Protection versus Development: Cultural Heritage in Functionally Derelict Areas

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Problems - Issues / Challenges-Needs
Within the project of identification and recording of the Functionally derelict areas (FDAs – abandoned or not fully utilised land with the impact of its previous use and of lower utility value) in Slovenia a major issue regarding the presence of immovable cultural heritage (ICH) arose during the interviews with the professionals on local level. Presence of different types of the ICH in the FDA were revealed as an important obstacle in the redevelopment of the FDA. In the eyes of the local stakeholders cultural heritage were presented as key constraint or obstacle for the redevelopment initiatives either from private or even from the municipal side.

Solutions - Methods / Results - Findings
The research was carried out in GIS software using two databases: the complete dataset of the FDA in Slovenia, total number was 1081, (Lampič et al. 2017) and the dataset of the Cultural Heritage Register, total number was 32.408 of ICH (MoC, 2018). Presence of ICH in FDA was detected in almost 38% of all FDA in Slovenia. Although the FDAs with ICH are dispersed throughout Slovenia, higher numbers are present in major urban areas. Urban municipalities and urban centres have higher economic development potential for the reactivating FDAs with ICH. All FDAs with the presence of ICH were classified into three groups (A, B, and C - depending on the intensity of the ICH phenomenon in the FDAs) which are basis for proposing various instruments for their reactivation.

Novelty - Value / Relevance to …
The reactivation of the FDA should not depend on FDA types, but rather on the ownership structure, the alignment of the restoration programme with the envisaged use of space, legal regimes, spatial restrictions, available financial resources, etc. The presence of ICH in FDAs should be promoted as an opportunity for the creation of high quality and culturally diverse spaces for future use.

Forum statement
Cultural heritage should be considered as an opportunity for the reactivation and (re)development of the functionally derelict areas.

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