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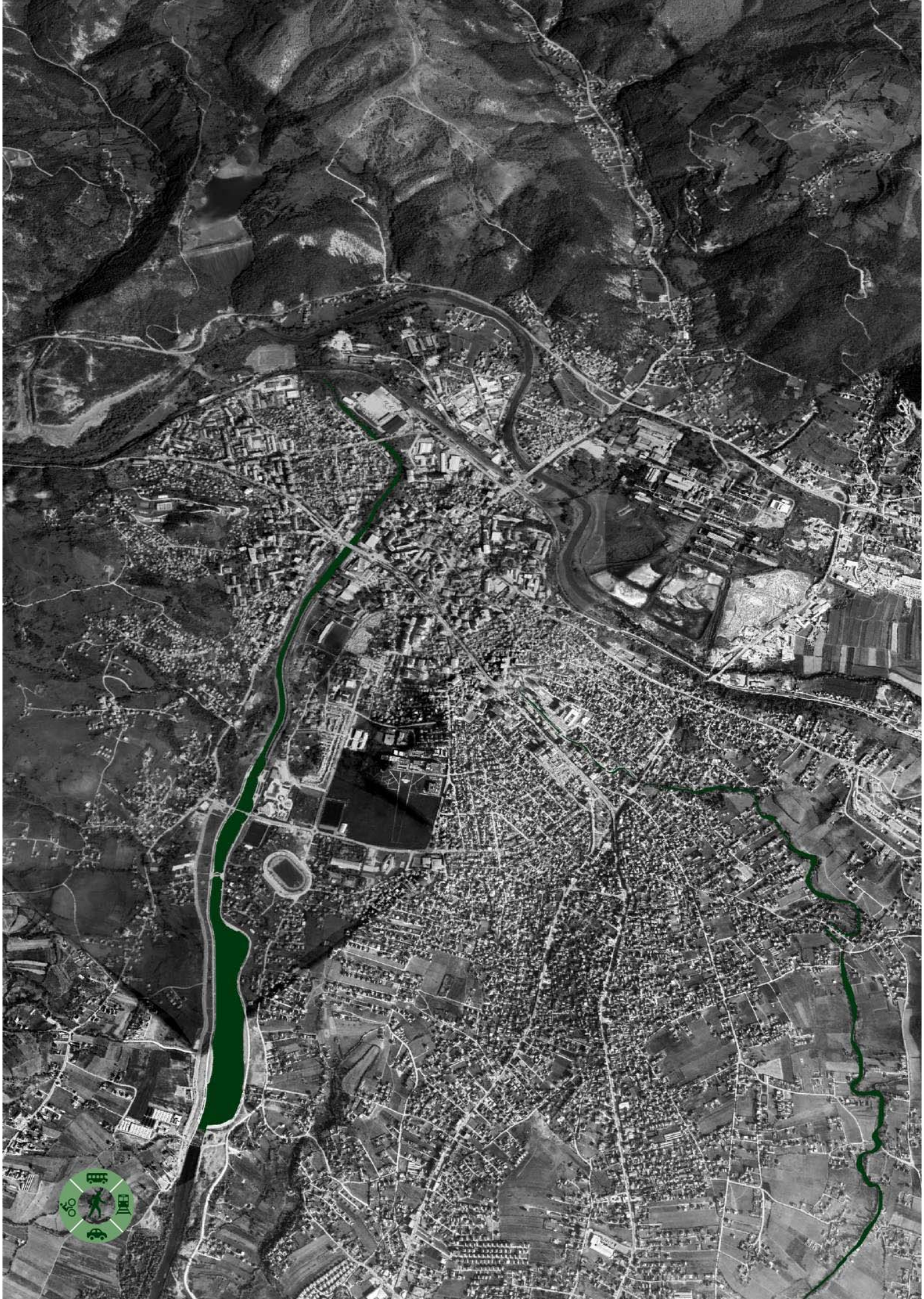
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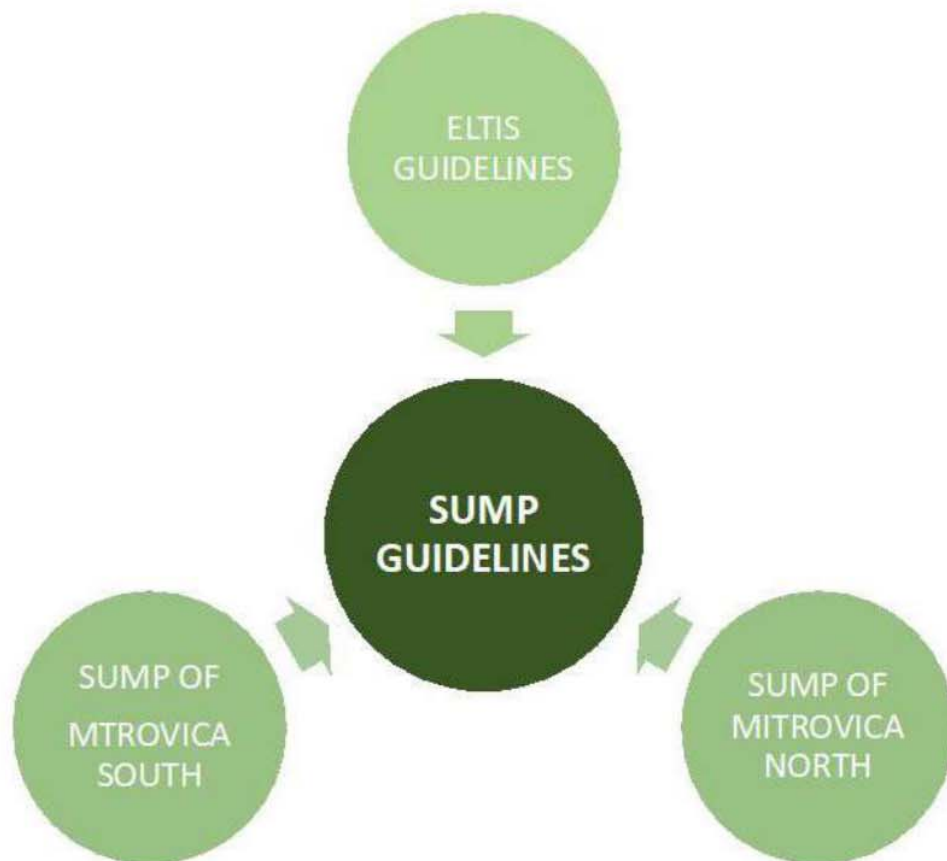
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FOREWORD



