



## SOFIA

## The Regional Centre for Contemporary Arts, Toplocentrala

A memory of the Communist past, Toplocentrala was built in the 1980s as a heating plant for the National Palace of Culture. After operating for around three years, it stood as a vacant space until 2014, when a group of activists initiated the process to convert it into a centre of contemporary arts.

Drone view of the Toplocentrala surroundings (c) Toplocentrala

The regeneration project included holistic renovation of the building for artistic purposes and required the engagement of different stakeholders, and citizens. In 2017, the different artists related to Toplocentrala formed an association, and communicated their view on activating the space through different media outlets, and through Bulgarian and European networks. In order to restore the space, funds from the City of Sofia were attained. The goal of the project is to give the space a strong meaning for its surroundings.



## TOPLOCENTRALA

"Toplocentrala" (c) City of Sofia



## A SPACE FOR CHANGE

outdoor amphitheater in Toplocentrala (c) Toplocentrala

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and take a tour  
in Toplocentrala's  
together with its  
creative director  
Vesselin Dimov



## PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

Flagship planning event (c) City of Sofia

### Sofia's effort within AGORA

- # promoting art for the general public
- # strengthening local participation
- # sustainable cultural and green regeneration
- # open-air public stages for Sofia



## CONNECTING THE RIVER

Concept for the Perlovska river (c) City of Sofia

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