

The house of Mr. Kocho Trenchev

Country or territory:
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC
OF MACEDONIA"

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Name and address of building(s) or site: THE HOUSE OF MR. KOCHO TRENCHEV,
"J.Alabakov" 5, Veles

Inventory reference number(s): 4-831-083/ 17 RND; c.r.870. r.b. 97
(1.08.1953)

Building type(s): Residential building, vernacular architecture

Main date(s): 19th century

Current use(s): Residential use

Significance:

The spatial organisation analysis of the 19th century houses in Macedonia indicates that Veles is a city with a large number of interesting architectural solutions. The house of Mr. Kocho Trenchev is a remarkable example of this phenomenon.

This house is particular because of its two *chardaks*, platforms with a wooden balcony, opened to the street. The platform of the second floor is set in front of the rooms on the opposite side of the house. The two platforms are connected by hanging stairs. The exterior stairs lead to the *chardak* on the first floor. There is also a long hallway on the platform connecting the rooms. The decorative elements of the interior, such as the *musandra*, a concave space in the wall, and the lavishly decorated wooden ceiling, contribute to the artistic significance of the house.

It is important to note that this house (with its characteristic spatial organisation) is one of the rare protected buildings of urban vernacular architecture of this type in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

Categories of significance:

Of special national importance

Categories of ownership or interest:

This house is a significant heritage building representative of the 19th century urban vernacular architecture in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, linking local tradition with oriental influence. The building is of special interest to the people of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.

Documentation and bibliographic references:

Documentation

Architectural and technical documentation of the building is archived at the Documentation Centre of the Institute for the Protection of the Cultural Monuments of the Rep. of Macedonia.

Condition:

Fair: structurally sound but still in need of minor repairs and appropriate maintenance.

Risk:

The main risk factor is the insufficient financial means of the owner which do not permit regular maintenance.

Condition risk:

The lack of funds contributes to the slow decay of the building. A conservation project has not been prepared as yet.

Technical assessment and costings:

Technical assessments have not been carried out.

Ownership:

The house is the property of Mr. Kocho Trenchev, resident of Veles.

Occupation:

The owner occupies the house.

Management:

The owner of the house is responsible for its management. If funds were provided, the institution responsible for the administration of the funds and the supervision of the project implementation would be the Institute for the Protection of the Cultural Monuments of the Rep. of Macedonia, Skopje.

Summary:

Considering the special national interest category of the building and its relatively good condition, the priority level of intervention for this house is *medium*.

Sign. and date:

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