Cities and urban centres act as accelerators for social and economic progress for Kosovo. Throughout history, cities have been hubs of innovation as the concentration of people, resources and ideas enabled transformations to occur at tremendous speed, generating economic activity and social inclusion. However, cities are also home to significant concentrations of the poor and marginalized and have significant impacts on the environment and people's well-being. The inclusion of sustainable urban transport in Sustainable Development Goal 11 is further confirmation from the international community transport is an essential component of the overall 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is

crucial to eradicating poverty and economic growth (access to markets and jobs), improving education (access to schools), protecting health (access to medical services), and enhancing environmental sustainability and traffic safety. Similarly, the New Urban Agenda adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) included the commitment to sustainable and efficient transport for achieving the benefits of connectivity and reducing the financial, environmental and public health costs of congestion and air pollution. As part of the sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, these critical decisions to choose sustainable mobility pathways need to be acted upon today. The National Guidelines on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP) takes a fresh, forward-looking approach for a relatively new field of action by municipalities and their partners in Kosovo. Taking into account existing guidance from the European Union and our real experiences from implementing SUMPs in Mitrovica South Municipality and Mitrovica North Municipality, the aim of this publication is to provide guidance on developing sustainable urban transportation systems.

Why is this important for Kosovo? Sustainable urban mobility planning can improve the quality of life, social equity, transport accessibility, intermodal integration, economic viability, urban attractiveness, sustainability and environmental quality by ensuring that all people, businesses and other affected parties are involved and benefit from this process. The implementation of a SUMP would improve and harmonize the needs of all traffic participants for free and safe movement while enhancing citizens living comfort and ensuring a better quality of life. It presents a strategy for efficient movement of people and transportation of goods and potential sources of funding towards the implementation of mobility investments by considering social, environmental and economic connectivity dimensions.

Urban mobility, if planned right, can play a major role in supporting a more sustainable and inclusive future in Kosovo. Yet this depends on decisive action in and from municipalities. Action which I hope these guidelines can inform and support.

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