

REDEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL CITY PARK BURGAS

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THE URBAN CHALLENGE

Many interblock public spaces in the district face the same **challenges**:



underused and fragmented public areas



lack of attractive social and recreational zones



limited green infrastructure and climate resilience



insufficient citizen participation in urban planning

The pilot aims to transform the space into an active community environment that supports **social interaction, biodiversity, and climate adaptation**.



LIVING LAB APPROACH

- experimentation in a real urban context
- continuous feedback loops with residents
- collaboration between experts, citizens, and the municipality
- iterative design improvements based on community input.

The Living Lab model helps transform the space into a **laboratory for sustainable urban innovation**.



SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS

- permeable pavements improving water absorption
- use of natural and low-impact materials (such as cork)
- climate-adaptive landscaping
- biodiversity-friendly planting.

These interventions aim to improve the **urban microclimate and ecological value of the space**.



PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

The project was developed through an extensive **participatory process** including:

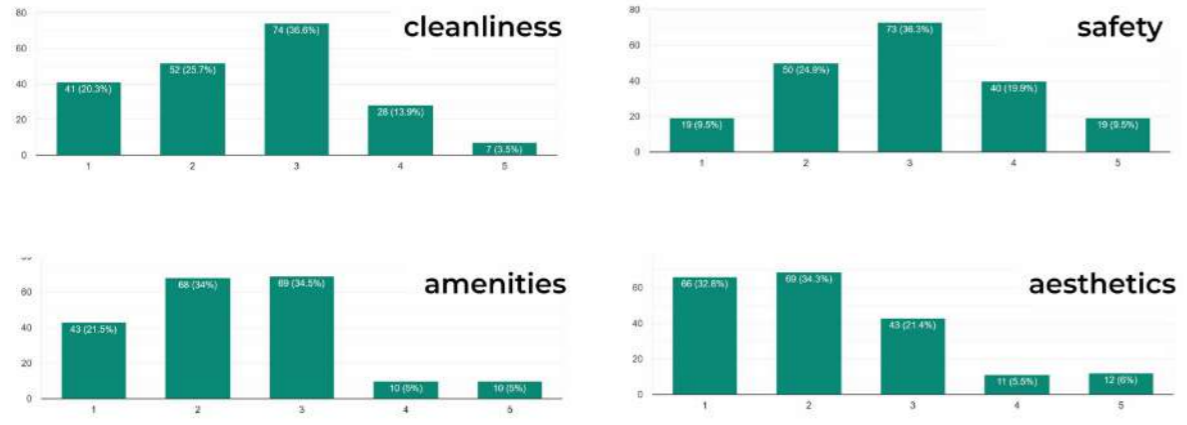
- co-design workshops with citizens and experts
- Living Lab experimentation in the urban environment
- two rounds of citizen surveys
- public consultations and on-site meetings
- participatory workshops with children and students
- engagement through the Bauhaus Festival and community events.



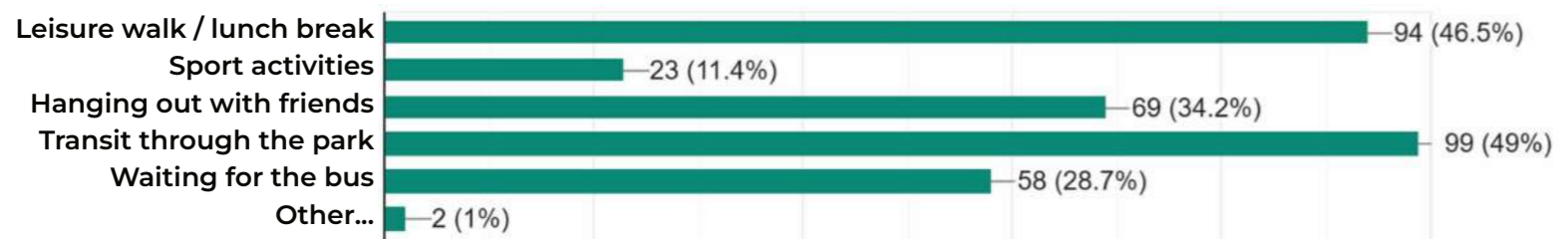
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Survey results(202 participants):

