

Nivica - A model for rural development in southern Albania

comissioned by the National Coastline agency Nivica - a model for rural development in southern Albania **location** Nivica, Albania **size** 55 ha **client** National Coastline Agency, Albania **services** workshop, analysis, masterplan **status** in progress **partner** Martin Sobota **team** Eni Ajdini, Henry Endemann

In the beginning of May 2018 students and professionals from Albania and the Netherlands went on a trip to Nivica, exploring the village and the region, and drafting first ideas. The team included architects, urban planners, archaeologists, landscape architects and architectural historians. The workshop results built the foundation for the further development of a masterplan for Nivica.

The goal of this masterplan is to develop a model for a sustainable and prosperous rural economy, with touristic potential within Albania but also on an international scale. As a Living Lab, Nivica allows to experiment with alternative forms of (slow) tourism, small scale investment, renewable energy and local food and waste chains. The masterplan combines the preservation of buildings and structures related to the rich history of the region with a sustainable, diverse expansion of the touristic potential.

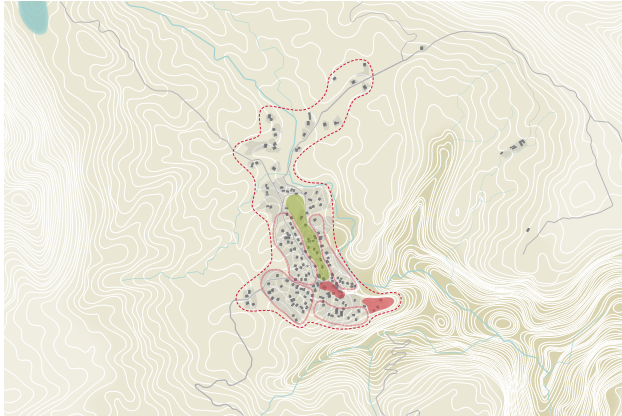
Nivica is meant to be the prototype for Albania's "100 villages" plan, which sets out to fundamentally rethink rural development in the country.



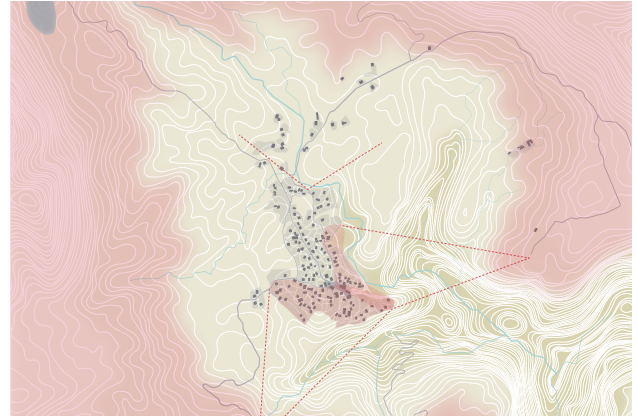
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masterplan



village zones



protected views



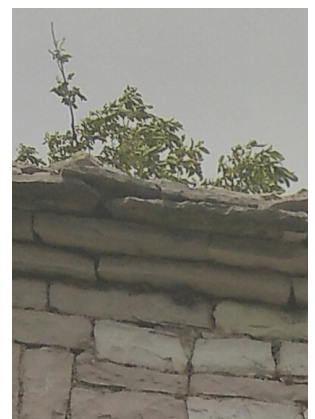
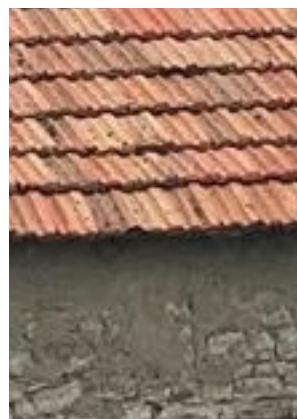
workshop in Nivica



hike through the region



eastern edge of the village



traditional, local building materials