

Jashar Pasha Mosque

Territory:

KOSOVO/UNMIK

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Name and address of building(s) or site:

JASHAR PASHA MOSQUE, Pristina

Inventory reference number(s):

Nr.v. E. K. 02-278/67

Building type(s):

Sacral monument - Mosque

Main date(s):

16th - 19th century

Current use(s):

Mosque

Significance:

The Sinan Pasha Mosque, situated in the historic centre of the city of Pristina, is an important and valuable part of material cultural heritage in this part of the Balkans from the Ottoman period. This mosque was constructed to hasten the acceptance of Islam among the citizens of Pristina. One of the donors was Jashar Pasha. This monument is one of the oldest in Pristina. This mosque is constituted of a hall for prayers, *hajat* (corridor) and a minaret. The mosque is covered with a cupola, supported by four pendentives.

Categories of significance:

The Jashar Pasha Mosque in Pristina is an architectural monument typical for old cities. It is a sacral building of "Kosovar style" where the oriental influence is noticed. This mosque, together with the rest of the historic tissue built over centuries, which constitutes the old core of Pristina, can be used for the development of cultural tourism, and generate economic benefit.

Categories of ownership or interest:

Considering the particular cultural-historical values of this monument, and the values of its environment in general, this mosque and the historic area in which it is situated, there are predispositions for cultural tourism development.

Documentation:

The technical, theoretical and photographic documentation is missing. The enhancement project prepared by the experts of the Institute for Protection of Monuments of Kosovo, Pristina in 2002 is also missing.

Bibliography:

F. Drançolli, *Xhamia e Jashar Pashës*, Oferta suksezi Prishtinë 2003, 34.

Condition:

Poor: The condition of the Jashar Pasha Mosque is not good. There are cracks in constructive elements and the condition of the stone is not good. The historical environment is degrading.

Risk:

If we do not undertake measures needed for the sanitation of the monument, including the conservation and restoration interventions, the mosque will be at risk of further destruction.

Condition risk:

The Mosque is exposed to gradual decay. The Mosque is situated close to the main street. The constant traffic affects the stability of the monument. Reparation measures were carried out without preliminary studies.

Technical assessment and costing:

Technical assessments have not been prepared.

Ownership:

The Mosque is the property of the Islamic Community of Kosovo.

Occupation

The Mosque is occupied on a daily basis and used for religious ceremonies.

Management:

The Islamic Community of Kosovo is responsible for the management of the mosque. With a feasibility study for cultural tourism exploitation and financial support to implement the project, an agreement could be achieved between the Islamic Community of Kosova and the organisation responsible for cultural tourism, assigned by Governmental and local authorities. The Institute for the Protection of the Cultural Monuments of Kosovo, organisation for the protection of the cultural monuments in Kosovo, will provide the expertise and supervise this project.

Summary:

Preserved authenticity of this mosque and its historical environment are the main predispositions for a successful pilot project for cultural tourism development. Re-establishment of the link between the mosque and its environment will be the first step in preparing the rehabilitation project.

The potential priority level of intervention is *high*.

Sign. and date:

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