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The Tirana Architecture Weeks 2014 (TAW) is organized for the purpose of: promoting the exchange of knowledge between professionals at a national and international level in order to increase the public's interest in architecture and art design as disciplines which are closely connected to the contemporary development of cities; and to raise the interaction level between the professionals and the general public with the city as well as increase participation in decision-making and development processes.

Tirana Architecture Weeks 2014 (TAW) objectives:

- 1. To strengthen the role of Architecture, Art, Design, and Culture as key elements in the development and integration processes of the Albanian cities and those of the region.
- 2. To promote the Albanian architectural culture and Art Design practices in the network of regional and international partners.
- 3. To exchange national/international experiences in the fields of Architecture, Urban planning, Art design, and conceptual theories of contemporary cities, focusing on dynamic contexts (the case of the Balkan context).
- 4. To cultivate the culture of citizen participation in city-making processes by increasing the interaction level between citizens and the city through urban activation, public art, and the more complex and long-term interventions in the city.

The types of activities based on each specific discipline, for instance, artistic production, education, audience growth and development, capacity building, cultural activities, research and development, etc. and a more detailed description of the activities planned in each area

Tirana Architecture Weeks 2014 is conceptualized to include 4 main activity groups: Architecture events, Art Design events, Workshops, and Public Events. Each of these consists of different kinds of activities like: conferences, exhibitions, competitions, workshops, open forums, etc.

Through its activities Tirana Architecture Weeks aims at achieving: (primary group) the community of architects, urban planners, and related professions, national/international artists in Art design; academics in the fields/disciplines covered in the scheduled conferences; community; students.

The impact and contribution on the fields of architecture and design in the Albanian cities' development processes transpire through the activities of Tirana Architecture Weeks 2014, build on the previous experiences and impact of TAW 2012, Design Weeks in Tirana 2013, on the POLIS University's experience portfolio, and are further amplified by the contribution of its partner organizations. This event is organized twice annually.

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