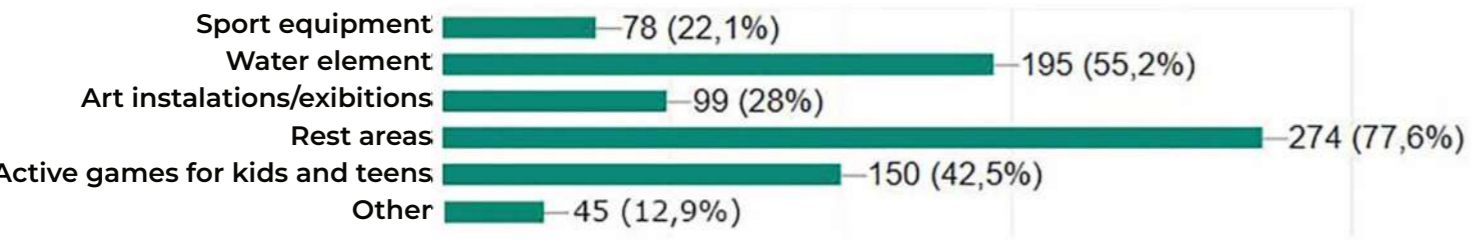
How would you rate the current state of the park based on these criteria? (1-5 rating)



What is the main purpose of your visit of the city park?



Which of the stated elements would you consider necessary for the city park?



INSIGHTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION

KEY SITE DEFICIENCIES

Lack of comfortable seating – According to many survey participants, the existing benches are insufficient or uncomfortable.

Pollution and inadequate maintenance – A significant number of respondents noted that the space is often littered and lacks regular cleaning.

Lack of greenery and shaded areas – Most respondents feel the area is overly "concreted" and requires more trees and vegetation.

Insufficient weather protection – Survey comments indicate a lack of adequate shelters to protect users from rain and intense sun.

Inadequate lighting – Some respondents expressed safety concerns regarding the space during nighttime hours.

PREFERRED IMPROVEMENTS

Need for attractive and diverse social spaces to engage people of all ages;

Additional seating and areas with overhead cover or shading;

Increased greenery and diverse natural zones; use of natural materials; creation of "forest-like" corners;

Requirement for a drinking fountain;

Preservation and restoration of the fountain;

Introduction of art installations and additional attractions;

Improved lighting and waste management; installation of park video surveillance (CCTV).

PROJECT CONCEPT/DESIGN



orthophoto of the current site



CORE DESIGN PRINCIPLES

1. Adopting New European Bauhaus principles – **SUSTAINABILITY** through **INCLUSION** and **AESTHETICS**;
2. Design solutions informed by **SURVEY INSIGHTS**;
3. Pedestrian flow analysis, including path width optimization; "**SLOW ALLEY**" passing through diverse natural zones;
4. Preserving the **IDENTITY** and memory of the site;
5. New **SOCIAL SPACES** while maintaining existing ones; inclusion of **ALL AGE GROUPS**;
6. Strengthening local **COMMUNITIES** and supporting established social bonds among residents;
7. Support for the **ARTS**;
8. Orienting most seating areas toward the park; **GREEN BUFFER** toward the boulevard;
9. **INCREASING** green areas, tree count, and biodiversity;
10. Implementation of "dry" gardens with **LOW IRRIGATION** and wildflowers;
11. Use of **NATURAL MATERIALS** and permeable paving.

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The spatial concept aims to create several **functional zones:**

- 1** - "Gubkite" fountain with integrated seating & pergolas
- 2** - Drinking fountain (accessible for all ages & pets)
- 3** - "Wild zone": wildflower meadow with contemplation areas & sculptures
- 4** - Amphitheater & green buffer hill
- 5** - Play zone (ages 1-7): roleplay & creative play
- 6** - Active play zone (ages 3-12): balance & movement
- 7** - Outdoor fitness & multi-age sport equipment
- 8** - Bus stop plaza with seating & greenery
- 9** - Social niche with shading
- 10** - Recreation zone: petanque & tabletop games
- 11** - Street-side parking

- Extra elements:
- E1 - Digital totem
 - E2 - Bicycle racks
 - E3 - Living willow tunnel
 - E4 - Existing concrete planters with seasonal flowers
 - E5 - Geoplastic features
 - E6 - Temporary exhibition space
 - E7 - EV charging station
 - E8 - Bicycle lane

project site plan

SOCIAL IMPACT

The project aims to **strengthen community** life by:

- providing spaces for social interaction
- engaging children and schools in the design process
- ensuring accessibility for all generations
- fostering a sense of ownership among residents.



EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

The project will serve as a **learning platform** through:

- architecture workshops for school students
- public events and festivals
- awareness campaigns about sustainability and urban planning
- international exchange within the BAUHAUS4MED network.





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