key urban infrastructure, including transport networks, public spaces, and tourism-related facilities.

The rehabilitation of Adria Road will enhance traffic flow, improve road safety, and strengthen connectivity within the city, while the regeneration of Taulantia Promenade will contribute to the creation of a more attractive, accessible, and functional waterfront public space. Together, these interventions are expected to improve mobility, enhance the quality of urban life, and strengthen the overall visitor and tourism experience in Durrës.

From a socio-economic perspective, the project is anticipated to stimulate local economic activity, particularly for businesses operating in and around the project areas, by improving accessibility and attracting increased numbers of residents and tourists. Enhanced public spaces are also expected to foster community interaction and support sustainable urban development.

Potential environmental and social impacts during the construction phase, such as noise, dust, temporary traffic disruption, and restricted access to certain areas, will be temporary in nature and will be managed through the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures in line with EBRD Environmental and Social requirements. These include traffic management planning, dust suppression, controlled working hours, waste management practices, and ongoing stakeholder engagement. In addition, the Contractor carries out environmental and social self-monitoring and submits semi-annual reports to ensure compliance and the effective implementation of mitigation measures.

Overall, the project is expected to deliver long-term positive outcomes for urban development in Durrës, while ensuring that environmental and social risks are effectively identified, mitigated, and managed throughout the entire implementation period.

