Creative process of revitalization of Savamala 2012-2016

Location: Serbia, Belgrade (Savamala)

Savamala is the old quart on the east bank of the river Sava in the center of Belgrade. For a long time it has lost the charm of once a prestigious city districts.
It became a transit area, with warehouses, ruined palaces, descending buildings and wreckages.
The urban regeneration of this quart started several years ago with small-scale cultural initiatives such as KC Grad, Mikser House, Nova Iskra, Urban Incubator, Magacin that brought new energy into the wasted neighborhood. Mikser organization moved its Design festival in this area in order to initiate creative development of the quart. They set up Mikser House - cultural center that later generated Mikser Garden (Mikser basta) and Miksaliste - open air venue.
As a result of public participation and experts inputs that Mikser tied together, transformation of this quart got creative direction. Urban interventions are more thoughtful, ecologically and sustainably more aware and local community is more included. International meetings and workshop projects have been organized continuously since 2012, gathering curators, architects, artists, academics and activists from around the world who were working on innovative strategies for the self-organized synergies among the social, cultural, infrastructural, ecological and economical aspects of an urban development. The bottom-up strategy for the urban transformation of Savamala set up as a priority to create a permanent platform for collaboration between its citizens and the authorities whereby citizens would contribute in the form of self-organized associations and city authorities would play the role of catalyst in promoting collaborations.

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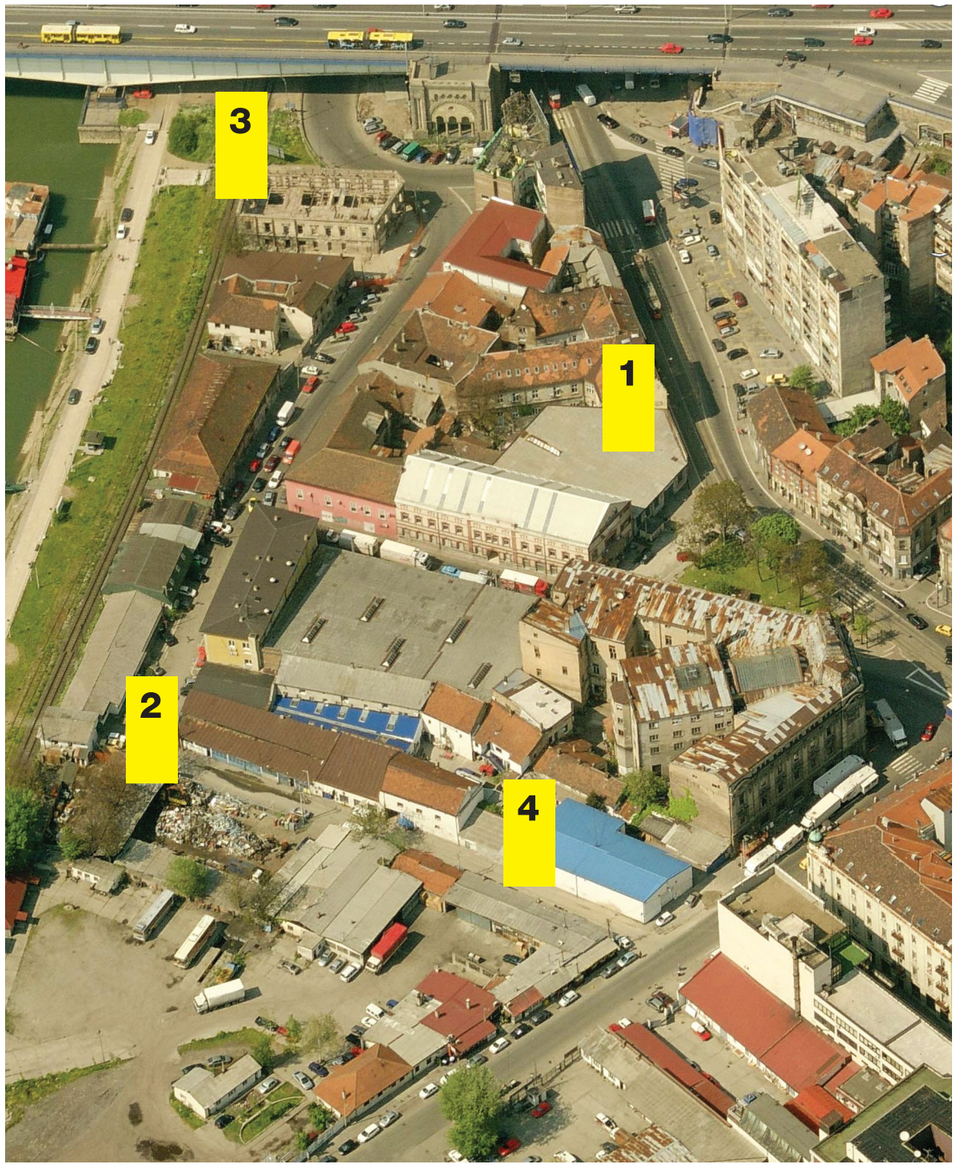

Savamala District

1 Mikser House Garden
2 Miksaliste
3 Spanish House
4 Streets of Savamala