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Struggle for The Park
In 2016

1. Tirana is estimated to have only 0.8 m2 gs/c (green space per capita).

2. The air is 2 times more polluted than the European norms.

3. Every 4 years we have a new city master plan.

4. There are 8000 unsold apartments right now.

5. There is only one public park for 800 thousands citizens.
The Grand Park of Tirana

And now they are sacrificing the sole green area, the Tirana Lake Park
Tirana Park North boundary 2015
The trees were flattered to open space for a 25+ story buildings
Tirana Park
East boundary

2014
2015
Park Entrance Competition. 4 new towers appear

THERE IS A HIDDEN PURPOSE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO URBANIZE
First Protests

After 20 weeks of protests, and many court hearings. The court decides to stop the 2 buildings inside the north lake boundary. The case was appealed to the High Court by the building company. Yesterday the decision was taken in favor of the building company.
February 10, 2016 With a new mayor a new fence raises, this time in the heart of the park.
February 12, 2016, The first tree is cut down.
Consequences of extractive/exclusive decision/policy making.

• Sociologically, these projects disregard the common values.
• Institutionally, the belief of the citizens towards their own institutions decreases further.
• Seen from the socio economic perspective, such projects lack social cohesion.
• Public policy perspective, such projects disintegrate the society further.
February 21, we decided to put down all the fences and open the space to public again.
13 activists were arrested and one woman went to hospital
February 22, We received information of metallic fences being raised in the midnight.
March 16, After 2 other unsuccessful attempts to break the metallic fence and police cordon we decided to sleep there.
March 20, the first concrete machinery entered the park,
We made a chain with our bodies, but the police forces doubled in minutes.
March 21, the first pictures from inside the fence
TELEVIZIONI 2.0
We also tried to be heard internationally.
March 28, Democratic Party organized an protest to break
The metallic fence
The government reinforced the cordon with special forces. The attempt from the Democratic Party failed.
We were still there, the temp dropped to 2° at night. 20 police forces stayed there every night too.
There were many days of rain too.
But still we tried to make it funny!
A wall filled with concrete raised inside the park.
On June 1, the municipality removed the fences,  
And showed what they called “The Children's Playground”,  
A space filled with concrete and synthetic grass.
The struggle for the green space in Tirana is still ongoing since 2 years. The 24 hour resistance lasted for 77 days.
We achieved:
1. Public awareness and public support
2. The government retreated temporarily in regards to the parks' entrance plans.
3. The first instance court stopped the 2 buildings on the north.
4. The municipality edited the “Children Playground”
5. Forced Government to do more transparency
6. Many new people joined the movement

We didn’t achieve:
1. Stopping 900 m3 concrete poured into the heart of the park
2. 43 activists have open cases in the court
3. We failed to delay the building in the East part of the park
4. Of the +100 Environment NGO that are in Albania, none helped us in the struggle for The Park.